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NARR/REFERENCE (A) IS MCO 1530.11G APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY (USNA) AND NAVAL ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL (NAPS). REFERENCE (B) IS MCO 1560.28B VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE BENEFITS. REFERENCE (C) IS ALNAV 065/15 CLASS OF 2020 ENLISTED APPLICATIONS TO THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY. REFERENCE (D) IS MCO 1306.17F ADMINISTRATION OF MARINES APPOINTED MIDSHIPMEN OR CADETS IN FEDERAL SERVICE ACADEMIES OR NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS UNITS. REFERENCE (E) IS NAVMED P-117 MEDICAL STANDARDS REQUIRED TO ATTAIN COMMISSION. REFERENCE (F) IS OPNAVINST 1420.1B, ENLISTED TO OFFICER COMMISSIONING PROGRAMS APPLICATION ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL (NAVAL ACADEMY, CHAPTER 3).//

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GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. PURPOSE. To inform all Active and Reserve Marines that the U. S. Naval Academy (USNA) is seeking top performing, energetic male and female Marines who have demonstrated strong leadership/leadership potential for admission to the USNA Class of 2020. The USNA is accepting applications for nominations to the USNA for the class of 2020, entering 1 July 2016. Marines may only apply to the USNA. NAPS obtains its students from USNA applications that, in the opinion of the USNA admissions board, could benefit from an additional year of academic preparation. The applicant must state on the application a willingness to attend NAPS. Commanding Officers (COs) are encouraged to identify motivated enlisted personnel who meet the criteria and may be good candidates for selection to the Naval Academy.

2. INFORMATION. All applicants must read Reference (b) regarding education benefits and contact their base education officer for counseling regarding benefits if selected for USNA or NAPS. Further inquiries regarding continued eligibility of education benefits may be directed to Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Voluntary Education Branch (MRV); at DSN 278-9550 or commercial (703)784-9550.

3. Basic requirements for admission to the Naval Academy are:

A. Must not have passed 23rd birthday on 1 July of the year of admission to the academy. Limited age waivers may be sought in accordance with Section 553 of the National Defense Authorization Act for

Fiscal Year (FY) 2012.

B. Must not be married, pregnant, or have incurred obligations of parenthood.

C. Possess a strong high school grade point average indicating the potential to succeed at the USNA. Fleet applicants ranked in the top 40 percent of the class of their high school class are typically considered competitive.

D. Possess a Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) reasoning test scores taken within the last two years. There is no minimum score though applicants should aim to score above 550 in Math and 500 in Critical Reading with a combined score of 1050. While writing is an important component of the SAT, there is no recommended minimum for this part of the test. For applicants who have taken the American College Test (ACT) within the last two years, scores of 24 in Math and 22 in English are recommended. Potential candidates with SAT or ACT scores that are older than two years or below minimum standards are strongly encouraged to retake the test during the application process. Standardized tests taken prior to 31 January 2016 will be considered for this admissions cycle.

E. Must have completed four years of high school mathematics, including a strong foundation in geometry, algebra, and trigonometry, four years of English, and one year of chemistry. Additionally, physics, calculus, history, and two years of a foreign language are strongly recommended. Continued education since high school is vital; candidates are encouraged to strengthen their admission packages with college courses in higher math and science.

F. Military top performers who have demonstrated or who possess strong leadership potential, past and present Command Marines of the quarter/year, and top 20 percent performers in "A" and "C" follow-on schools, honor guard members, and community volunteers are strongly encouraged to apply for a commission through the USNA.

G. Good moral character and unquestionable loyalty to the United States, as determined by command interview and military recommendations.

H. No record of disciplinary action under Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), Article 15, or conviction by civil court (except minor traffic violations) during the three years preceding application for the program.

I. Outstanding physical fitness, as determined by the Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA) and recent physical fitness tests.

4. Candidates with strong academic and military backgrounds may receive direct appointments to the USNA. Top military performers who need to strengthen their academic background may be selected to attend NAPS at Newport, Rhode Island for one year and receive an appointment to the USNA the following year.

