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Dear Candidate:

Congratulations on accepting your appointment to the Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) for the NAPS Class of 2027. We look forward to you successfully completing this challenging developmental program and receiving a recommendation by our Admissions Board for acceptance into the Naval Academy Class of 2031.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the nomination requirements for all NAPS Midshipmen Candidates. By nature of your enlistment as a Navy Reservist to attend NAPS, you will be eligible for a Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) nomination for admission into the Naval Academy. However, U.S. law restricts the number of SECNAV nominations that may be charged each year to the SECNAV when the incoming class is admitted. Therefore, to ensure compliance with federal law, every NAPS Midshipman Candidate is required to apply for a nomination from all other sources for which they are eligible. For most candidates, this includes the following:

- (1) Vice President
- (2) Two Senators
- (3) District Representative

Also, note that any nomination, aside from the Children of Deceased or Disabled Veterans nomination, you may have had for the Class of 2030 is no longer valid with your eligibility for a Secretary of the Navy nomination. If you applied for and received a Presidential nomination, you will have to reapply for that nomination as well.

We realize that many Members of Congress receive more requests for nominations than they may provide in a given year, and that a nomination may be difficult to obtain from some offices. However, many Congressional offices are able to nominate and will nominate NAPS candidates. This allows many Congressional Members, who would not otherwise have a candidate detailed to one of their open vacancies, the opportunity to have a representative from their district at the U. S. Naval Academy.

Please take the opportunity now to apply to all nominations sources for which you are eligible, as you will be required to provide documentation that you have applied for Congressional nominations when you report to NAPS. Online screen shots or an email from the Congressional Staffer that you applied for your Congressional nominations will assist in satisfying this requirement. More information about nominations and how to apply for them may be found on our website at www.usna.edu/admissions or by visiting your Congressional Members' websites on the internet.

Sincerely,



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