



United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps



Sullivans Division Newsletter

“We Stick Together”

<http://thesullivansusnsc.org>

November 2022

Buffalo Naval & Military Park AND Buffalo NOSC

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XO: LTJG Richard Ryan

TO ALL: BE SURE TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE *ENTIRE* NEWSLETTER, INCLUDING THE “ADDITIONAL INFORMATION” PAGE. IN IT, YOU WILL FIND VETERANS RACE INFO & BANQUET INFO.

From The Desk Of The CO



To all;

I was reluctant to have this in my newsletter piece because of its sensitive nature, but as you know, “We Stick Together”. I want to express the Sullivans sincerest condolences to SR Noah Robinson and his family. Cadet Robinson has lost a pillar in his life and needs our support. I am sure most cadets are aware that his father battled cancer over this last year and did so with his family in mind. His passing last weekend was far too early in life and I hope he rests peacefully. As we say in the Navy, may you have “Fair Winds and Following Seas”.

Please remember we will drill at the **Naval Park** on **Saturday the 5th** and then move back to our winter home at the **Buffalo NOSC** for **Sunday the 6th**.

We will be taking sizes for those who need to upgrade their dress blues and size out the new recruits as well. You will need your uniforms for the Awards / Christmas party, as well as the yearly inspection coming up.

We will need you all to dress for the weather on Saturday the 5th. You will be assisting in the annual veteran's race as we have for years now. You will be performing a range of tasks and you will be mostly outside while you perform them.

Thank you all and see you at drill.

Compliments,

LCDR T. Caughill, USNSCC

CO; The Sullivans Division/Training Ship Little Rock



From The Desk Of The XO



Hello all,

Fall is here! There are lots of signs; the temperature is dropping, so are the leaves, and we are moving back to the NOSC. Yes, this is a busy drill. We have the veteran's race on Saturday, along with a recruiting opportunity in the museum across the street. We also need to prepare for our move to the NOSC, as well as perform our normal drill activities.

I want to remind you to come to drill ready and prepared. Last drill we had a morning inspection both Saturday and Sunday. We may continue to do those morning drills until we have 100% participation. We need all cadets to come with ID's, proper uniform, with your uniform and boots looking like you are ready for the day.

Last month I stepped onto the drill deck and witnessed one of our Petty Officers taking time to instruct four shadows we had visiting, on how to do facing maneuvers, stand in formation, and other basic instructions. I was both encouraged, and disappointed at the same time. This simple off to the side, unprompted, unscheduled act is what we and this program is all about. The Petty Officer was taking care of his people. He saw their need and addressed it. I was disappointed because this does not happen enough. We have so many new cadets and with that we see uniforms not being worn properly, boots not shined, salutes not being done, ID's not checked when coming aboard, and cadets not in proper formation.

We do set aside time for drill and ceremony; but as it was pointed out to me, this time is not enough. There are so many other things we also need to cover. We have a saying that “We Stick Together”, and part of sticking together is helping each other out, correcting mistakes, helping a shipmate fix his/her uniform and maybe even an impromptu basic facing maneuver lesson with a small group. We have a quick pace at drills, but if you see something that needs correcting, point it out in a non-condescending manner. Plenty of times we yell, scream, and force our lessons upon fellow shipmates, but I’ve seen great results with a simple reminder, and a softer approach as well.

The Petty Officer who pulled our shadows to the side never raised his voice, never spoke harsh or down to them, but encouraged, and uplifted them, and seemed to get good results. We need plenty more of those teaching moments. Let’s ALL help our shipmates be the best cadets they can be.

Finally, on a sad note, SR Noah Robinson’s dad lost his battle with cancer and passed away Sunday October 23, 2022. There is a wake this Sunday the 30th and a ceremony on the 31st. I believe LT Fallon will have more information later in this newsletter. Please keep SR Robinson and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

LTJG Richard J. Ryan, USNSCC
XO; The Sullivans Division/Training Ship Little Rock



UPCOMING DRILL

November 5,6 2022

***** This is NOT an overnight drill *****

ALL Cadets will need to be dropped off and picked up each day.

PAY ATTENTION TO LOCATIONS!

