

**INCLUSION - 2026 NDAA - ESTABLISH DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY COMMISSION  
FOR FIVE SERVICE ACADEMIES  
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The Secretary of Defense shall establish a commission, hereafter referred to as the Duty Honor Country Commission (DHCC), to investigate the United States Military Academy, the United States Naval Academy, the United States Air Force Academy, the United States Coast Guard Academy and the United States Merchant Marine Academy (collectively “Service Academies”) and to establish what must be done for them to serve the needs of their respective services and the Nation for the rest of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and beyond. The Secretary of Defense will appoint a Blue-Ribbon panel as Commissioners.

The DHCC shall evaluate and recommend how to restore the Service Academies to their fundamental purpose, status, and trust. The DHCC shall evaluate the Service Academies’ primary function to produce leaders of character to deter, fight and win our wars. The Commission shall inquire into the morale; discipline; social climate; curriculum; instruction; instructor military/civilian composition and qualifications; physical equipment; fiscal affairs; academic methods; and other matters relating to each Service Academy.

The Commission shall establish a professional staff, contracted through the General Services Administration. It will provide an interim progress report 90 days after establishment of the Commission, and within a maximum of 180 days a final report, to the President, the Senate Armed Services Committee, the House Armed Services Committee, and the Secretary of Defense on what needs to be retained, restored, removed, or improved at each of the Service Academies. In turn, the Secretary of Defense will report to the President, the Senate Armed Services Committee and the House Armed Services Committee the changes recommended by the Commission.