



Greenlawn, NY—On Saturday, Congressman Steve Israel (D-Huntington) hosted his sixth annual academy fair for Long Island students interested in attending one of the nation’s five military service academies. Representatives from the United States Military Academy (West Point), Naval Academy, Merchant Marines Academy, Coast Guard Academy and Air Force Academy were on-hand to provide students with information on their respective institutions, which require nominations from Senators or Members of Congress.

“Our nation’s service academies train future leaders,” said Congressman Israel. “They train leaders that are well educated and have the courage to fight for what they believe in—but that also listen to the needs of others and are able to see situations from every angle. As we face new global challenges, we will rely on the leaders produced by the service academies more than ever.”

Members of Congress can nominate candidates for appointment to four U.S. service academies. These schools are the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. The fifth service academy, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, does not require congressional nomination for appointment. The service academies prepare college-aged students for careers in the military. Upon graduation, graduates are commissioned as officers in the active or reserve components of the military, for a minimum of five years.

Each year, Congressman Israel nominates a select group of high school students from the Second Congressional District for admission into the service academies. Nominations are made on an impartial, competitive basis. An interested student should contact Congressman Israel’s Long Island Office by the end of his/her junior year to apply.