1. The U. S. Naval Test Pilot School (USNTPS) selection board will convene on 25 July 2018. This board will select highly qualified Naval Aviators and Naval Flight Officers (NFOs) for USNTPS, U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School, and Empire Test Pilots’ School. USNTPS graduates have significant and long-lasting influence on platforms and systems, and thus directly impact the future warfighting capability of their fleet community. Request command and fleet community assistance to identify candidates with strong operational performance and, ideally, strong academic backgrounds in STEM fields of study. Capabilities being developed for the F/A-18E/F and EA-18G platforms in support of advancements in Cooperative Engagement Capability and Electronic Warfare have resulted in a high demand for TACAIR NFOs (VFA and VAQ) with relevant fleet experience. Specifically, developmental flight test of Naval Integrated Fire Control-Counter Air (NIFC-CA,) Net Enabled Weapons, multi-ship threat geolocation, Next Generation Jammer, and all associated Mission Planning systems will demand technical experts with tactical qualifications to ensure capable and lethal systems are delivered to the warfighter. Expertise in these critical VFA and VAQ mission areas is in extremely high demand.

2. To be eligible for board consideration, a command endorsed application per reference (a), must be received by Navy Personnel Command (NPC) Customer Service Center (CSC) no later than 29 June 2018. Additional documentation (including Wing/CAG endorsements, letters of recommendation, FITREPs, etc.) will be accepted until 23 July 2018, but must be submitted by the applicant, as a letter to the board, in accordance with paragraph 3a below. The command endorsement shall address whether the applicant, if selected, will be allowed and available to report for
initial training as early as the following dates: 17 September 2018 for Fixed Wing pilots, 12 November 2018 for Rotary Wing pilots, and 02 January 2019 for NFOs. Endorsements with availability dates after these respective dates will be removed from consideration and not reviewed by the board. Constrained availability may be mitigated by conducting initial training in a Temporary Additional Duty (TAD) status at the endorsing command’s expense. If this is required, it must be explicitly stated in the command endorsement that the endorsing command will provide TAD funds until the applicant can officially detach. The applicant’s e-mail address(es), phone number(s), college transcripts, and post-TPS test squadron assignment preferences must be included with the application. Commanding Officer’s contact information should be included to expedite notification if selected.

3. Application package submissions:
   a. The preferred method of application submission is electronic. E-mail encrypted PDF submissions to cscselboard(AT)navy.mil and CC brandy.theisen.ctr(AT)navy.mil and jared.goul(AT)navy.mil. If unable to send encrypted, please contact brandy.theisen.ctr(AT)navy.mil for assistance.
   b. If unable to send electronically, applications may be sent via U. S. Postal Service to the following address:

      Navy Personnel Command
      FY-19-2 Test Pilot School Selection Board (Board #380)
      Customer Service Center (PERS-1)
      5720 Integrity Drive
      Millington, TN 38055
c. Applications sent via FEDEX/UPS/DHL should use the following address:

Navy Personnel Command
FY-19-2 Test Pilot School Selection Board (Board #380)
Customer Service Center (PERS-1)
5640 Ticonderoga Loop, BLDG 768, RM E302
Millington, TN 38055

4. Applicants should confirm receipt of their application package and all correspondence by selecting the customer service link at

http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/organization/npc/csc/Pages/SelectionBoardPackages.aspx or by calling the NPC CSC at 866-U-ASK-NPC (DSN 882-5672).

5. Eligibility:

   a. Designated Naval Aviators and NFOs through the grade of Lieutenant Commander who are qualified for flight duties and have not been terminated from flying status are eligible for selection.

   b. The preferred Unrestricted Line (URL, 13x0) aviators are Junior Officers (O-2 or O-3) with detailer-forecasted career timing to complete the selected TPS program and a 36 month follow-on Test tour prior to their expected Department Head tour. If there are not enough qualified Junior Officers to meet requirements, Lieutenant Commanders with exceptional records may be selected, provided they can meet applicable career milestones.
c. Aerospace Engineering Duty Officer (1510) aviators through the grade of Lieutenant Commander may be selected if they are able to serve a 36 month follow-on Test tour and still meet career milestones.

d. Applicants determined to have insufficient career timing to meet a minimum test tour of 24 months may have their application removed from consideration.

e. Applicants may only apply for the fixed wing, rotary wing, or airborne systems curriculums as test pilots and test NFOs. The flight test engineer syllabus is for AIR 5.1 civilian personnel and not available for naval officers.

6. Applicants should periodically check for updates and additional information at the TPS Board website at http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/boards/administrative/testpilot/Pages/default.aspx

7. Point of contacts are CDR Jared Goul, PERS-434B, via e-mail at jared.goul(AT)navy.mil or Ms. Brandy Theisen, PERS-434B1, via e-mail at brandy.theisen.ctr(AT)navy.mil.