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CRAIG ANNOUNCES 2008 SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINEES

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Idaho Senator Larry Craig has nominated 32 of Idaho’s best and brightest young people for appointment to our nation’s military service academies for the year 2008 -- the Class of 2012.

“Idaho continues to produce young people who are remarkably qualified for the rigors of our service academies,” Craig said. **“In their young lives, this year’s students have already demonstrated excellent leadership capabilities and strength of character. This nation depends on those who dedicate their lives to defend the values and liberties we hold dear. It is a privilege to nominate them for the four service academies.”**

Potential nominees were selected based upon criteria such as their academic record, class standing, and potential for leadership. The following is a list of nominees and their hometowns:

Merchant Marine

Barber, Alexander	Jerome
Caliva, Tony	Idaho Falls
Coats, Shelby	Rupert
Cramer, Chas	Caldwell
Critser, Kristi	Nampa
Heller, Kaitlyn	Boise
Hughes, Will	Sandpoint
Kunz, Ashley	Boise
Polk, Beau	Coeur d’Alene
Sampson, Cooper	Boise

Naval Academy

Altman, Mark	Hayden
Bean, Jake	Idaho Falls
Busby, Jake	Buhl
Cuslidge, Catie	Meridian
Fletcher, Claire	Boise
Hughes, Will	Sandpoint
Polk, Beau	Coeur d’Alene
Puckett, Nick	Athol
Remer, Courtney	Pocatello
Rydalch, Tyson	Sugar City

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Air Force Academy

Acker, Christine	Boise
Caliva, Tony	Idaho Falls
Coats, Shelby	Rupert
Cortabitarte, Pedro	Boise
Cressy, Kyle	Boise
McGinnis Welsh, Dan	Cascade
Perkins, Christopher	Marion
Pierson, Megan	Gooding
Sampson, Cooper	Boise
Travis, Carolyn	Hayden

US Military Academy

Barber, Alexander	Jerome
Cappo, Chase	Eagle
Cramer, Chas	Caldwell
Davis, Katrina	Jerome
Davis, Grady	Lewiston
Keele, Sam	Idaho Falls
Krause, Jake	Post Falls
Kunz, Ashley	Boise
Miesner, Keegan	Star
Swanson, John	Moscow