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MEMORANDUM FOR REVIEWING AUTHORITIES

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SUBJECT: Character Statement for C1C Adam C. DeRito

1. I am a first class cadet in cadet squadron 11 and a cadet in good standing.
2. I have known C1C DeRito since freshman year as my teammate on the Rugby team. I have seen him two to three times a week during season since then and have spent a great deal of time with him in and out of uniform.
3. C1C DeRito has always been an example of what good moral character and ethics look like in a person. Ever since freshman year, I have looked up to C1C DeRito for always standing by these values. He has a strong sense of right and wrong and is not afraid to defend it. Despite friendly jesting typical on the rugby team, C1C DeRito has never backed down. I have never seen him once give in to peer pressure or manipulation. He is even willing to be ostracized to maintain his beliefs. I find this very admirable in any person.
4. Not only does he stand by his convictions but he is very hard working. If he was not at the rugby field, C1C DeRito was always participating in training events to prepare him for his dreams of joining the Marine Corps. He sacrificed personal time, which could have been spent socializing or relaxing, to push himself farther to the next level. I have never seen someone so dedicated to a dream, and so unwilling to give it up. He is truly an inspiration to us all. Despite all setbacks and obstacles C1C DeRito does everything he can to succeed. I believe this is a desirable trait in any officer in the Armed Forces.
5. Furthermore, I find C1C DeRito to be one of the most trustworthy people I have ever met. I have never second-guessed anything he has ever said and I would trust him with my life. Not only is he honest but he is highly competent and efficient. His loyalty is unmatched by anyone and he never settles for anything less than his best.
6. I highly recommend that C1C DeRito be permitted to: resign with an Honorable discharge characterization; go into enlisted service (preferably in the USMC); finish his degree at the United States Air Force Academy; and be assigned either a "1" or "2" rating on his DD Form 785 which will better enable him to earn his commission from another source in the future. .

6. I am aware of the circumstances under which C1C DeRito is facing potential disenrollment and/or discharge. Based upon my interactions with him over the last four years, I am confident that C1C DeRito will take advantage of the opportunity to redeem himself through enlisted service, will complete his degree, and move on to commissioned service. In so doing, he will have not only learned valuable lessons that he can pass on to his fellow Marines, but also become an asset to our Armed Forces and leader upon whom our Marines fighting in current conflicts can depend.

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