



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C., JULY 21, 1972 -- Senator Bob Dole today announced his appointments to the U.S. Air Force, Merchant Marine, Military (West Point) and Naval Academies.

Dole said the selection for appointment was made on a, "strictly competitive basis."

The appointments are:

West Point - Wayne Converse, RFD 1; Halstead.- son of Dr. and Mrs. Harold D. Converse. Wayne graduated from Newton High School in 1972.

Air Force Academy - William D. Metzler, Brewster - son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle E. Metzler. William graduated from Brewster Unified District #314 in 1972.

Naval Academy - Micky D. Smejkal, Glasco - son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwaine E. Smejkal. Micky graduated from Glasco High School in 1972.

Merchant Marine Academy - Michael D. Esher, Ft. Leavenworth - son of Maj. and Mrs. John D. Esher. Michael graduated from Leavenworth High School in 1972.

- Jerry Kastner, Topeka - son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Kastner. Jerry graduated from Seaman High School in 1972.

- Dennis Strahl, Prairie Village - son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Strahl. Dennis graduated from Shawnee Mission West in 1972.

Senator Dole said, "The best qualified candidates were selected on the basis of tests stressing academic ability and leadership qualities. Kansas has a great tradition in military leadership exemplified by the late General Eisenhower and I am certain these young men will continue that tradition."