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Dear Fellow American:

The common mission of our U.S. Service Academies is to develop future leaders for our armed forces. Many of these extraordinary young men and women go on to serve their country as leaders in all elements of our society. Particularly when America is at war, it is gratifying to meet these talented and dedicated young people who have accepted the difficult challenges of our service academies.

It is a tradition in many parts of the country to honor these young men and women at a formal event during the holiday season. This year's annual Western Pennsylvania Service Academies Ball is Saturday, December 27, 2008, at the historic Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall in Pittsburgh.

This year, we are especially fortunate to have four-star Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, as our Guest of Honor. Jon is a Pittsburgh area native from Butler County and my USNA '75 classmate. We know you will want to make every effort to support one of our nation's highest ranking officers through your attendance at the Ball.

We are asking businesses and individuals to help us by sponsoring this patriotic event. In doing so, you enable the young cadets and midshipmen to attend. All levels of sponsorship are listed on the enclosed form and all sponsors have the opportunity to be listed in the program.

If you can help continue this tradition by making possible this salute to our outstanding young men and women of the service academies, please return the enclosed form and your contribution by November 15, 2008.

Thank you in advance for your support of the next generation of America's leaders.

Very truly yours,

F. Michael Langley, U.S. Naval Academy, Class of 1975
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