

May 31, 1945.

The Commanding Officer,  
United States Naval Air Station,  
Richmond, Florida.

Dear Sir:

I am very happy to write in behalf of Mr. J. Fred Harris, who is at present Chief Specialist at the Naval Air Station, Richmond, Florida.

I have known Fred Harris for a great number of years and have a high admiration for him. He played three years on the varsity football team at the University of Kansas, and was a star performer on my varsity basketball team. He later served as an assistant football coach and freshman basketball coach at the University.

After leaving the University Fred Harris supervised a program for two hundred boys, whose ages ranged from 17 to 24 years, in the National Youth Administration, at Topeka, Kansas. He was outstanding in his success as recreational director in this program.

Fred Harris is a fine, clean, capable, intelligent young man. His character is of the best. He is resourceful and industrious, and realizes the value of loyal cooperation with his superiors. He has the ability to handle men, and at the same time win their admiration and respect. I am of the opinion that he is excellent officer material, and am glad to recommend him to you without reservation or evasion.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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