

# Service Academy Night – April 13, 2021

## Chat Transcript

01:20:55 Major Sam Candere: What weight do the Congressional Delegations put on involvement in activities such as JROTC and Civil Air Patrol? I serve as a Reservist for the Air Force and work in Maine as a representative to support the Civil Air Patrol. As a reminder to candidates, there are youth programs throughout the state of Maine for youth as young as age 12.

01:23:03 Sarah Neal: As a cadet in the Civil Air Patrol program, I'd be interested to hear the response to the question above.

01:25:17 Katie Fellows - US Senator Angus King: Jen - the congressional offices do not need to see both the SAT and ACT, no.

01:25:18 LTJG Emily Torsney, USCGA : Good evening Jen, if able I feel as though it is beneficial for students to take both as some students tend to test better on the different exams. The Coast Guard Academy allows you to submit the test of your choice or both.

01:32:13 Jen Tyll (USNA '01): Casey - et al - you can address all USNA questions to me either directly on this chat or through email [jenbohrtyll@gmail.com](mailto:jenbohrtyll@gmail.com)

01:35:02 Jen Tyll (USNA '01): Regarding the SAT/ACT question(s) - I strongly recommend to all students to take both if financial capabilities allow. There is no preference for which test - and all academies use a conversion factor to equal them out. And all the federal service academies super score all combinations - SATs and ACTs together. (So if you do well on the verbal for ACTs and crush the math on the SAT they will combine that to create on score.)

01:35:26 Bobby Kinney: I'm told Summer Seminar/Ldrship programs enhance a prospective applicant's chances of admission. Does attendance at one program enhance an applicant's chances of admission at the other academies too? How do the academies view the other summer programs?

01:36:06 Jen Tyll (USNA '01): @Steven Fulton - ask your assigned BGO! We generally try to set up practice interview panels.

01:38:48 Bobby Kinney: Thanks sir

01:39:38 2d Lt Brendan Wood, USAFA: Bobby - USAFA does have a Summer Seminar Program for Juniors in HS but we do NOT use it as a selection tool. This means you can apply and attend merely just to learn more about our Academy and the everyday life

01:40:12 Mary: does west point have summer programs for sports for high school students?

01:40:15 Bobby Kinney: I know there is an evaluation process at Summer Seminar. Any idea how that will be accomplished in a virtual environment?

01:41:46 Bobby Kinney: Yes sir it is. Katie online from Sebec, ME and me from Maryland. Good to hear from you.

01:42:26 Bobby Kinney: Lt Wood, copy on summer seminar, thank you. Got bad gouge on that from a former grad.

01:43:30 John Murphy USMMA: John Murphy '87, US Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point - murphybts@aol.com, USMMA - USMMA.edu. Feel free to contact me.

01:44:20 Bobby Kinney: Thanks sir, we will.

01:44:22 LTJG Emily Torsney, USCGA : LTJG Emily Torsney, USCGA Northeast Admissions Officer, Phone: 860-444-8505; Email: Emily.E.Torsney@uscga.edu

01:45:30 2d Lt Brendan Wood, USAFA: 2d Lt Brendan Wood, USAFA

01:46:07 2d Lt Brendan Wood, USAFA: Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions about USAFA at [brendan.wood@usafa.edu](mailto:brendan.wood@usafa.edu) or (719) 493-0010

01:47:10 Jen Tyll (USNA '01): Class credits are not transferable at USNA - HOWEVER there are validation exams that you can take to earn credit for those courses.

01:47:57 Angela Armstrong: Same at USMA - credits not transferable, but validation exams available

01:48:41 LTJG Emily Torsney, USCGA : Same at USCGA - They also aid in the competitive nature of your application!

01:50:11 Angela Armstrong: Angela Armstrong, '95 United States Military Academy @ West Point, [aarmstrong@mainebar.org](mailto:aarmstrong@mainebar.org), USMA Field Force Rep

01:50:24 LTJG Emily Torsney, USCGA : For USCGA you would take those validation exams once appointed during your SWAB summer

01:51:07 Jen Tyll (USNA '01): Validation exams are given during Plebe Summer/Beast/SWAB Summer (I'm sorry if I used the wrong name!)

01:51:27 Brendan Fahey: For more information regarding Army ROTC at UMaine and Husson University please contact Brendan Fahey at [Brendan.fahey@maine.edu](mailto:Brendan.fahey@maine.edu) and 207-581-1125. I can also answer questions about The Citadel (my Alma Mater).

01:51:38 Angela Armstrong: That is correct, thanks Jen!

01:52:30 2d Lt Brendan Wood, USAFA: One thing I left out of my quick into; USAFA is now the premier institution to commission 2d Lt's into our new United States Space Force! In the Class of 2020, we commissioned 81 new Guardians and the Academy is expecting to commission about 10% of graduates into USSF. Another great and new opportunity!

01:57:26 katie kinney: How do I get recruited for a sport at a service academy?

