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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 1531.5C

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 U.S. Naval Academy (USNA). This instruction has been administratively revised and should be reviewed in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 1531.5B

3. Background. Under title 10 USC, section 6954, children of members of the armed forces, including Reserves, may be appointed to USNA from the following categories:

a. Presidential. 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 or reserve, including Navy, Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, 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/she was, retired with pay or granted retired or retainer pay, other than those granted retired pay under section 1331 of title 10, USC.

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

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

b. Children of Deceased or Disabled Veterans, and Children of Prisoners of War (POW) and servicemembers Missing in Action (MIA). Those eligible under this category may not be selected as Presidential nominees under paragraph 3a. There may be at the Naval Academy 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 Naval Academy 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 servicemember.

b. A citizen of the United States.

c. At least 17 years of age and must not have passed his/her 23rd birthday on 1 July of the calendar year of entry into the Academy.

d. Unmarried, not pregnant and have no legal obligation to support a child, children or other individual.

e. Of good moral character.

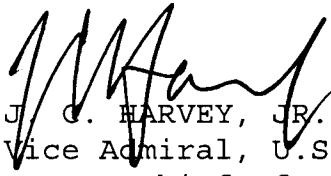
6. Action

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 current U.S. Naval Academy 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, 117 Decatur Rd., Annapolis, MD 21402. For requests for Presidential nominations, utilize format at enclosure (1). The deadline date for receipt of requests for the class entering in 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.

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



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

Dean of Admissions, U.S. Naval Academy
Attn: Nominations and Appointments Office
117 Decatur Road
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 parent/s: _____

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

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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 duty.
- 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 card, or notice of eligibility (NOE) for retirement.
- Retired with pay: copy of DD Form 214 (Member's Copy 4)
- 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 www.usna.edu/Admissions/.