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USNA INSTRUCTION 5721.1B

From: Superintendent

Subj: FORRESTAL LECTURE SERIES

1. Purpose. To assign responsibilities associated with the Forrestal Lecture Series.

2. Cancellation. USNA Instruction 5721.1A

3. Background. The purpose of the Forrestal Lecture Series is to enhance the education, awareness, and appreciation of the members of the Brigade of Midshipmen in the social, political, and cultural dimensions of this nation and the world. The series was established at the Naval Academy in May 1970 in honor of the late James V. Forrestal who, as one of the foremost proponents of seapower of our era, was instrumental in the development of the modern Navy. Mr. Forrestal served in the Navy's flight program in World War I, leaving service as a lieutenant (junior grade). Long an advocate of naval supremacy, as Undersecretary of the Navy he was responsible for the remarkable logistical buildup of the Navy in the early war years. He became Secretary of the Navy in 1944. Mr. Forrestal was the chief architect of the vastly complicated merger of the War and Navy Departments into the National Military Establishment (later the Department of Defense) and was named as the first Secretary of Defense by President Truman in 1947. (A

4. Action. Annually, four speakers will be invited to participate in the Forrestal Lecture Series by addressing the Brigade of Midshipmen in Alumni Hall. These speakers will be drawn from the leading representatives of our society in government, the arts, humor, literature, education, sports, politics, science, or other major fields. (R

5. Responsibilities

a. The Commandant of Midshipmen:

(1) Coordinate the series. (R

(2) Suggest lecturers for the series.

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- R) (3) Develop a suggested list of speakers and submit the list to the Superintendent for final selection.
- (4) Ensure widest possible dissemination of information regarding the scheduled speaker in the Plan of the Day, USNA Weekly Schedule of Events, Weekly Administrative Bulletin, and Trident newspaper.
- (5) Arrange for preparation and distribution of programs.
- (6) Obtain midshipmen ushers for the lecture.
- R) b. The Flag Secretary:
- (1) Schedule approved speakers.
- (2) Prepare letters of invitation to speakers for the Superintendent's signature.
- R) c. The Protocol Officer will coordinate arrangements for social activities associated with the visit.
- R) d. Assistant Chief of Staff Operations:
- (1) Ensure Alumni Hall is prepared for the lecture.
- (2) Coordinate the distribution of ushers and direction of guests to their seats with Alumni Hall Manager and midshipmen ushers.
- e. The Public Affairs Officer will provide news media and press releases as appropriate.


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