

Dear High School Students, Family Members, and School Counselors,

We are pleased to announce that representatives for the United States Military Academy at West Point, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy will be hosting two **Military Service Academy Nights** for students interested in attending one of our nation’s Service Academies. The programs will include presentations from Academy Liaison Officers and a detailed explanation of the Congressional nomination process. Service Academy Liaisons will also be available to answer questions from Academy Night attendees. As students begin to consider and work towards the possibility of attending an academy, these events are intended to assist in their overall preparedness.

This years’ Service Academy Nights will take place on:

1. **WHEN: Thursday, March 2, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM.**

**WHERE: Somerset Area Jr-Sr High School, 645 S. Columbia Avenue, Somerset, PA 15501 (Sr. High Auditorium).**

2. **WHEN: Wednesday, March 15, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM.**

**WHERE: Chambersburg Area Senior High School, 511 S. Sixth St., Chambersburg, PA 17201. (Location: Choral Room, Senior High School - enter through the main entrance).**

**DID YOU KNOW:** Over the years thousands of students and parents from across Pennsylvania have attended these Military Service Academy events and benefited from the information provided. The demand for this information is high due in part to the competitive nature of the nomination and appointment process.

Nominations to the Service Academies are made by the President, Vice President, or a Member of Congress. There are five Service Academies: The United States Air Force Academy (USAFA), The United States Naval Academy (USNA), The United States Military Academy (USMA), The United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA), and The United States Coast Guard Academy (USCGA). Nominations are required for all but The U.S. Coast Guard Academy, to which appointments are made based on an annual nationwide competition.

The desire of these young men and women of Pennsylvania to serve our nation is truly admirable, and we hope that this event provides them the information and tools they need to be successful applicants to our Service Academies.

**We hope you can join us on Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 6:00 - 8:00PM in Somerset or Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 6:00 – 8:00PM in Chambersburg!**

Sincerely,

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Additional Information:

The following summer programs offer excellent opportunities for high school students to immerse themselves into the academic, military, and social life of a West Point cadet or Naval midshipman. These programs give you a taste of the character, determination, commitment to excellence, and leadership required to be a cadet or midshipman.

1. **USMA – West Point, Summer Leadership Experience (SLE).** Application window opens February 1, 2023. Two sessions: Session 1: June 3-9, 2023, and Session 2: June 10-16, 2023.
2. **US Naval Academy Summer Seminar Program** – Application window opened January 4, 2023. Three sessions: Session 1: June 3-8, 2023, Session 2: June 10-15, 2023, and Session 3: June 18-23.

The following leadership, civic, and business-oriented programs provide high school students opportunities to participate in group activities while also expanding their individual skillsets needed to advance and excel in their careers.

3. **Keystone Boys State (KBS)** – will be held at Shippensburg University in Shippensburg, PA from Sunday, June 18 to Saturday, June 24, 2023.
4. **Keystone Girls State (KGS)** – will be held at will be held at Shippensburg University in Shippensburg, PA from June 18, 2023, through June 23, 2023.
5. **Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week (PFEW)** – will be held at Lycoming College, PA and Pennsylvania College of Technology both located in Williamsport, PA. Event dates are:
  - a. Week 1 – July 2 - 7, 2023
  - b. Week 2 – July 9 - 14, 2023
  - c. Week 3 – July 23 - 28, 2023
  - d. Week 4 – July 30 – Aug. 4