

19 Mar 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR REVIEWING AUTHORITIES

FROM: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Character Statement for C1C Michael Hannigan

1. My name is [REDACTED] and my son [REDACTED] was a C4C on the USAFA swim team during 2017-2018 school year. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I have previously spent [REDACTED] years in the US Navy, [REDACTED]
2. I have been aware of C1C Hannigan since the summer of 2017 when my son started Basic Cadet training at USAFA and commented about the guys on his swim team. Throughout the last year I have heard of several interactions that my son has had with his swim teammates as well as squadron members and roommates.
3. The only direct interaction I have had with C1C Hannigan is to say hello in passing at a swim meet.
4. The most telling description that my son has relayed about C1C Hannigan is that he is "one of the finest cadets at the Air Force Academy!" Last summer during Basic we had heard from [REDACTED] about the various struggles, both physical and mental, that he was enduring as part of his introduction to the AFA. "Mikey" was one of the names of cadets on his swim team that he told us about, as he was very encouraging to all the freshman swimmers, continually reassuring them that they could make it through Basic and their swim team brothers were behind them. My son [REDACTED] has used the following adjectives to describe C1C Hannigan – "very kind", "fiercely loyal", "hardworking" & "passionate." [REDACTED] has also stressed that C1C Hannigan did not hesitate to call [REDACTED] out during swim practice if he felt he was loafing – that C1C Hannigan took his captaincy seriously when leading by example to the swim team, while keeping in mind that C1C Hannigan was calling him out to help him be a better swimmer, not to ridicule or embarrass him.
5. I am aware of the general circumstances regarding the situation of C1C Hannigan and the other upper classmen on the swim team that is prompting this letter. I believe that C1C Hannigan has contributed greatly to my son persevering and succeeding at the USAFA. I know that my son has a tremendous amount of respect and admiration for C1C Hannigan and he would likely drop anything in a minutes notice to help C1C Hannigan if he needed anything. From all the information I have gleaned over the course of this school

year, I can state unequivocally that I would have the utmost confidence and faith in C1C Hannigan to be an outstanding leader as an Air Force Officer and I am 100% confident that I would sleep very well at night if my son were fortunate enough to serve under his command.