****Location:** **Buffalo Naval & Military Park**

**Arrival Time 05NOV - Officers 0715
Cadets 0730**

**Dismissal Time 05NOV - 1545
*(immediately following afternoon muster)***

****Location:** **NOSC Buffalo (Naval Reserve Center)**
3 Porter Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14201

**** New Cadets: Directions on how to enter the NOSC are later in this newsletter.**

**Arrival Time 06NOV - Officers 0715
Cadets 0730**

Dismissal Time 06NOV - 1545

(immediately following afternoon muster; per NOSC regulations, we CANNOT be late to leave the facility)

*****Parents: Directions for NOSC pickup will be given at afternoon muster on Saturday.***

****Uniform Of The Weekend: NWU's (Type I's or Type III's);**

WITH CANTEEN & CANTEEN BELT; (Camelbacks approved for PO3 and above)

Be advised: PLEASE BE SURE TO WEAR A FRESH, CLEAN T-SHIRT WITH YOUR UNIFORM EACH DAY.

**See below for Seabag REQUIREMENTS.
There is no excuse for missing items.**

*Meals are now **\$5.00** PER MEAL.*

Attendance Deadlines

****CC/ACC's:** Company Attendance due to PO1 PASTWIK by **1600 Wednesday 02NOV22...****

****PO1 PASTWIK:** Division Attendance due to Chief, OPS and OIC's by **1700 Wednesday 02NOV22...****

*Attendance counts are now to be obtained by **PHONE CALLS** only.
Get your **PHONE CALLS** done in time to meet the deadlines.*

****Be advised: A REASON is required for any absence.****

Sea Bag List

-Sea Bag

-Canteen & Canteen Belt (Camelbacks approved for PO3 and above)

-Fresh Navy Blue or Brown T-shirt for appropriate NWU/Type III

-Black crew-length socks (at least 1 pair)

-Unit PT Gear

-Plain Black, Navy Blue, or Unit Hoodie/Sweatshirt

-Sneakers

-White crew-length socks (at least 1 pair)

-DEODORANT

-Brush/comb as necessary

-Hair products (hairbands/bobby-pins/hairspray as necessary)

From The Desks Of The OICs

Leaguers, more attention needs to be paid to your appearance in uniform. Ask a parent/guardian/sibling to look at you before you leave the house for a second set of eyes to make sure your t-shirt is tucked in and fits correctly, your buttons are buttoned correctly, belt is worn correctly, hair is within regulations (either cut or in a bun with “fly-aways” **pinned back and hairsprayed or gelled back**), boots are shined and **tied tight and pants are bloused correctly**. **If there is something wrong with a uniform item that YOU are responsible for obtaining yourself, get it fixed or buy a new item. If there is something wrong with an item WE provide for you, we can't help you if we don't know about it, so send up a chit.** The importance of your military appearance is one of the first things we go over with you when you come into the program, especially once you are fitted for uniforms. You can also find uniform requirements and grooming standards on Homeport (which you can find when you log into Quarterdeck). You are representing the US NAVY by wearing our modified uniforms. It is a PRIVILEGE. It deserves RESPECT.

*******If you are a new cadet that has not yet received uniforms, please wear the following:

Plain Navy Blue T-Shirt, Plain Jeans (no rips), belt, black socks, sneakers. If you are officially signed on, be sure to bring PT gear (a plain dark colored or yellow t-shirt , and plain navy blue or black athletic shorts. You can also bring or wear a plain Black or Navy Blue sweatshirt. *******

A reminder regarding emails; don't forget everything we've gone over as far as how to write an email, what's important to include and what's not, and how to sign-off. The practice email we previously worked on was just an example of how to write one. Emails about trainings are not the only type you will write, but the general idea of HOW to write one, is pretty standard. Also remember, unless absolutely necessary, emails should be sent by YOU. Not your parents. And do not have your parent write it and send it as you. Believe me, I can tell.

On the topic of emails, FOLLOW YOUR CHAIN OF COMMAND. You do NOT email the CO or XO directly (or O.I.C., unless you are a CC...or ACC as necessary.) Even if you're asking a question that only an officer can answer, it should still be sent through your chain. If you are a brand new cadet and don't know who your ACC or CC is, the information can be found later in this newsletter and on the Division Phone List.

******If you are a cadet who has completed the appropriate coursework and is ready to test for advancement, **MAKE YOUR REQUEST by sending up a chit**. It is *not* up to officers to ask *you*. Send up a chit in the morning stating that you are ready to test for whatever advancement it is, and an Officer will call you to the office to test at some point during the weekend. YOU need to know your login information to be able to test. If you can't log yourself in, you CANNOT test. It is not the Officer's responsibility to keep track of YOUR login. *If you requested to test last month and did not get the opportunity, which unfortunately does sometimes happen due to time or internet constraints, you DO need to send up another chit. Testing requests are not accepted through e-mail.*

Remember to always bring a notebook (preferably full or mid-size, but pocket sized is acceptable) and pen/pencils to every drill. **And keep them with you unless you are doing PT.******

-LT Fallon

OIC Training Ship Little Rock

Admin Info

Medical: If your Physical Exam is more than a year old, you need a current one on file. Your doctor must fill out the official USNSCC Medical Form that you can print out from "Homeport". Attachments from the Doctor's Office are not accepted. Current physicals are not only needed to attend Boot Camp and Advanced Training, but are necessary to maintain enrollment in the Sea Cadet program itself.

