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SUBJ/MILITARY MENTORS FOR UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM//

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NARR/ Ref A is ATSD memo issuing requesting the services nominate officers to serve as military mentors for the 2026 Senate Youth Program.// POC/Ms. Katie McCalment/Civ/CHINFO/LOC: WASHINGTON, DC/TEL: (703) 692-4755/  
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1. In support of reference (a), this NAVADMIN issues guidance for officers interested in serving as military mentors in Department of War (DoW) 2026 Senate Youth Program.
2. As specified in reference (a), the DoW is soliciting nominations for up to 17 military officers (O-2 through O-5) to serve as ambassadors of the Armed Forces in support of the 64th Annual United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) Washington Week to be held in person in Washington, DC, March 7-14, 2026.
3. This unique educational experience for outstanding high school juniors and seniors interested in pursuing careers in public service was established in 1962 by U.S. Senate Resolution 324. DoW's participation in USSYP since its inception personifies one of the longest standing commitments of the Office of the Secretary of War to a national merit-based youth program.
4. USSYP military mentors represent their individual Service components and serve as role models for the 104 USSYP student delegates, two from each state, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense Education Activity. They exemplify the highest standards of decorum and protocol, facilitate inclusive and insightful discussion among the students, and assist USSYP staff with implementing the week's agenda and activities.
5. Each military mentor is assigned a group of student delegates for the duration of the program, presenting a unique opportunity for these bright and influential young Americans to gain a better understanding of DoW's mission, people, and interrelationship with the other branches of the Federal Government.
6. Nominees must be available for all training and program participation in Washington, DC, from March 2 through March 14, 2026. Application requirements are specified at <https://dod365.sharepoint-mil.us/sites/OSDPA-Senate-Youth?web=1&clickparams=eyJiWC1BCHBOYW1lIiA6ICJNaWNyb3NvZnQgT3V0bG9vayIsICJYLUFwcFZlcnNpb24iIDogIjE2LjAuMTkyMzEuMjAyNDYiLCAiT1MiIDogIldpbmRvd3MiIH0%3d>.

The internal Navy deadline to apply is December 12, 2025. The Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs will subsequently

facilitate final assessments and announce military mentor selections by mid-January 2025.

7. For additional questions pertaining to this NAVADMIN, please contact Ms. Katie McCalment at (703) 692-4755.

8. Released by RDML J. A. Robinson, Chief of Information.//

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