5. Submission of applications. Deadline to apply for the Class of 2020 is 31 December 2015. The first step is for applicants to submit their preliminary applications on-line at Www.USNA.edu/admissions to become an official candidate. After selection as a candidate, a candidate number, username, and password will be assigned and the candidate will be directed to complete the on-line application at www.USNA.edu/candidateinformation. The USNA operates on a rolling admissions process and it is encouraged that all applicants aim for early submission in order to increase competitiveness. All commands are strongly encouraged to increase awareness of this opportunity with all eligible candidates.

6. After becoming an official candidate, Marines should follow enclosure (1) of Reference (a) to request

Secretary of the Navy nomination. Commanders should follow enclosure (2) of Reference (a) to provide an endorsement to their Marines' application. Both enclosures should be mailed directly to: U.S. Naval Academy, Candidate Guidance Office, Halsey Field House, 52 King George St., Annapolis, MD 21402-1318, Attn: Fleet Liaison. Enclosure (3) of Reference (a) shall not be used as the online application process allows Marines to request their transcripts.

7. Deadline for all completed applications and recommendations is 31 January 2016. Packages completed before 31 January 2016 will be reviewed by the admissions board as soon as received. Packages received without the Marine's immediate Commanding Officer's endorsement will not be reviewed. References (a) and (f) provide guidance.

8. For application questions, write to U.S. Naval Academy, Candidate Guidance Office, Halsey Field House, 52 King George St., Annapolis, MD 21402-1318, Attn: Fleet Liaison. or call the Fleet Liaison at 1-410-293-1839 /DSN 281; or e-mail regino@USNA.edu.

9. Personnel selected to attend USNA or NAPS must be medically qualified by the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB) in order to be commissioned as an officer in the Navy or the Marine Corps. Once candidates complete 50% of the application, their name will be sent to DoDMERB for the physical and eye exams. The service member will be contacted by the USNA Fleet Coordinator with information on how to get the physical and eye exam completed at their own military treatment facility as an alternative. Reference (e) provides medical standards.

10. Transfer policy.

A. Orders may be declined if the applicant decides not to attend the USNA or NAPS. In the event of transfer to new duty station, all correspondence, including orders received by the applicant's original command, shall be forwarded to the new command. Marines Who apply for nomination to the USNA are directed to ensure that the Fleet Officer, Candidate Guidance, USNA, Annapolis, MD 21402-5018, is informed of changes in unit address and telephone number.

B. Active duty: Once applicants are found physically qualified, transfer orders to the USNA or NAPS will be issued by the Commandant of the Marine Corps (MMEA). Commanding officers will ensure that personnel ordered to the USNA or NAPS are transferred with the obligated service required by Reference (d).

C. Reserve Marines:

(1) The unit career planner must ensure that the Marine will have two years remaining on their contract from 1 July of the year that the Reserve Marine enters the USNA. If the Marine does not have the required time remaining on contract, he/she must re-enlist for enough time to meet the requirement as per Reference (d). The re-enlistment must be completed 30 days before the receipt of orders to Marine Corps Barracks Washington DC.

(2) The unit will issue EAD orders after contacting Headquarters Marine Corps, Reserve Affairs via the chain of command for USNA or NAPS funding information. Orders will direct nominated reservist to report to Marine Barracks, Washington DC one working day prior to USNA report date.

(3) Upon completion of travel by the Marine, Marine Barracks Will be responsible for coordinating with the originating unit to ensure the Marine's entitlements are paid appropriately. The Marine Will then be transferred to the IRR by 8th and I with a RUC of 86974 (OCS Voluntary Reserve, (NROTC), MCC:HAB).

(4) Questions related to funding or the orders process may be addressed to Headquarters Marine

Corps, Reserve Affairs. The email address is smb-rit@usmc.mil.

11. Additional information about the USNA is available on the Naval Academy website at www.USNA.edu.

12. Additional information for enlisted applicants may be obtained Www.USNA.edu/admissions/steps-for-admission/active-duty-service-applicants.php

13. Reserve applicability. This MARADMIN is not applicable to the Active Reserve.

14. Commanding Officers will ensure widest dissemination of this MARADMIN.

15. This bulletin is cancelled 30 September 2016.

16. Release authorized by LtGen Mark A. Brilakis, CG, MCRC./-//