

THE BLUE ANGELS

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This companion to the film *The Blue Angels* helps viewers and educators use the information presented in the documentary to conduct a discussion around this elite flight demonstration squadron, to inspire further exploration of the field of aerodynamics (and the vast network of careers within it), and to reflect on the passion, determination and commitment needed to achieve what seemed like an impossible goal.

Discussion Questions

- How are the Blue Angels chosen?
- What stood out to you about their training process?
- What were the key takeaways on how they are able to achieve a perfect level of precision in the air?
- What was your favorite part of the documentary? Why do you think that part resonated with you most?
- What, if anything, surprised you about the story of the Blue Angels?
- Do you recall the three things that were said to be the most important factors in the Blue Angels interview process? (If needed, prompt talent, passion and personality.)
- Taking each of the above factors individually, why do you think (talent/passion/personality) is one of the traits the interview decision comes down to?
- "Glad to be here" is a foundational phrase among the Blue Angels as highlighted in the film. What is the significance of that phrase to the Blue Angels and why is gratitude important even on tough days?
- "Scribe", "Boss", "Doc", "Chomps"...these are just a few of the call signs for people featured in the documentary. Picture yourself a Blue Angel. What call sign do you think you'd have and why?
- What did the work ethic of the Blue Angels and the 140+ personnel that work alongside them teach you about yourself and your own interests and goals?



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Were you excited about aviation after watching *The Blue Angels*? Are you interested in a rewarding career in aviation?

Here are some amazing career opportunities!

The six Blue Angels who make up the flight demo team are typically the focus, demonstrating the precision and power of U.S. Naval Aviation, but there are approximately 140 team members who also play a crucial role in ensuring this awe-inspiring show takes flight. The field of aerospace, likewise, encompasses numerous career paths in aviation above and beyond that of a pilot. Check out our aerospace career resource guide (courtesy of the Aerospace Education Program Alliance) below and allow aviation dreams to take flight...perhaps with the flight path of becoming a Blue Angel one day!

PILOT

Are you interested in flying planes like the Blue Angels? There are many opportunities: you can fly military jets, commercial jets, be a private pilot and much more! The first step is learning to fly. There are many programs available where you can learn to fly a plane... yes even if you are a high school student or a college student!

AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

Did you see how the Blue Angels pilots trusted their lives to the skill and professionalism of their Crew Chiefs? The Crew Chiefs are Aircraft Maintenance Technicians (AMTs). Planes can't fly without AMTs! AMTs check, repair and maintain all aircraft. There are AMTs wherever there are planes. You can learn to become an AMT in a two-year program...and you don't need to have a college degree to get one of these high-paying jobs!

ENGINEER

Were you amazed at the aircraft the Blue Angels flew? Would you like to design these and other kinds of planes? Well you can! There are programs even at the high school level that will teach you how to design planes of all types. Those programs provide a great foundation for you to continue learning how to design planes in a university engineering program...and they may even open doors for you to get a university scholarship!

THE AEROSPACE EDUCATION PROGRAM ALLIANCE

(AEPA) lists many aviation and aerospace education programs at the K-12 level, trade schools and at the higher education level. It is never too early to get started in aviation! There are even programs listed at the elementary school level!

Check out the link below to find out more about these exciting educational opportunities on the AEPA website!

aerospaceeducationprogramalliance.org

