OPNAV INSTRUCTION 1531.5E

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: NOMINATIONS TO THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY FOR CHILDREN OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, INCLUDING RESERVES, ACTIVE, RETIRED, DISABLED OR DECEASED

1. Purpose. To provide information concerning opportunities available to children of members of the Military Services, including the Reserve Components, for nomination to the United States Naval Academy (USNA). This instruction is being reissued in order to update USNA application information. This instruction is a complete revision and should be reviewed in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 1531.5D.

3. Scope and Applicability. This instruction applies to all children of members of the Military Services, including reserves, active, retired, disabled or deceased, who are submitting nominations to USNA.

4. Background. Under section 8454, Title 10, U.S. Code (U.S.C.), children of members of the Military Services, including the Reserve Component, may be appointed to the USNA from the categories in subparagraphs 4a through 4c.

   a. An unlimited number of Presidential nominations are available for children and legally adopted children of career officer and enlisted personnel of the Military Services, active and reserve, including Navy, Marine Corps, Army, Air Force, 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 member of the Military Services 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 or she was, retired with pay or granted retired or retainer pay, other than those granted retired pay under section 1331 of Title 10, U.S.C.

      (3) is serving as a member of a Reserve Component and is credited with at least 8 years of service computed under section 12733 of Title 10, U.S.C.
4. would be, or who died while he or she would have been, entitled to retired pay under chapter 1223, Title 10, U.S.C. except for not having attained 60 years of age.

b. Children of deceased or disabled veterans, and children of prisoners of war and Service members missing in action. Those eligible under this category may not be selected as Presidential nominees under subparagraph 4a. There may be at the USNA at any one time, 65 midshipmen who were selected as children of members of the armed forces who:

1. were killed in action, or died of, or have a service-connected disability rate at not less than 100 percent resulting from:
   a. wound or injuries received; or
   b. diseases contracted in; or
   c. pre-existing injury or disease aggravated by active service.

2. are currently prisoners of war or missing in action.

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.

5. 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.

6. Eligibility Requirements. In order to be eligible for a nomination for admission to the USNA under this instruction, an applicant must be:

a. the natural or adopted child of a member of the Military Services in a category defined in subparagraphs 4a through 4c. Stepchildren are not eligible unless adopted by the Service member.

b. a citizen of the United States.

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

d. unmarried, not pregnant and have no legal obligation to support a child, children, or other individual.
e. of good moral character.

7. 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 young persons should be urged to obtain additional information from the USNA admissions Web site 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. A 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, Enhanced American College Test, Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), or Preliminary SAT) meet the minimum required for admission, the candidate will receive a candidate application packet, via e-mail, from USNA which should be expeditiously completed and submitted on-line. Eligible candidates’ transcripts should be mailed directly to the Office of Admissions Halsey Field House (Attn: Nominations and Appointments Office), U.S. Naval Academy, 52 King George St., Annapolis, MD 21402. Requests for Presidential nominations are available online at www.usna.edu/admissions. The deadline date for receipt of request for the class entering at the end of June or early July is 31 January.

8. Records Management

a. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned for the standard subject identification codes 1000 through 13000 series per the records disposition schedules located on the Department of the Navy/Assistant for Administration (DON/AA), Directives and Records Management Division (DRMD) portal page at https://portal.seconav.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-Information-Management/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx.

b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition schedules, please contact the local records manager or the DON/AA DRMD program office.

9. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, Director, Total Force Manpower, Training, and Education Requirements Division (OPNAV N12) will review this instruction annually around the anniversary of its issuance date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, Department of Defense, Secretary of the Navy, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will be in
effect for 10 years, unless revised or cancelled in the interim, and will be reissued by the 10-year anniversary date if it is still required, unless it meets one of the exceptions in OPNAVINST 5215.17A, paragraph 9. Otherwise, if the instruction is no longer required, it will be processed for cancellation as soon as the need for cancellation is known following the guidance in OPNAV Manual 5215.1 of May 2016.

10. **Information Management Control.** Data collection contained in subparagraph 6c falls under OMB 0703-0036 (renewal pending).

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