

## **Instructions for Service Academy Recommendations**

This student has expressed a desire to attend a United States Service Academy (i.e. Military Academy at West Point, Naval Academy at Annapolis or the Air Force Academy). Admission to these academies is extremely limited, highly competitive and an appointment is an esteemed honor and achievement. After successfully completing a rigorous four-year program in one of these competitive schools and receiving a first rate education, a successful graduate will be pledged to serve a term as an officer in our armed forces.

In order to apply to a service academy, an applicant must obtain a nomination from an authorized source, and this applicant has requested a nomination from Congressman Wally Herger, Representative of the Second District of California. Congressman Herger and his Academy Selection Committee would appreciate your thorough and honest evaluation of the applicant's fitness for U.S. Service Academy admission and an ensuing military career. These academies consider evidence of character, scholarship, leadership, physical aptitude (athletic ability), medical fitness, goals and motivation in determining each applicant's "Whole Person" evaluation.

Congressman Herger, his staff and his Academy Selection Committee will hold your comments in the strictest confidence. Thank you and we appreciate your assistance.

Please write a letter of recommendation on your letterhead or personal stationary (be sure to include a return address and phone number). Please send the recommendation letter before **October 29, 2010** directly to:

**Congressman Wally Herger**  
Attn: Academy Advisor  
2635 Forest Ave, Suite 100  
Chico, CA 95928