Dear Applicant,

Thank you for contacting me regarding an appointment to the United States service academies. I appreciate hearing from you at this important point in your life.

I consider making nominations to the service academies one of my most privileged responsibilities as a Member of Congress.

The high quality of education provided by each of the academies is one of the most prestigious available anywhere in the world. The academic, physical, and character requirements are stringent.

I am sending you information about the academies, as well as a preliminary application form that needs to be filled out and returned to my office by November 26, 2018. You also need to contact through their respective websites the academies you are interested in attending. These websites are:

- West Point – www.usma.edu
- U.S. Naval Academy – www.usna.edu
- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy – www.usmma.edu
- U.S. Coast Guard Academy – www.cga.edu

In addition to the preliminary application form I will use in the selection process, you will also need to include the following items in your application packet. The full application packet is due no later than November 26, 2018.

1. Preliminary Application Form
2. Three (3) letters of recommendation (Letters can’t be written by family/relatives)
3. An official transcript of high school grades and any college credit received
4. A copy of all SAT and/or ACT scores
5. A recent photograph
6. A typed, double-spaced 250 word essay based on the theme, “Why I want to Attend a U.S. Service Academy”
7. Academic and Extracurricular Qualifications form (extracurricular resume can be submitted)
Students who are interested in an appointment should contact the Academy they wish to attend directly. You will not be considered for a nomination from our office unless you have filed an application to the Academy/s that you wish to be considered for nomination and appointment.

If you have further questions, please call Jan Leja at my Yucaipa district office at (909)-797-4900 or email her at jan.leja@mail.house.gov. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Col. Paul Cook (Ret.)
Member of Congress
Eighth District of California
Preliminary Application for United States Military Service Academy Nomination

Please type or print:

Applicant’s Name ___________________________________ Year of High School Graduation ___

It is my desire to attend the: ___ United States Force Academy; ___ United States Military Academy (West Point); ___ United States Naval Academy (Annapolis); ___ United States Merchant Marine Academy (Rank in order with 1 being 1st preference)

Full Legal Name: ____________________________________________________________________________

Legal Address of Residency: _______________________________________________________________________

Home Telephone: __________________________ Other/Cell Phone #: __________________

Mailing Address if different from above: ______________________________________________________________________

United States Citizen: Yes ___ No ___ Email: ______________________________________________

Social Security Number: __________________________ Date of Birth: __________________________

Place of Birth: ________________________________________________________________________________

Height: __________________________ Weight: __________________________

Father/Guardian’s Name: __________________________ Occupation: __________________________

Mother/Guardian’s Name: __________________________ Occupation: __________________________

Has either parent served or currently served in the United States Military: Yes ___ No ___

Hometown Newspaper: __________________________

Name of High School: __________________________

Address of School: __________________________

GPA: __________________________ Current Class Rank: __________________________

SAT Score: Verbal _____ Math _____ Will you be taking the test again? Yes ___ No ___

ACT Score: Composite _____ Math _____ Verbal _____ Reading _____ Science _____

Have you previously sought a nomination through U.S. Congress/Senator/Vice President/President: ___ When: ____________ Results: __________________________

Are you also seeking a nomination through U.S. Senate/Vice President/President? Please identify: ________________________________________________
Applicant Name: 

If you are employed or have been employed during school or beyond, who is your employer?

______________________________

Current Position: ________________________________

How many hours per week do you work? After school: _______ In the summer: _______

Any other comments you might have about your work experience while in high school:

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Nominating Procedure

- Qualified applicants will be contacted and asked to attend an interview in December of 2018 with a committee chosen by Congressman Cook.
- Nomination will be announced by December 31, 2018.
- You must be at least 17 but not yet 23 years old on July 1st of the year you want to enter. You may not be married or pregnant or have any dependents.
- You must be of excellent moral character, physically fit, and academically strong.
- Students who receive a nomination are active in school and in their community, and hold some leadership roles in sports or other extracurricular activities.
- A congressional nomination does not guarantee acceptance into a service academy; however, all applicants must obtain a nomination from an official source to be considered for an appointment to an academy.

I have read the information explaining the nominating procedure and I am familiar with Congressman Cook's requirements as explained therein.

I certify that the California 8th Congressional District is my legal domicile. I also certify that I have read, understand and meet all of the Service Academy Requirements and that I am eligible for nomination to a United States Service Academy.

SIGNED: __________________________ DATE: ________________

Return this application to:

Congressman Paul Cook  Phone: (909)- 797 – 4900
Attn: Jan Leja  Email: jan.leja@mail.house.gov
34282 Yucaipa Blvd
Yucaipa, CA 92399

*Please include a recent photograph*