Registration/Renewal: You MUST have a current I.D. to attend training and drills, both locally and elsewhere. NO EXCEPTIONS. The system will automatically drop you from a training if your I.D. lapses. It is imperative that you pay your dues on time, so that you can be renewed as necessary.

****If you haven't already been told, you will be notified at drill if any money or medical forms are due.****

Upcoming Drill Dates

December 10-11, 2022

January 7-8, 2023

February 4-5, 2023

March 11-12, 2023

April 1-2, 2023

May 6-7, 2023

June 3-4, 2023

July 15-16, 2023

August 5-6, 2023

September 9-10, 2023

Upcoming Events/Dates to Remember

November 05, 2022.....Veterans Race/Recruitment Opportunity (Drill Weekend)

December 10, 2022.....Holiday/Awards Banquet

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, REMINDERS, AND REQUESTS

-November IS NOT an overnight drill.

-Even though November is not an overnight, BRING DEODORANT. You should still have it to put on when changing back into your uniform after PT/PRT.

-Effective IMMEDIATELY, any cadet below the rank of Petty Officer MUST have a Canteen and Canteen Belt; Military style, not Scout style. IT IS CONSIDERED PART OF YOUR UNIFORM. If you are a Petty Officer of any level, you are allowed to wear a Camelback if you prefer, but it needs to be plain black, (coyote brown is fine for Type III's) or the appropriate print to match your uniform type. If you are a Petty Officer and do not use a Camelback, you must have a canteen.

-The switch to Dress Blues and Winter Salt & Peppers has taken effect.

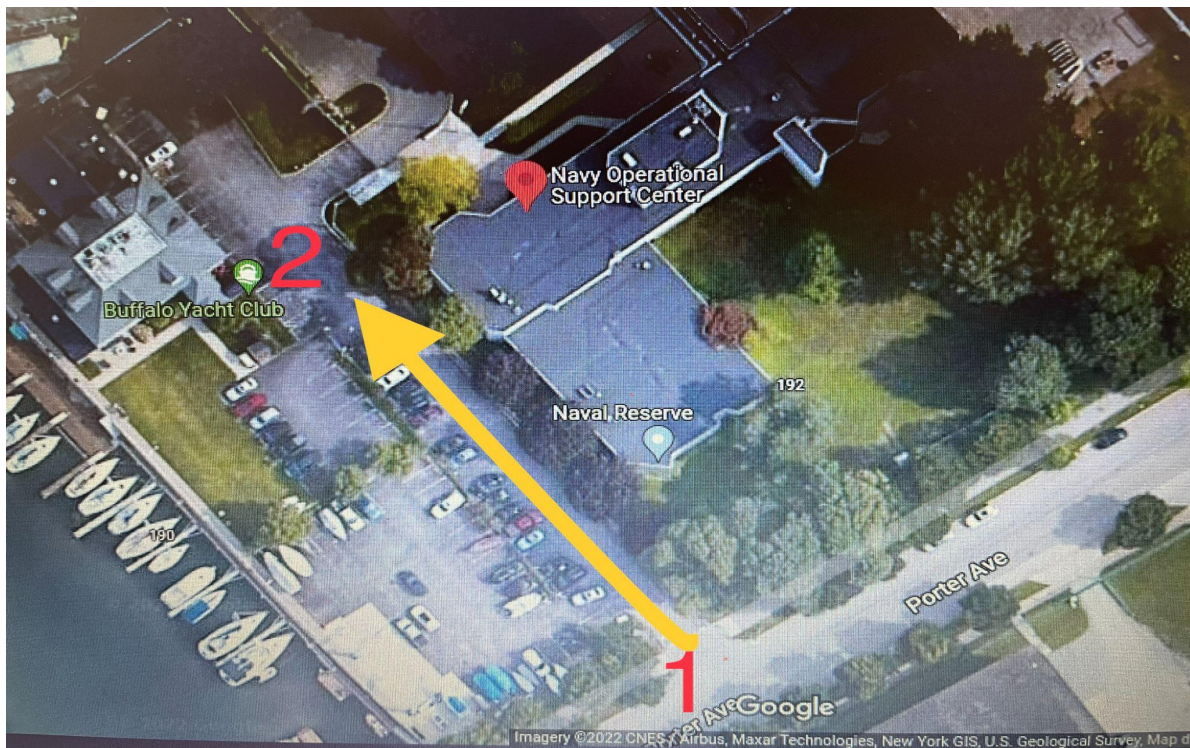
-The PRT will be run at November drill ONLY for those who were absent from October Drill; this is not for "bettering" your time.

