

Commandant

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admiral ranking, posted notices on Websites and ran ads in the *Military Times*, a weekly publication.

Rosser said the committee employed several advertising venues to reach a wide variety of potential candidates, instead of solely focusing on former students.

All applicants are required to have general or admiral ranking in the military, to have a master's degree or higher and to have graduated from a senior

service school with additional military training. Preferred candidates will have graduated from Texas A&M and the Corps of Cadets and have 25 years of military experience, Rosser said.

The commandant is responsible for the financial and administrative operations of the Corps. He is also the head of the military sciences department.

Rosser said several faculty and students will be part of the interviewing process because of the commandant's many campus responsibilities. The committee consists of members

from across campus including the Corps leaders, the Department of Residence Life, student affairs and the School of Military Sciences.

Col. Lenny Hernandez, USMC, a professor of naval science, said he is pleased to be on the committee because he interacts with the commandant daily. Together, he and the commandant work on military programs for the Corps.

"As an active duty colonel," Hernandez said, "I want someone who has experience with the military and knows what the programs are about."

Israel

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meeting with Arafat, who has been confined to his Ramallah offices by Israeli forces for the past two weeks.

Still, Israel has said it would not try to prevent a Powell-Arafat meeting. Israel allowed Arafat to see several senior aides on Wednesday. Later in the day, the Palestinian officials met with U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni.

Sharon has branded Arafat the leader of a "regime of terror" and has suggested he would no longer do business with him. However, Powell reiterated Wednesday that the United States would continue dealing with Arafat.

Palestinian Parliament Speaker Ahmed Qureia said the Palestinians would demand that Powell secure an immediate Israeli withdrawal from Palestinian areas and that U.S. mediators come up with a timetable for carrying out a cease-fire.

Israel withdrew from two Palestinian towns earlier this week, but its forces remained in four others.

In the Jenin refugee camp, dozens of gunmen holed up in a small area fired sporadically Wednesday morning at Israeli troops advancing with bulldozers. A local leader of the militant group Hamas, Jamal Abdel Salam, quoted one gunman as telling him by phone: "We are in a group inside a house. They (the Israelis) are at the door and they are coming to arrest us. Take care of my family."

Later Wednesday, about 300 camp residents,

including armed men, women and children, surrendered to Israeli troops. An Associated Press photographer driving through the camp saw many building facades with wreckingball-sized holes from Israeli shelling. Streets were deserted, and there was no sign of Palestinian resistance.

More than 100 Palestinians are believed to have been killed in the Jenin camp, and many bodies remain in the streets. Among those reported dead was Mahmoud Tawalbeh, a 23-year-old leader of the militant Islamic Jihad group who masterminded a number of suicide bombings.

In Nablus, rescue workers on Wednesday retrieved the bodies of 14 Palestinians, bringing the total of dead in the city since the start of the Israeli invasion to 60. The old city of Nablus, a warren of narrow alleys, had been the scene of fierce battles for days.

On the city's outskirts, Israeli tanks and helicopters shelled the Al Ain refugee camp, damaging some homes. After daybreak, soldiers with loudspeakers called on teen-age boys and men to come out of their homes, and witnesses saw hundreds of Palestinian men sitting on the ground in front of the mosque.

And in Bethlehem, a standoff continued at one of Christianity's holiest sites, the Church of the Nativity. An Armenian monk in the compound was seriously wounded, and Israeli troops and armed Palestinians blamed each other for the shooting.

Palestinian security sources and the Israeli military also said Israelis killed the leader of the Hamas military wing in Hebron, Akram al-Atrash, in his hideout in the nearby village of Dura.

said he had had successful and unsuccessful legislation on the Senate floor and promised to let everyone on the committee speak their mind.

"I will not dictate," Capps said. "If everybody agreed, we wouldn't have to be here."

Senators also unanimously approved the 55th session rules of debate.

Senate

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was one abstention.

Kevin Capps, a sophomore history major, ran unopposed for rules and regulations chair, winning with 36 votes and four abstentions. Capps

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