01:58:16 LTJG Emily Torsney, USCGA : Good evening Katie, For the USCGA you can complete the 'Recruit Me' Form here:  
<https://uscgaspports.com/information/recruiting>

01:58:33 LTC Veves (UMaine ROTC): EH, you apply to all and will find out around the same time. Our 4 year winners are notified the same time as the service academies.

01:59:06 2d Lt Brendan Wood, USAFA: Katie - for USAFA, go to [goairforcefalcons.com](http://goairforcefalcons.com) to learn more about being a recruited Falcon!

01:59:54 katie kinney: Thank you!

02:00:56 Angela Armstrong:Katie, here is the recruit information at USMA [https://goarmywestpoint.com/sports/2015/3/6/GEN\\_201401012.aspx](https://goarmywestpoint.com/sports/2015/3/6/GEN_201401012.aspx)

02:02:18 Jen Tyll (USNA '01): Info for recruiting for USNA:  
<https://navysports.com/sports/2018/5/23/compliance-compl-prospective-sa-html.aspx?id=91>

02:05:19 2d Lt Brendan Wood, USAFA: Landon - Although I don't want to speak for the other service academies, our application process is extensive at USAFA (and I assume across the board). You must be academically competitive, physically qualified, medically qualified, display character and leadership and receive a congressional nomination. Given the length of the application, IF YOU DON'T COMPLETE YOU CAN'T COMPETE!

02:07:28 Brendan Fahey: EH. The medical exam is the DODMERB exam and it counts for all academies and ROTC programs

02:08:18 Angela Armstrong:Landon, I agree with Lt Wood, but some items that you complete can be used for all the applications...like the DODMERB medical exam and the congressional nominations.

02:08:55 2d Lt Brendan Wood, USAFA: Thank you for clarifying Ms. Armstrong! Great point!

02:11:00 1LT Gibson: Officer Strength MEARNG: For anyone interested in discussing how the Maine Army National Guard can support your goals I can be reached via email at [henry.t.gibson5.mil@mail.mil](mailto:henry.t.gibson5.mil@mail.mil) or by phone at 2077072898

02:13:19 1LT Gibson: Officer Strength MEARNG: Also just to clarify the GRFD and Minute Man Scholarships are National Guard/Reserve scholarships so your duty to the military post commissioning will be in the National Guard or the Reserves. You can choose to commission into the state of your choosing (dependent on openings with in that state)

02:25:27 Brendan Fahey UMaine Army ROTC: EH - MOS stands for Military Occupation Specialty.

02:29:00 Bobby Kinney: I saw a chat earlier from the Navy rep. that they will work with prospective candidates by performing practice interviews. Army, Air Force, USCG too?

02:30:12 Maj Gen Doug Farnham (USAFA '84): Your ALO for USAFA should be willing to do a practice interview.

02:31:15 Bobby Kinney: thanks sir, who is the ALO?

02:31:46 Maj Gen Doug Farnham (USAFA '84): several in Maine. they are assigned based on school

02:32:16 Maj Gen Doug Farnham (USAFA '84): I am one. Ian Gillis at the wing is another

02:32:22 Bobby Kinney: Great thanks. Can I find that online?

02:32:56 Maj Gen Doug Farnham (USAFA '84): Once she's in the process as a candidate, she will be assigned an ALO

02:33:26 Bobby Kinney: I'll clarify, I think I took the Navy comments to mean practice interviews for the nomination interview.

02:34:00 Maj Gen Doug Farnham (USAFA '84): call me about that

02:34:40 Jen Tyll (USNA '01): @Bobby Kinney - I imagine we could make practice pannel interviews happen across service academy applicants with a little coordination!

02:35:11 Bobby Kinney: Thank you. I will.

02:35:50 Bobby Kinney: Thanks Jen. Who is the Blue Gold officer for the Bangor area? Is it you?

02:39:36 Bobby Kinney: Great. Mr. Bartlett....can you provide me your contact info?

02:41:00 Bobby Kinney: LOL

02:41:09 Bobby Kinney: 207-621-1010

02:41:11 Bobby Kinney: ?

02:44:54 Jen Tyll (USNA '01): Mr. N. Blake Bartlett Blake Bartlett - b.bartlett0@icloud.com

02:48:24 Bobby Kinney: thank you Jen and Mr. Blake

02:51:17 Jen Tyll (USNA '01): Adjustment for Mr. Bartlett's contact info. Please use: Nblakebartlett@aol.com and 207 621 1010

02:53:12 Bobby Kinney: copy thanks

02:57:13 2d Lt Brendan Wood, USAFA: For those interested in attending a USAFA virtual tour go to <https://usafasrm.force.com/AdmissionsEvents/s/>

03:05:37 Bobby Kinney: LT Gray, contact info?

03:06:39 Major Sam Canders: Thank you all for tonight.

03:06:40 Jen Tyll (USNA '01): Good luck everyone! Go Navy!