

Washington, DC -- U.S Representative Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) announced today that he has nominated 23 students from the 24th Congressional District to compete for appointments to U.S. service academies.

“I am honored to nominate the best and the brightest to serve our nation through the highest form of service,” said **Arcuri**. “In today’s constantly changing world – with international challenges facing our country at every turn, we need excellent students attending our nation’s service academies. These young men and women have demonstrated not only outstanding academic achievement, but also a dedication to their communities and I am proud to nominate them for appointment to our military service academies.”

Appointees to all service academies are chosen from nominations received from Members of Congress throughout the country. Arcuri’s Veterans Advisory Committee recommended the top candidates in the 24th Congressional District for a nomination from Arcuri to a service academy. Students nominated by Arcuri compete for appointments to the various academies. Final appointments are determined by the academies, selecting from a nationwide pool of nominees.

United States Air Force Academy (Colorado Springs, CO)

Daniel P. Corriero, Jr., son of Daniel P. Corriero, Sr. of Utica, NY and Karen M. Corriero of Clinton (Oneida County), has been nominated to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. A senior at Thomas R. Proctor High School in Utica, Daniel’s activities include: National Honor Society, Varsity Lacrosse and Marching Band.

James Robert Graves, III, son of John and Susan Hitchings of Clinton (Oneida County), has been nominated to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. A senior at Randolph-Macon Academy in Front Royal, Virginia, James’ activities include: Drill and Saber Teams, Parade Unit, National Honor Society, Citizenship Award and President’s and Dean’s lists.

Andrew Wilson Nauss, son of David and Laureen Nauss of Sauquoit (Oneida County), has been nominated to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. A senior at

Sauquoit Valley High School, Andrew's activities include: Varsity Soccer (Captain), Drama Club, National Honor Society, Concert Band, Brass Ensemble, Jazz Band, Chorus, American Legion Boy's State and Volunteer Work

Joseph Michael Silverio, son of Mark Silverio and Bonnie Silverio of Binghamton (Broome County), has been nominated to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. A senior at Chenango Forks High School, Joseph's activities include: Cross Country, Swim Team, Track and Field, Baseball and Science Club

Jamie Swearingen, son of Christopher and Susanne Cookinham of Utica (Oneida County), has been nominated to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. A senior at Thomas R. Proctor High School, Jamie's interests include: Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC-Company Commander), Air Rifle Team Captain and Armed Basic Drill Team Commander and Volunteer Work.

United States Military Academy (West Point, NY)

Peter John Orilio, son of John and Nancy Orilio of Utica (Oneida County), has been nominated to the United States Military Academy in West Point, NY. A graduate of Holland Patent High School and student at the State University of New York College of Environmental Forestry at Syracuse University, Peter's activities include: Varsity Cross Country, Nordic Ski, and Tack and Field Teams, Boy Scouts (Eagle Scout), National Honor Society and Wind Ensemble.

Jacob Peter Persoon, son of Jack and Jen Persoon of Interlaken (Seneca County), has been nominated to the United States Military Academy in West Point, NY. A graduate of South Seneca High School and student at the United States Military Academy Preparatory School, Jacob's activities include: Wrestling, Football, Track and Field and Volunteer Work.

Janet Rolf, daughter of James and Mary Rolf of Rome (Oneida County), has been nominated to the United States Military Academy in West Point, NY. A senior at Rome Free Academy, Janet's activities include: Varsity Swim Team (Captain), School Newspaper and Yearbook, Student Association and Volunteer Work.

Marcel Brent Sanchez, son of Poletta Louis of Oneonta (Otsego County), has been nominated to the United States Military Academy in West Point, NY. A senior at Oneonta High School, Marcel's activities include: Varsity Football, Varsity Track and Field, Student Council, National Honor Society, Civil Air Patrol, Rensselaer Medal Award and Volunteer Work through Church.

Benjamin Frank Scalise, III, son of Ben and Christina Scalise of Poland (Herkimer County), has been nominated to the United States Military Academy in West Point, NY. A senior at West Canada Valley Central School, Benjamin's activities include: Varsity Football, Varsity Track and Field, Indoor Track Club, Boy's Athletic Association and Touchdown Club.

