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CNATRA INSTRUCTION 3501.1C

Subj: INTRODUCTORY FLIGHT SCREENING (IFS) PROGRAM

Ref: (a) 14 CFR 141
(b) CNATRAININST 1500.4G

1. Purpose. Revision of published policy and responsibilities for the management and operation of the IFS program.
2. Cancellation. CNATRAININST 3501.1B
3. Scope. The provisions of this instruction apply to the IFS Program as used for screening of U.S. Navy (USN), and U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) officers for Student Naval Aviator (SNA) and Student Naval Flight Officer (SNFO) flight training.
4. Background. IFS was implemented to decrease flight-related attrition and drop-on-request (DOR) rates in primary flight training by identifying SNA/SNFOs who lack the determination, motivation, or aeronautical adaptability required to succeed in primary flight training and improve the performance of those SNAs and SNFOs without previous aeronautical experience.
5. Policy. Commanding Officer, Naval Aviation Schools Command (NAVAVSCOLSCOM) is designated as the IFS Program Manager. NAVAVSCOLSCOM shall coordinate the efforts of Navy and Marine Corps aviation accession sources to provide programmed student loading for IFS.
 - a. IFS Eligibility. Navy and Marine Corps SNAs and SNFOs selected for Naval Aviation training must successfully complete program requirements prior to beginning Aviation Preflight Indoctrination (API) at NAVAVSCOLSCOM. SNA/SNFOs who already possess a Recreational, Private Pilot or higher civilian pilot certificate or previous designation as a military aviator are not eligible to enroll in the IFS Program. Students with such a prior qualification are considered to have already met IFS program completion requirements and are considered "validators" for IFS accounting purposes.

b. Training. SNAs and SNFOs enrolled in IFS shall receive:

(1) 13.5 (minimum) to 15 hours of flight screening, conducted at Pilot School in a course approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) pursuant to reference (a), culminating in completion of a solo flight. Students shall have completed all flight activity requirements including the solo flight by the 15 hour limit.

(2) Associated ground training necessary to complete the FAA Private Pilot Airplane Airman Knowledge Test. Students must successfully complete the FAA Private Pilot Airplane Airman Knowledge Test with a minimum score of 80 percent.

c. SNAs and SNFOs enrolled in IFS will complete all flight and academic requirements with 50 days of enrollment.

d. An SNA or SNFO failing to complete performance requirements identified in paragraph 4b shall be considered for retention or elimination from Naval Aviation training by a review board conducted at NAVAVSCOLSCOM.

6. Action

a. Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA):

(1) Provide oversight and review of IFS Program management and procedures.

(2) Approve/disapprove program requirement waiver requests forwarded by NAVAVSCOLSCOM.

(3) Annually, review IFS program and cost effectiveness and provide recommendations to improve IFS effectiveness.

b. NAVAVSCOLSCOM:

(1) Implement, manage, and operate IFS as the Program Manager. Identify funding requirements to the cognizant resource sponsor.

(2) Determine student ineligibility through FAA verification of prior flight experience/qualification.

(3) Establish, maintain, and publish detailed IFS operating rules and procedures in support of this instruction.

(4) Establish necessary Course Identification Number(s) (CIN) and Course Data Processing Code(s) for course management in the Corporate enterprise Training Activity Resource System (CeTARS).

(5) Ensure prompt posting of SNA/SNFO enrollment status and status changes into CeTARS.

(6) NAVAVSCOLSCOM has approval authority for all waivers. All waiver requests disapproved by NAVAVSCOLSCOM will be forwarded to CNATRA (N7) for final disposition.

(7) Apply Operational Risk Management (ORM) and general safety controls applicable to high-risk training and implement standardized IFS safety program. Coordinate with the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and FAA regarding accident and incident investigations.

(8) Maintain statistical data on the IFS Program for reporting and analysis. Provide IFS effectiveness data to CNATRA on a semi-annual basis reflecting middle and end of each fiscal year. Such data shall address SNA and SNFO enrollments and validators (categorized by gender, race, and ethnicity), IFS success rates (categorized by gender, race, and ethnicity), numbers of flying hours, SNA and SNFO performance information describing both numbers and causes of IFS failures, average cost per SNA or SNFO, and total flying hour costs.

(9) Maintain individual SNA/SNFO training records for a minimum of two years. Provide copies of IFS completion reports for inclusion in SNA or SNFO Aviation Training Jackets.

7. Attrition/DOR. As a CNATRA flight program, IFS refers to the Student Naval Aviator Training and Administration Manual, reference (b), for guidance regarding attrition codes, training-time-out (TTO) and drop-on-request (DOR) policy. Before IFS enrollment, SNA/SNFOs shall be briefed on and sign a statement of understanding of TTO/DOR policy and attrition consequences: restriction from any further flight training, re-designation to another warfare community, or as directed per parent service personnel policy.

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8. Reports. NAVAVSCOLSCOM will compile and provide appropriate reports detailed by higher authority. All recommendations for changes to this instruction shall be submitted to CNATRA (N7) via the IFS Program Manager, NAVAVSCOLSCOM.

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