

13 May 1985

RADM and Mrs. J. H. WELLINGS, USN (Ret)  
Victoria Avenue  
Newport, R. I. 02840

Dear Admiral and Mrs. WELLINGS,

I just wanted to let you know that I have procured a quality pair of Steiner 7X50 binoculars for presentation at this Friday's Graduation Ceremony for the Naval Academy Preparatory School Class of 1985. Midshipman Candidate Gary C. BURGER has been selected as the first recipient of the Rear Admiral J. H. WELLINGS Award for Leadership and Academic Excellence.

The binoculars were purchased locally from Mayday's on Perry Mill Wharf in Newport. The funds were disbursed efficiently from the Naval Academy Memorial and Gifts Fund from the account that has been set up with the money you have so generously donated. I handled the transaction and have the binoculars and case in my possession awaiting Friday's presentation. Appropriate personalized engraving has also been accomplished. The Steiner binoculars are a beautiful set, excellent for both field or marine use, with exceptionally clear optics. Mayday's gave us a very reasonable price for such a quality pair and I elected to give them our business. I anticipate going to them again next year.

Midshipman Candidate BURGER is from Ster Heights, Michigan. Like most of our students, his entrance into NAPS was his first exposure to military life. He has excelled academically all year long, finishing near the top of his class. His conduct and military performance grades have also been consistently outstanding. Mr. BURGER was a varsity wrestler and is considered an athlete with outstanding potential. He has served with distinction as a student platoon commander and is currently an "honor striper". I feel confident that we have selected an individual whose personal qualities and professional character make him a suitable standard by which this award can be given in the future.

Captain STRATTON and I are hoping that you will be able to make it to the Graduation Ceremony on Friday. We will arrange for two officers to pick you up at your quarters and assist you throughout the afternoon. It would be a great honor to have you in attendance. We will understand, however, if you are unable to attend.

Thank you once again for all that you have done for our school.

Sincerely,

*Dick Kokko*

R. W. KOKKO  
Major USMC  
Naval Academy Preparatory School



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and*

*the Director of the Naval Academy Preparatory School  
request the pleasure of your company at*

*the Naval Academy Preparatory School*

*Midshipman Candidate Battalion*

*Pass-In-Review and Awards Ceremony*

*on Friday, the seventeenth of May at nine o'clock*

*Building 1801*

*Naval Education and Training Center*

*Newport, Rhode Island*

*R.S.V.P.*

*Card Enclosed*

*Naval Uniform:*

*Service Dress Blue*

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