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It stands without question that our country sorely needs a source of leaders of character dedicated to selfless service in the civilian sector — a source, moreover, under the control of the Federal Government and above politics.

Lt. Gen. Dave Palmer, former superintendent, U.S. Military Academy

Academy Bill Gains Co-sponsors

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The U.S. Public Service Academy Act (S. 3958 and H.R. 6221), which was introduced last month by Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA) and Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-NY) and Rep. Christopher Shays (R-CT) and Rep. Jim Moran (D-NY), has several more co-sponsors: Sens. Edward Kennedy (D-MA) and Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) and Reps. Tom Davis (R-VA), Harold Ford (D-TN), and Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX) all have rallied to support our cause. With the November elections around the corner, we do not anticipate more movement until the next Congress. The [text](#) of the legislation is accessible via our website. We encourage you to read it and give us your feedback.



Former FEMA Head James Lee Witt Joins Growing Advisory Board

James Lee Witt, the widely-respected head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the 1990s, joined the Academy's Board of Advisors in October. Other new board members include: **Alma Blount**, Director of the Hart Leadership Program at Duke University; **David Cohen**, Founder of the Advocacy Institute; **William Damon**, Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution; **Karen Kalish**, President of Kalish Communications; and **Sidney Schwarz**, Founder of PANIM, the Institute for Jewish Leadership and Values. Welcome aboard, everyone!

More Media, More Media, More Media

In October, the Academy was featured in the *PA Times*, the *Greentree Gazette*, and the *Christian Science Monitor*, and we could be heard on the *Sammy and Army Show* and *WBAI* in New York. If you want to support our media effort by writing a letter to the editor of your local paper, let us know.

Tidbit...

of senators supporting the Academy bill: **4**
needed to pass the bill: **51**
of representatives supporting the Academy bill: **5**
needed to pass the bill: **218**
There's the challenge. Onward!

Military Supports Academy Effort

In the ten months since we launched this project, our strongest supporters have been military personnel, particularly people with experience at one of the military academies. In October, Chris Myers Asch joined Naval Academy graduate and career public servant Carl Jensen on a visit to the Naval Academy, where we met with administrators to discuss how the Public Service Academy can benefit from the model and the resources of the USNA. We also had the fortune to meet several midshipmen who embody the service and leadership that we hope to develop for the civilian sector. The enthusiasm with which everyone at the Naval Academy has greeted our effort is humbling and inspiring.

Next month, we will visit the U.S. Military Academy in West Point to see firsthand how its Cadet Leadership Development System works. Our task forces are alive with West Pointers who are helping us apply their lessons of leadership to a civilian Academy, and former West Point superintendents Dave Palmer and Dan Christman have been invaluable supporters.

While some civilians may find the military's support surprising, it makes perfect sense to us. Military leaders are public servants who grasp intuitively how a mission-driven, service-oriented Academy would be far different from any civilian college. They also know firsthand how important it is to instill a culture of service in young people. Perhaps most importantly, they know all too well how poor civilian leadership can harm the nation.

Join Our Movement

To learn how you can help build the Academy, visit: <http://www.uspublicserviceacademy.org>. We particularly need people to do the following:

1. Sign the online [petition](#)
2. [Volunteer](#) your time and expertise
3. Contribute financially: [Donate online](#) or send your tax-deductible contributions to the address above

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