

(Washington, DC) - Congressman Wally Herger today announced that he has nominated twelve "Class of 2012" candidates to the U.S. Service Academies. These academies consist of the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, and U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

"I am honored to nominate to our nation's service academies Northern Californians that stand out academically and demonstrate an unmistakable call to serve. These exceptional institutions consist of young men and women who are devoted to keeping our nation free, secure, and strong. The nominees and their families can feel extremely proud."

Universally recognized as some of the nation's top colleges, each service academy accepts approximately 1,000 students per year and prides itself on developing and inspiring America's future military leaders. Only top students in our nation are accepted. Academy graduates often go on to successful careers in the military or serve our nation in other capacities.

Congressman Herger based his nominations on the recommendations of his Screening Committee, which is responsible for interviewing the applicants, reviewing their files, and recommending a slate of nominees. Having been nominated, the students must now compete with other nominees nationwide for an appointment to the academies. Academy officials will be offering appointments this spring.

Any student with a strong desire to serve our nation as an officer in the United States Armed Forces is invited to contact Congressman Herger in the spring of their junior year. Write to Congressman Wally Herger at the following address:

Congressman Wally Herger
55 Independence Circle, Suite 104
Chico, CA 95973

Congressman Herger's Class of 2012 nominees are:

Spencer Buck of Woodland

Pioneer High School
United States Air Force Academy

Robert Burgren of Woodland
Woodland High School
United States Naval Academy

Daniel Diaz II of Woodland
Woodland High School
United States Naval Academy

Maxwell DiDario of Sutter
Sutter High School
United States Naval Academy

Kristoff Kalau of Yuba City
Yuba City High School
United States Naval Academy
United States Air Force Academy
United States Military Academy

Kristen Lanzing of Redding
Foothill High School
United States Military Air Force Academy

Tate Montgomery of Paradise
Paradise High School
United States Air Force Academy

Samuel Raine of Dunsmuir
Mount Shasta High School
United States Air Force Academy

Nathan Sawyer of Yuba City
River Valley High School
United States Air Force Academy
United States Naval Academy
United States Military Academy
United States Merchant Marines Academy

Trevor Siperek of Red Bluff
Anderson New Technology High School
United States Merchant Marines Academy

Hailey Taylor of Colusa
Sutter High School
United States Air Force Academy
United States Naval Academy
United States Military Academy

Brance Waggoman of Live Oak
United States Air Force Academy
United States Naval Academy
United States Military Academy
United States Merchant Marines Academy}