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Dear High School Counselor:

For the young men and women who qualify, the United States service academies offer an outstanding education and an opportunity to serve your country. In order to assist those who have expressed an interest in what our service academies have to offer, I am pleased to host two Academy Forums this year. The first one will be held in Abilene on March 19<sup>th</sup> and the second forum will be held in Lubbock on March 31<sup>th</sup>.

The **Abilene** forum scheduled for **Wednesday, March 19** will take place at Cisco College – Abilene Education Center, in room 152, located at 717 East Industrial Blvd. Registration will begin at 6 p.m. with the presentations beginning at 6:30 p.m.

On **Monday, March 31**, the **Lubbock** forum will be held at the Science Spectrum located at 2579 South Loop 289. Those attending should enter the Science Education Center on the south side of the Science Spectrum off of 74<sup>th</sup> Street. Registration begins at 7 p.m. and participants are urged to take advantage of the opportunity to visit with academy representatives before the formal presentations begin at 7:30 p.m.

Liaison officers from the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Military Academy at West Point, U.S. Naval Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy have been invited to speak and answer any questions regarding the academies or the application process.

Students at the sophomore, junior, and senior level would most benefit from this forum, but all students, including middle school students are encouraged to attend. Parents, counselors, and teachers are also invited. The forum is a *come and stay* event (not come and go). The forum is free and open to the public.

Academies offer an excellent opportunity for students who complete the application and nomination process. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mary Whistler in my Lubbock office at (888) 763-1611.

Sincerely,



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