

Admissions information will be provided to students, teachers□

PHOENIX, Ariz - High school students who are interested in exploring educational opportunities at the nation's five service academies are invited to attend Congressman Pastor's Military Academy Conference Feb. 8 at Cesar Chavez High School.

The Academy Conference will be held Feb. 8, a Wednesday, at 6 p.m. at Cesar Chavez High School, 3921 W. Baseline Road, Laveen. The school is at 39th Avenue and Baseline Road. It will feature representatives from West Point, the Air Force, Naval, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine academies.

Students, parents, teachers, counselors and administrators are encouraged to attend to become acquainted with academy representatives and their admission requirements, Pastor said. The event is free and open to the public.

To attend one of the five service academies, students must be nominated by their U.S. Representative or Senator. Each year, Pastor nominates numerous students who live in his congressional district. Pastor represents the Fourth Congressional District, which consists of Phoenix from roughly 44th Street to 83rd Avenue and South Mountain to Bethany Home Road. The district also includes the town of Guadalupe and south Glendale.

"Students should take a serious look at the pursuit of an education through a federal service or military academy because they provide excellent higher educational and career opportunities," Pastor said. "I offer this evening for students and parents to ask questions and gather information about the application process."

Applicants usually need to be: at least 17 years of age and under 23; U.S. citizens; unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents; able to

show good character, scholarship and leadership skills, physical aptitude and medical fitness.

Questions about admission to the academies may be directed to Michele Trejo in Congressman Pastor's Office at 602-256-0551 or michele.trejo@mail.house.gov .