

North Texas U.S. Service Academies Forum



Co-Hosted by

U.S. Senator John Cornyn

U.S. Senator Ted Cruz

U.S. Congressman Sam Johnson (TX-3)

U.S. Congressman John Ratcliffe (TX-4)

U.S. Congressman Jeb Hensarling (TX-5)

U.S. Congressman Joe Barton (TX-6)

U.S. Congresswoman Kay Granger (TX-12)

U.S. Congressman Kenny Marchant (TX-24)

U.S. Congressman Roger Williams (TX-25)

U.S. Congressman Michael Burgess (TX-26)

U.S. Congressman John Carter (TX-31)

U.S. Congressman Pete Sessions (TX-32)

U.S. Congressman Marc Veasey (TX-33)

**Lewisville High School
Lewisville, TX**

**Saturday, April 11, 2015
8 AM-12 NOON**

8:00-8:05 **Forum Opening** in the Auditorium
Robin Vaughan, Deputy District Director
Office of U.S. Congressman Michael Burgess (TX-26)

8:05-8:10 **Moderator: Marc Hildenbrand**, (COL, US Army, Ret.)
USMA Class of 1979, Congressman Burgess' Academy Board
Forum Overview & Introduction of Congressman Burgess

8:10-8:15 **Brief Remarks: Congressman Michael C. Burgess, MD (TX-26)**

8:15-8:30 ***The Five Pointed Star***

8:30-8:55 **Academy Reps Panel**
George Salerno, (LtCol, US Army, Ret.), USMA Class of 1988
USMA Admissions Representative for North Texas
U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY

Bob Mackey, (CDR, US Navy, Ret.), USNA Class of 1970
USNA Area 317 Coordinator
U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD

John Birk, (Lt Col, USAFR), USAFA Class of 1989
USAFA Admissions Liaison Officer
U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO

Buddy Finne, (LT, USNR) USMMA Class of 2009
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY

Catherine Tolliver, North Texas Coordinator
USCGA Admissions Partners
U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT

- 8:55-9:05 **Academy Reps Panel Q&A**
- 9:05-9:25 **Cadet/Midshipman Perspective**
 Cadet 2nd Class **Benjamin Barclay** (Flower Mound), **USMA**
 Midn 1st Class **Nicholas Towers** (Keller), **USNA**
 Midn 2nd Class **Kinser Newkirk** (Plano), **USMMA**
 Cadet 1st Class **Natasha Boozell** (Dallas), **USAFA**
- 9:25-9:35 **Cadet/Midshipman Q&A**
- 9:35-9:45 **Congressional Nomination Process**
Overview: Robin Vaughan, Office of Congressman Burgess
- 9:45-9:55 **Congressional Panel Q&A**
Elizabeth Cox, Office of Senator Cornyn
Joel Garcia, Office of Senator Cruz
Lori McMahon, Office of Congressman Johnson
Lorie Grinnan, Office of Congressman Ratcliffe
Margaret Smith, Office of Congressman Hensarling
Jodi Saegesser, Office of Congressman Barton
Clarín Gniffke, Office of Congresswoman Granger
Chelsea Payne, Office of Congressman Marchant
John Etue, Office of Congressman Williams
Robin Vaughan, Office of Congressman Burgess
Cheryl Hassmann, Office of Congressman Carter
Rachel Wong, Office of Congressman Sessions
Lorraine Birabil, Office of Congressman Veasey
- 10:00-10:25 **ROTC Programs/Scholarships**
ARMY **Eddie Smith** (LTC), US Army
Army ROTC Enrollment Officer, TCU
- NAVY** **Marquary Mahoney** (Petty Officer 1st Class), US Navy
NROTC Coordinator, USN Recruiting District Dallas
- MARINES** **Vince Margiotta** (Captain), US Marine Corps
 Executive Officer, USMC Recruiting Station-Fort Worth
- AIR FORCE** **Jody Addison** (Lt Col), USAF
 Professor of Aerospace Studies & Commander, **AFROTC** Detachment 835, UNT
- Student ROTC Perspective: Jason Magbuhat** (C/Col), AFROTC
 Cadet Wing Commander, **AFROTC** Detachment 835, UNT
- 10:25-10:35 **ROTC Panel Q&A**
- 10:35-10:45 **DoDMERB: Larry Mullen**, Deputy Director
 Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board
- 10:45-10:55 **DoDMERB Q&A**
- 10:55-11:00 **Wrap-Up: COL Hildenbrand**
- 11:00-12:00 **Academies/Congressional Offices/DoDMERB/ROTC/Parent's Clubs**
 available to provide information & answer individual questions
 in the cafeteria (down the hall at the bottom of stairway)