Andrew John Vanderhoof, son of E. John and Megan Vanderhoof of Verona (Oneida County), has been nominated to the United States Military Academy in West Point, NY. A senior at Holy Cross Academy, Andrew's activities include: American Legion Boy's State, Soccer, School President and Volunteer Work through Church.

Thomas Steven Wagner, son of Rich and Julie Wagner of Clinton (Oneida County), has been nominated to the United States Military Academy in West Point, NY. A senior at Clinton Central High School, Thomas' activities include: Varsity Soccer, Varsity Track and Field and Boy Scouts (Eagle Scout).

David Wroblicki, son of Don and Janet Wroblicki of Yorkville (Oneida County), has been nominated to the United States Military Academy in West Point, NY. A graduate of New York Mills High School and a student at Clarkson University, David's activities include: American Legion Boy's State, Cross Country, Track and Field for New York Mills and Clarkson

United States Naval Academy (Annapolis, MD)

Kaylee Marie Bassett, daughter of Lance Bassett of Hubbardsville (Madison County) and Deana Barker of Rome (Oneida County), has been nominated to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. A senior at Rome Free Academy, Kaylee's activities include: Varsity Field Hockey Team-9th Grade, Varsity Basketball Team-9th Grade, Varsity Swim Team-11th and 12th grade, National Honor Society, French Club, Student Council and Volunteer Work.

Joseph D. Burke, son of Joseph and Gina Burke of Utica (Oneida County), has been nominated to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. A graduate of Notre Dame Junior/Senior High School and a student at LeMoyne College, Joseph's activities include: Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC), Varsity Football and Golf-9th-12th grades while at Notre Dame, Notre Dame Citizenship Award-10th and 11th grades, Kohl's Cares for Kids Youth Volunteer Recognition and Scholarship and Volunteer Work.

Peter M. Capone, son of Peter P. and Susan Capone of Johnson City (Broome County), has been nominated to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. A senior at Johnson City Senior High School, Peter's activities include: Varsity Wrestling (Captain)-7th-11th grade, Varsity Soccer-10th-11th, Varsity Baseball-9th-10th, National Honor Society, Johnson City Varsity Club and Volunteer Work.

Jacob Albert Donnenwirth, son of Kevin and Susan Donnenwirth of Frankfort (Herkimer County), has been nominated to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. A senior at Frankfort-Schuyler Junior/Senior High School, Jacob's activities include: National Honor Society, American Legion Boy's State and Karate.

Matthew James Fahey, son of Mark and Elyse Fahey of Frankfort (Herkimer County), has been nominated to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. A senior at Frankfort-Schuyler Junior/Senior High School, Matthew's activities include: Baseball, Football and Track and Field.

Maida Kalic, daughter of Ismet and Sue Kalic of Vernon (Oneida County), has been nominated to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. A graduate of Thomas R. Proctor High School and a student at the United States Naval Academy Preparatory School, Maida's activities include: Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Track, Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) and Volunteer Work

Brendan Thomas Lewis, son of Thomas and Jean Lewis of Auburn (Cayuga County), has been nominated to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. A senior at Auburn High School, Brendan's activities include: Varsity Hockey, Varsity Lacrosse, National Honor Society and Volunteer Work

Joshua Francis Malia, son of Michael and Melinda Malia of Owego (Tioga County), has been nominated to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. A senior at Owego Free Academy, Joshua's activities include: National Honor Society, Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award from the University of Rochester, Varsity Swim Team and Volunteer Work

Kirk Eskil Ringdahl, son of Eric and Carol Ringdahl of Rome (Oneida County), has been nominated to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. A senior at Rome Free Academy, Kirk;s activities include: Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC), Varsity Football, Varsity Track and Field, Varsity Cross Country, Concert/Marching Band and Student Association

Cooper Zielinski, son of John and Kate Zielinski of Marcy (Oneida County), has been nominated to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. A senior at Whitesboro High School, Cooper's activities include: Soccer, Hockey, Lacrosse, Student Council, Mathematics Team and Volunteer Work.

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