

7 December 1984

RADM and Mrs. J. H. Wellings, USN (Ret.)
Victoria Avenue
Newport, RI 02840

Dear Admiral and Mrs. Wellings:

Thank you for your letter of 26 November. I was pleased to hear of your concurrence with my suggestions and recommendations concerning your proposed award to the school, and I feel I have an acceptable solution to the question of what criteria should be utilized to present it.

As you probably know, NAPS students occupy leadership billets within their battalion organization throughout the year, with a different set of "stripers" being posted for each marking period. Each term these stripers are selected based on our evaluation of their leadership potential among their peers. I propose that your award be given to the Midshipman Candidate who makes a significant leadership contribution during a tour as a striper and achieves academic excellence throughout the year.

I feel this fits your desired criteria of a "Midshipman Candidate who demonstrates excellence in both academics and leadership." It also is distinct and unique from other awards whose criteria also encompass these two areas (specifically, the Naval Reserve Association Award, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Award, and the Naval Academy Class of 1936 Award). Finally it also would provide a most appropriate means by which we could recognize the importance of the contribution made by the stripers to the leadership of their class.

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Please give this your consideration. I will telephone you in the near future to arrange a visit with you to discuss the mechanics of getting the award established and to assist you in this regard.

Sincerely,

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R. W. KOKKO
MAJOR USMC

*The Dear Admiral Joseph H. Wellings and Mrs. J. H. Wellings
and academics presented to that midshipman candidate
who has demonstrated excellence in both leadership
and excellence, academics.*

*50 Date made one time contribution of \$500 for a 7 power
field binoculars such as use
stamp on binoculars, RADM Joseph H. Wellings award
for leadership and academics.
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- Letter of Instruction to U. S. Naval Academy Memorial and Gifts Fund who will administer funds.
- \$2,000 to U. S. Naval Academy Memorial Fund, Inc.
- Limit 5 years under current specifications, then subject to review.
- Specify Nature of award as "a pair of binoculars suitable for Nautical use."
- Specify recipient as a "Naval Academy Preparatory School graduate who makes a significant leadership contribution during a tour as a striper and achieves academic excellence throughout the year."
- Binoculars to be purchased and award recipient to be selected by the Director, Naval Academy Preparatory School or his designated representative.
- A large wall plaque to be mounted permanently in NAPS dormitory to record award recipient each year.

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Naval Education and Training Center
Newport, Rhode Island 02841

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