-Reminder: EVERY email that includes an officer as a recipient, MUST include a second officer. This is not just a unit regulation, it is a full program regulation set forth by National Headquarters. Please note: even though it's "in the name", a Petty Officer does **NOT** count as an Officer; the regulation is in regards to ADULT Officers. If you are unsure of how to "copy/cc" someone to an email, ask someone for help. It is imperative that this regulation be followed. Please use "cc", NOT "bcc". If you send an email to a fellow cadet and copy an officer on it for some reason, you then have to copy ANOTHER officer on it.

-For new cadets (and anyone else not sure)... **REMEMBER:** if you need to ask a question, make a request, share information, etc with an adult officer, you **NEED TO GO THROUGH YOUR CHAIN OF COMMAND**. That being said, any Cadet who is not in a leadership position should be calling or emailing their ACC (or CC if your company does not have an ACC) to begin the chain. **You do not contact senior leadership directly**, especially the CO and XO. Currently, the ACC for League Cadets is LC3 Boutakhoust. The ACC for RTC is SN Stoddard. Those cadets will continue the chain until it reaches the appropriate recipient and the issue will be resolved as necessary. Additionally, ACC's, CC's, LPO: you need to be checking your cadet email **daily**; you are in leadership positions and if your cadets are reaching out to senior leadership, YOU need to make sure it gets passed up.

-Veterans Race: As stated above, we will be outside for most of our assigned tasks for the Veterans Race on Saturday. Expected weather at this point is partly cloudy, high 40's/low 50's and consider the fact that we will be near the water. DRESS APPROPRIATELY. That being said, we will be in public and must be able to be recognized as Sea Cadets. You should wear your full set of NWU's/Type III's, and if you feel you will need more warmth for a layer **underneath your blouse**, you can wear a plain black turtleneck or a long sleeve (appropriate for that uniform) colored shirt. You may also wear a PLAIN BLACK jacket or zip-up fleece. Acceptable head wear if you are not wearing a Recruit cover or 8-point is a PLAIN BLACK knit watch-cap. If you feel you will need gloves, PLAIN BLACK knit or thin fleece gloves are acceptable; NOT big, bulky winter snow gloves.

-NOSC: More details will be given at Saturday afternoon muster for NOSC pickup directions, but below you will find a quick explanation of drop-off options; this is more for cadets that have not yet attended a drill at the NOSC, but is a good reminder for others. Additionally, if you are an experienced cadet who arrives and notices a new cadet looking unsure or nervous of where to go, please help guide them.



-Cadets can get dropped off at "1" and walk up the driveway to be let in at security, or be dropped off at "2" and be let in by security right there, but it is difficult for parents to turn their car around to leave out the same way. When you get to security to be let in, **YOU WILL NEED YOUR I.D.** If you are new and haven't received it yet, let them know. You can also ask them where the door is to enter the building. Any new parents that need to come in to turn in or sign paperwork, you will need to park on the street and walk up the driveway to security as well. **I.D. is required.**

-Awards Banquet/Christmas Party: We have secured our location for the 2022 Year End Awards and Christmas Party on **December 10th** (this is our Saturday drill day for December). We are in need of gift baskets or any other items for our raffles. Tickets will be \$20 per person with ages 4 and younger free. A full schedule of events will be released in the near future. The event will be held at:

Hamburg Township VFW, Post 1419

2985 Lakeview Rd.

Hamburg, NY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

CHRISTOPHER ROBINSON

JANUARY 25, 1974

OCTOBER 23, 2022

VISITATION

OCTOBER 30, 2022

12:00PM TO 4:00PM

Marley Funeral Home

135 Main Street

Attica, NY 14011

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

OCTOBER 31, 2022 10:00 AM

Alden Community Church

1400 Sullivan Rd, Alden 14004

BURIAL

OCTOBER 31, 2022

Immediately following service

Forest Hill Cemetery

40 High Street

Attica, NY 14011



MEMORIAL BUFFET

OCTOBER 31, 2022 12PM

The Columns Banquets @ Alton's

2221 Transit Road

Elma, NY 14059