



United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps



Sullivans Division Newsletter

“We Stick Together”

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Buffalo Naval & Military Park

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XO: LTJG Richard Ryan

TO ALL: BE SURE TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE “ADDITIONAL INFORMATION” PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

From The Desk Of The CO



WELCOME TO FALL

Thank you to the cadets and officers who attended this years version of the Acorn Run at the Genesee County Park. I am still not sure who won the football game but I understand SN C. Pawli caught a ball. Thank you all again.

Now let's cover a few items:

- October drill “IS NOT” an overnight drill for cadets. Officers will be allowed to stay if you wish.

-We announced at last drill that all cadets **lower** than Petty Officer are **required** to have a “**Canteen**” **with belt**, not a water bottle or Camelback. Petty Officers without a Camelback are also required to have a canteen and belt. We relaxed the canteen rule over the last year or so and it has gone horribly wrong. We will begin enforcing the canteens as of November drill.

-As the leaves change, so do we. Please try your dress whites on **before** drill so we can start pulling dress blues. League cadets should also get their dress uniform ready. We have our annual Christmas and Awards banquet coming, as well as our inspection. Do not wait on getting your size for the blues or making them correct with patches etc.

-As the XO will tell you below, we have been totally reconstructing our website and have soft launched the site as of a week ago. We have upgraded the site to have more features, options for the Division, as well as more information towards optimizing our recruiting efforts. We will add to the site as needed and have plans to add a section for parents. We also need more current pictures and would love to see any you may have. Be advised that any picture you send in will authorize us to use them towards any media outlet in the future.

-Finally. PRT, PRT, PRT! PT Clothing and sneakers are required. Be advised, You **will** run the PRT in boots and uniform if you do not have the PT gear.

See you next week!

Compliments,

LCDR T. Caughill, USNSCC

CO; The Sullivans Division/Training Ship Little Rock



From The Desk Of The XO



Hello all,

October is here and with that, the colder weather and a change of uniform. This month we change over from dress whites to dress blues (and from summer Salt & Peppers to winter Salt & Peppers). We will make time at October drill to make sure you have what you need for your dress blues. You need to know what you need. Please come to drill with a list of items that don't fit or that you are missing. It was brought to my attention that several cadets were not properly dressed for the colder weather during the Acorn Race this past weekend. Parents and cadets need to make sure all have cold weather gear for drills and events. Make sure you have gloves, hats, and coats for any events we have, especially if we will be outside. When in uniform, your gloves, and hats should be plain black. Your coats should be plain black as well, or a uniform appropriate parka. These are the uniform regulations that stand, *unless otherwise approved*. (This is more apt to be done for training rather than public events).

PRT's are a theme for this drill as well. We will be running the PRT for all, I trust you are ready for it. Please come to drill with PT gear including running shoes. Every time we run the PRT someone seems to have forgotten their running shoes and is seen running the mile in boots. There is nothing funnier looking than a cadet in a t-shirt, shorts and black boots, but it sure doesn't help your run score.

The unit has been busy bringing our unit website up to date and into the 21st century. Cadets and parents please have a look at the new and updated website; a lot has changed and we are very proud of it. The website address is <https://www.thesullivansusnsc.com> . We have added the ability to pay for some items with PayPal. We will be expanding that store as time goes on. We have officer information, cadet information, places for pictures, and more. Please have a look and drop us a note on what else we can add, or anything else you'd like to see on this website.

I want to thank all of the officer staff and cadets who made it out to Genesee County Park for the Acorn Run. This is a big fundraiser for the park, and they are very appreciative of our help. It's also a good time for our cadets. Thank you very much to all who participated; I'm sorry I missed it this year.

Finally, plans are already in the works for our end of year holiday/awards banquet. The date will be 10DEC22, the time will be 0900 to 1400. We have a place arranged, but I'll hold off on announcing it until the contract is finalized. Please be on the lookout for requests for baskets, donations, and obviously the location.

LTJG Richard J. Ryan, USNSCC

XO; The Sullivans Division/Training Ship Little Rock



UPCOMING DRILL

October 15,16 2022

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

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

Location: Buffalo and Erie County Naval And Military Park

**Arrival Time 15OCT - Officers 0715
Cadets 0730**

**Dismissal Time 15OCT - 1545
*(immediately following afternoon muster)***

**Arrival Time 16OCT - Officers 0715
Cadets 0730**

**Dismissal Time 16OCT - 1545
*(immediately following afternoon muster)***

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

WITH A WATER BOTTLE OR CANTEEN;

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 **\$15** for the weekend, to be *paid at lunch on Saturday.*
(This covers lunch on both Saturday and Sunday)

Attendance Deadlines

****CC/ACC's:** Company Attendance due to PO1 PASTWIK by **1600 Wednesday 12OCT22...****

****PO1 PASTWIK:** Division Attendance due to Chief, OPS and OIC's by **1700 Wednesday 12OCT22...****

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

Sea Bag List

- Sea Bag
- Water Bottle/Canteen**
- 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. I, for one, am really having a hard time with the fact that I am constantly having to point the SAME issues out to the SAME cadets month-after-month. Look in the mirror before you leave the house. 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 **tyed 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 went over last month 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 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

November 5-6, 2022

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

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, REMINDERS, AND REQUESTS

-October IS NOT an overnight drill for cadets.

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

-Effective beginning in November, 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 October drill.

-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.

-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 RTC ACC 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.
