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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 1531.5D

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: NOMINATIONS TO THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY FOR CHILDREN OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, INCLUDING RESERVES, ACTIVE, RETIRED, DISABLED OR DECEASED

Encl: (1) Sample Request for Presidential Nomination

1. Purpose. To provide information concerning opportunities available to children of members of the armed forces, including reserves, for nomination to the United States Naval Academy (USNA). This instruction is being reissued with a new date, updated version and signature authority to meet the Chief of Naval Operation's age requirement for Chief of Naval Operations instructions.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 1531.5C.

3. Background. Under section 6954, title 10, U.S. Code (U.S.C.), children of members of the armed forces, including reserves, may be appointed to the USNA from the following categories:

a. An unlimited number of Presidential nominations are available for children and legally adopted children of career officer and enlisted personnel of the armed forces, active and reserve, including Navy, Marine Corps, Army, Air Force, and Coast Guard. One hundred candidates may be appointed with Presidential nominations each year. To qualify for a Presidential nomination, the applicant must be the child of a person who:

(1) is on active duty (other than for training) and who has served continuously on active duty for at least 8 years.

(2) is, or died while he or she was, retired with pay or granted retired or retainer pay, other than those granted retired pay under section 1331 of title 10, U.S.C.

(3) is serving as a member of a reserve component and is credited with at least 8 years of service computed under section 12733 of title 10, U.S.C.

(4) would be, or who died while he or she would have been, entitled to retired pay under chapter 1223, title 10, U.S.C. except for not having attained 60 years of age.

b. Children of deceased or disabled veterans, and children of prisoners of war (POW) and Service Members missing in action (MIA). Those eligible under this category may not be selected as Presidential nominees under subparagraph 3a. There may be at the USNA at any one time, 65 midshipmen who are children of members of the armed forces who:

(1) were killed in action, or died of, or have a service-connected disability rated at not less than 100 percent resulting from:

(a) wounds or injuries received; or

(b) diseases contracted in; or

(c) pre-existing injury or disease aggravated by active service.

(2) are currently POW or MIA.

c. The President may appoint as midshipmen at USNA the children of persons who have been awarded the Medal of Honor for acts performed in the armed forces.

4. Information. USNA offers an outstanding opportunity for qualified young people to embark on careers as officers in the United States Navy or United States Marine Corps. Students at USNA are midshipmen, U.S. Navy, receiving tuition, room, board, and monthly pay. Upon graduation, they receive a Bachelor of Science degree and a regular commission in the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps. Graduates are obligated to serve at least 5 years on active duty upon graduation.

5. Eligibility Requirements. In order to be eligible for a nomination for admission to the USNA under this instruction, an applicant must be:

- a. The natural or adopted child of a member of the armed forces in a category defined above. Stepchildren are not eligible unless adopted by the Service Member.
- b. A citizen of the United States.
- c. At least 17 years of age and must not have passed his or her 23rd birthday on 1 July of the calendar year of entry into the USNA.
- d. Unmarried, not pregnant and have no legal obligation to support a child, children or other individual.
- e. Of good moral character.

6. Action

a. Addressees are requested to give widespread publicity within both the command and the adjacent military communities to enable all eligible personnel to apply. Particular emphasis should be placed on the fact that children of enlisted personnel, as well as officer personnel, are eligible.

b. Interested candidates should be urged to obtain additional information from the USNA catalog which can be found online at www.usna.edu/admissions. In particular, candidates should be urged to apply for all categories of nominations for which they are eligible.

c. Eligible young persons should mail their requests for nomination directly to the Superintendent (Attn: Nominations and Appointments Office), U.S. Naval Academy, 52 King George St., Annapolis, MD 21402. For requests for Presidential nominations, utilize format at enclosure (1). The deadline date for receipt of requests for the class entering at the end of June or early July is 31 January. Pre-application must be completed online at www.usna.edu/admissions. Once the pre-application is completed and if standardized test scores (American College Test (ACT), Enhanced ACT (EACT), Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), or Preliminary SAT (PSAT)) meet the minimum required for admission, the candidate will receive a candidate application packet from USNA which should be completed and submitted expeditiously.

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7. Availability of Publications. Academy literature may be obtained from the Superintendent (Attn: Candidate Guidance Office), U.S. Naval Academy, 52 King George St., Annapolis, MD 21402.

8. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, must be managed per Secretary of the Navy Manual 5210.1 of January 2012.



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SAMPLE REQUEST FOR PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION

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*****Please Note: This nomination is for the natural or adopted children of active duty, reserved, or retired military parents ONLY*****

Privacy Act Statement:

Authority: 10 U.S.C. 5013, Secretary of the Navy; 10 U.S.C 6956, Midshipmen: Nomination and Selection to fill vacancies; 10 U.S.C. 6957, Selection of Person from Foreign Countries; 10 U.S.C 6958, Midshipmen: Qualification for Admission; 10 U.S.C. 6962, Midshipmen: Discharge for Unsatisfactory Conduct or Inaptitude; 10 U.S.C. 6963, Midshipmen: Discharge for Deficiency; and E.O. 9397 (SSN), as amended, SORN N01531-1.

Purpose (s): To establish an audit trail of files which contains information on individuals as they progress from the application stage through the admission process. Applicant's files contain information which is used to evaluate and to determine competitive standing and eligibility for appointments to the United States Naval Academy (USNA). Successful applicants become candidates whose files contain information to further evaluate candidate's eligibility and profiles for initiation of former officer accession program in conjunction with the USNA process. Successful candidates who accept appointments become midshipmen. Midshipmen records contain personal, academic, and professional background information and are used for the management, supervision, administration, counseling, and discipline of midshipmen.

Routine Uses (s): This information will be accessed by the following:

Parents and legal guardians of midshipmen for the limited purpose of counseling midshipmen who encounter academic, performance and/or disciplinary difficulties, as well as health and welfare.

The United States Naval Institute for the limited purpose of notifying midshipmen and their parents about benefits and opportunities provided by the United States Naval Institute.

The Naval Academy Athletic Association for the limited purpose of promoting and funding the Naval Academy Intercollegiate Athletic Program and for the purpose of supporting its activities related to the mission of the USNA.

The USNA Foundation for the limited purpose of sponsoring midshipmen candidates who were not admitted in previous years.

The USNA Alumni Association for the limited purpose of supporting its activities related to the mission of the USNA.

The Contract Tailor Shop for the limited purpose of scheduling appointments as required for uniform fittings.

Disclosure: Voluntary; however, failure to provide the requested information may result in an inability to process your application.

Dean of Admissions, U.S. Naval Academy
Attn: Nominations and Appointments Office
52 King George Street
Annapolis, MD 21402-5019

Date: _____

Dear Sir:

I request a Presidential nomination to the United States Naval Academy for the class that will enter in June 20__, and I submit the following data:

Name: _____
(Give full name as shown on birth certificate or, if changed, attach copy of court order)

Address: (use ZIP code plus 4 and provide phone number)

Permanent: _____ Mailing: _____

Telephone: _____

Sex M / F Date of Birth: _____

Social Security # (Required): _____

Name and address of high school/college: _____

Graduation: _____
(Month/year)

Congressional state and district: _____

Applying to Senators and Congressmen (names):

If member of military, check here Command: _____
Rate: _____ Branch of Service: _____ Duty status: _____

***You must have active duty, reserve or retired military PARENTS to qualify for this nomination. Your military service may qualify you for a Secretary of the Navy nomination; see your command career counselor for details.

Information concerning parents' military service:

Name and rank of qualifying parents: _____

Branch of Service: _____ Duty Status: _____ Command: _____

I verify that I have included the proper supporting documentation of my parent's military status with this application (check appropriate box):

Active duty officers: statement of service signed by personnel officer specifying all periods of active service.

Active duty enlisted: statement of service prepared by personnel officer specifying all periods of active duty and listing dates of enlistment and dates of expiration of enlistment.

Reserves: proof of current service, including a copy of most current annual statement of reserve points (minimum points required 2880) and valid identification cards, or notice of eligibility for retirement.

Retired with pay: copy of DD Form 214 (Member copy 4)

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Deceased or 100% disabled: Veterans Administration official determination of 100% disability or service-connected death.

Sincerely yours,
(Signature)

Note: If you have not already completed and submitted a Preliminary Application, you may fill it out online at <http://www.usna.edu/Admissions/>.

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