



NEW JERSEY AIR NATIONAL GUARD
HEADQUARTERS 177TH FIGHTER WING
EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP

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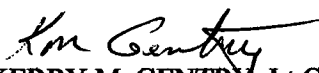
MEMORANDUM FOR CHRIS McMENAMY

FROM: 119th Fighter Squadron, NJANG

SUBJECT: Undergraduate Pilot Training Application

1. Congratulations! You have been selected as a primary candidate to attend USAF Undergraduate Pilot Training for the 119th Fighter Squadron. This marks an extraordinary milestone at the beginning of what promises to be an exciting and rewarding career in the New Jersey Air National Guard. Upon your successful completion of Undergraduate Pilot Training you will return to the finest Combat Fighter Squadron in the Air Force, the "Jersey Devils," flying the world's greatest multi-role fighter the F-16.
2. You should be extremely proud of your accomplishment. You have earned the privilege to attend the finest pilot training program in the world. But, first you must successfully complete Officer Training. Officer training will be a demanding course that will provide you with the necessary skills and foundation to successfully initiate your professional career in the military. From there it will be off to Undergraduate Pilot Training where you will undergo the most rigorous and demanding pilot training in the world. It will be the best year of your life and the hardest! Begin now to prepare yourself mentally and physically for a very challenging, yet highly rewarding program. There is no greater day than the day you pin wings on your chest. You only get one shot, so make it your best! After successful UPT, you will be on your way to F-16 training. It is here that you will join an extremely elite class of aviators and begin to hone your flying skills while learning the basic skills of combat weapons system employment in the "Viper." After F-16 initial training you will return to the Jersey Devils where your real training will commence. This unit has arguably the finest cadre of Operational F-16 Instructor pilots in the world. They will teach you how to become more than just a good F-16 pilot; they will teach you to be a superb F-16 COMBAT pilot. I challenge you to focus now and prepare to the best of your ability while never forgetting why you are pursuing this great profession.
3. As you begin this awesome phase of your life I request you keep in mind one very important concept. You were selected for this prestigious position to become a highly skilled and disciplined warrior with the finest combat unit in the Combat Air Forces. I did not hire you to be "second place," or a part-time "weekend warrior." I hired you to become a lethal weapons system that is part of an overall team of highly skilled and dedicated war fighters. You have worked exceptionally hard to make it to this level. You must now begin the mental transition to become a "World Class Fighter Pilot." Good luck, and good hunting!

"BRO-ME"


KERRY M. GENTRY, Lt Col, NJANG
Commander