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WASHINGTON D.C. --- FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, (D-WV), HAS ANNOUNCED THAT OCTOBER 15, 1977 IS THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS TO THE NATION'S MILITARY ACADEMIES.

"Any young man or woman, who is interested in attending the Military, Naval, Air Force, Merchant Marine or Coast Guard Academy, should supply me with their name, Social Security number, date of birth and date of their High School graduation by Oct. 15,"

Congressman Rahall pointed out.

RAHALL EXPLAINED THAT THE EARLY DEADLINE IS SET, TO PROVIDE HIGH School graduates in the Fourth Congressional District with a better chance of favorable consideration by the academies. "The sooner I receive the needed information from the student, the sooner the academy will be able to make a decision," Rahall Said.

"Southern West Virginia has a proud history of providing topnotch individuals to our nation's military services, and I feel West Virginia's young people deserve the best opportunity possible to serve the United States in the future," Congressman Rahall concluded.