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HUTCHINSON - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced the 2008 First District Service Academy Selection Board. The 16-member board reviews applications and interviews candidates who are applying for admission to U.S. Service Academies.

Moran today also reminded Kansas students that the deadline is approaching for students to submit their applications for nominations to the United States Service Academies. These include the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy and U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. The deadline to submit applications to Moran's office is September 15. Those selected will enter the academies in June 2009.

"I am always impressed by the quality of character and level of intelligence of the young people who want to attend a military academy and devote a large part of their life in service to our nation," Moran said. "I am also excited about having such an outstanding group of military personnel and civic leaders lead this year's Service Academy Selection Board. The members of the board will be presented with the task of narrowing the field of many high-caliber candidates and I know they will do an outstanding job of picking the best students to represent Kansas."

The Service Academy Selection Board will meet to interview candidates on Saturday, October 11, 2008, at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center in Hutchinson. Following interviews, the board will make recommendations to Moran for his final decision. The members of the 2008 First District Service Academy Selection Board are:

- Shirley Braxton- Salina, Community Volunteer.
- Ruth Browne- Clay Center, Retired District Judge.
- Jean Clifford- Garden City, U.S. Air Force Reserves Judge Advocate.
- Glennys Doane- Downs, Community Volunteer.
- DeLany Fawkes- Liberal, Southwest Medical Center Vice President/CFW; U.S. Naval Academy Graduate.
- Steve Harmon- Emporia, Director of Business and Industry Center, Flint Hills Technical College; Army National Guard.
- Mike Junk- Salina, President of Crestwood Inc., U.S. Air Force Academy Graduate.
- Dr. Kate Lehner- Junction City, Geary Community Hospital Pharmacy Director; Mother of U.S. Naval Academy Graduate.
- Ron Lucas- Goodland, Owner/Manager of Goodland Greenline, Inc., U.S. Army.
- Andrew Mahoney- Garden City, News Director, Western Kansas Broadcast Center, U.S. Army.
- Chris Orwoll- Hutchinson, Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center President and CEO; U.S. Naval Academy Graduate.
- Bekki Pribil- Pratt, Community Volunteer, U.S. Air Force Reserves.
- Paula Ripple- Dodge City, Dodge City High School English Instructor; Mother of U.S. Air Force Academy Graduate.
- Mike Streit- Sabetha, Principal, Sabetha Elementary School, USD #441, Father of U.S. Army Soldier.
- Ron Whitney- Emporia, Vietnam War veteran, U.S. Army.
- Toby Wood- Marysville, USD 364 Music Director; 312th Army Band, U.S. Army Reserves.

Moran's Service Academy Selection application deadline is September 15, 2008. Interested applicants should send a letter requesting application materials to: Congressman Jerry Moran, Attn: Service Academy Selection, P.O. Box 1128, Hutchinson, KS 67504-1128. Additional information is available by visiting the Services section of Moran's Web site at www.jerrymoran.house.gov/.

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