

## (April 12, 2007) CONGRESSMAN LIPINSKI ANNOUNCES SERVICE ACADEMIES APPLICATIONS PROCESS IS OPEN

CONGRESSMAN DANIEL LIPINSKI ANNOUNCES HIS OFFICE WILL BE TAKING NOMINATION REQUEST LETTERS FOR THE U.S. SERVICE ACADEMIES

Congressman Daniel Lipinski is presently accepting nomination request letters from young men and women in the Third Congressional District to the U.S. Service Academies for the classes entering in the summer of 2008. Lipinski noted, "to be accepted into one of the U.S. Academies is a great honor. Many thousands of gifted young men and women compete each year to be one of those honored to be selected."

The service academies include:

Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO

Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD

West Point Military Academy, West Point, NY

Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY

Coast Guard admissions are based on nationwide competition with no congressional nominations.

Potential candidates must have reached their 17th birthday and not past their 23rd birthday on 1 July of the year they would enter the academy, be a United States citizen, graduated from high school, unmarried, taken the ACT and/or SAT tests and meet the stringent entrance requirements of their preferred Academy.

The selection of nominees is based upon the "whole person" evaluation. Although nominations will not be made until January of 2008, all interested persons are encouraged to submit their written requests as soon as possible. Closing date for completed files is December 3rd, 2007. Contact Lenore Goodfriend at Lipinski's office in Oak Lawn, 5309 W. 95th Street at (708)424-0853.