



United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps



Sullivans Division Newsletter

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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



To all;

Prior to drill, be sure to try on the dress uniform that you are required to wear during the winter months. Any Sea Cadet that has a Dress Blue uniform that no longer fits, or was not issued a set at all, needs to report that information up their chain (**by chit**) on Saturday morning of drill. If you have a set, but any or all of it doesn't fit, be sure to bring it with you to drill to trade in for the size you need.

Compliments,

LCDR T. Caughill, USNSCC

CO; The Sullivans Division/Training Ship Little Rock



From The Desk Of The XO



Summer of 2022 has come to a conclusion! What a summer it has been. In addition to some great weather here in Buffalo, we have had a jammed packed schedule. The Buffalo Training was one of our largest trainings held here in Buffalo. Thanks to the tremendous effort of our very own Commanding Officer, the training was a complete success. In addition, our Buffalo NY area is being considered as a regional training location because of the overall success we have had with this *and* past trainings.

We had an opportunity to attend the Erie County Fair alongside the Navy Recruiters. Aside from a few hiccups on the navy side it looks like the recruiting effort by those in attendance was a success. We have already had many responses from people who saw us at the fair. Thank you, and a big Bravo Zulu, to all in attendance, especially LT Fallon who coordinated the schedule and was our point of contact for the Navy. For those who attended, we are looking at a few ways to recognize your attendance, stay tuned.

We also had a couple of Colorguards for the Naval Park that we were requested to do. The Naval Park is a great partner with us. It is very important that we respond to them when they request something from us. The two Colorguards took place, not without some confusion, and some extra effort on PO3 Parish's part. There ***needs*** to be better and prompt communication when it comes to attendance in various functions. Thank you to all who did attend, especially PO3 Parish, who really did an outstanding job making sure these Colorguards were attended. We will make sure you are all given credit for the Colorguards towards your ribbon or appurtenance.

Finally, with the large effort of LTJG Caughill, many of our cadets enjoyed four days of simulated disasters, and learning to navigate the Genesee County Park alongside our neighboring Sea Cadet unit in Rochester. Thank you to the Rochester division for inviting us to drill along with you and to experience the great outdoors of the County Park. I am sure all who attended enjoyed themselves. Thank you especially to LTJG Caughill who was our point of contact for this activity and also helped arrange the OPS for this event.

We now turn our attention to fall. **Please check your dress blues ASAP for fit.** It has been a year since you last had them on, and you probably have outgrown them. If you need a new size or have never been issued Dress Blues, please let your chain of command know at drill, so we can get you fitted properly for Dress Blues.

Finally I want to wish a warm welcome to our new officer staff. LCDR Fronk joined us a couple of drills ago. He brings with him tremendous knowledge from his Army Career, and many years with the Sea Cadets. Thank you, LCDR Fronk, for choosing to become a part of our Staff. Also new to our staff is Instructor Bergum. Instructor Bergum is a retired Staff Sergeant in the Air Force. He brings additional military knowledge, as well as law enforcement experience. He also is an archery instructor, so we will see how we can utilize this unique talent. Thank you as well INST. Bergum, for choosing to be a part of our staff.

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



UPCOMING DRILL

September 10-11, 2022

***** This is an overnight drill *****

If you are *not* a fully paid and registered cadet, you are not able to stay overnight and will need to be dropped off and picked up each day.

Location: Buffalo and Erie County Naval And Military Park

Arrival Time 10SEP - Officers 0715
Cadets 0730

Dismissal Time 11SEP - 1545
(immediately following afternoon muster)

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

WITH A WATER BOTTLE OR CANTEEN;

****Cadets who do not have a water bottle or canteen will be required to purchase a bottle of water from the unit (\$1.00) on Saturday morning, and will be expected to keep the bottle to refill all weekend.****

Be advised: If you do not have more than one set of uniforms **PLEASE BE SURE TO CHANGE OUT YOUR T-SHIRT.** *You will get sweaty on Saturday; you shouldn't be wearing the same sweaty t-shirt on Sunday.*

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

Meals are **\$25** for the weekend, to be *paid at lunch on Saturday.*
(This covers lunch & dinner on Saturday and lunch on Sunday; it does not include the mandatory fee if you do not bring your own water bottle or canteen.)

Attendance Deadlines

****CC/ACC's:** Company Attendance due to PO1 PASTWIK by **1600 Wednesday 07SEP22...****

****PO1 PASTWIK:** Division Attendance due to OPS and OIC's by **1700 Wednesday 07SEP22...****

*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 For Overnight Drill

- Sea Bag
- Water Bottle/Canteen**
- 2nd set of NWU/Type IIIs (if able)
- Fresh Navy Blue or Brown T-shirt for appropriate NWU/Type III
- Black crew-length socks (at least 2 pair)
- Unit PT Gear
- Sneakers
- White crew-length socks (at least 2 pair)
- Undergarments (at least 2)
- Sweatsuit or shorts & t-shirt to sleep in
- Pillow
- Sleeping bag or blanket
- Shower shoes (flip flops)
- Hygiene products (**DEODORANT**, soap/shampoo, toothbrush/toothpaste, etc.)
- Towel
- 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 *tied tight and pants are bloused correctly*. 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. *******

Cadets that still need to present their Career Outline should be prepared to do so. If you are a brand new cadet, you will receive the guidelines for the outline at drill so you can do your own presentation in the future. This did not completely pan out at our last drill, but we'll try to finish up presentations this month. If your presentation is on paper or a poster, that's great. If it is on a computer, save it in a “pdf” format, and put it on a flash drive, or email it to me PRIOR to drill and I will work out a way for you to present it. If you email it to me, **MAKE SURE YOU COPY ANOTHER OFFICER ON THE EMAIL. (A Petty Officer does NOT count as the second “officer” in any email.)** If you are not sure what it means to “copy” another officer, ask someone to help you.

While we're 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.) 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.*

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

October 15-16, 2022

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

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, REMINDERS, AND REQUESTS

-Cadets will be charged \$1.00 for a bottle of water, following Saturday morning musters, if they do not bring their own water bottle or canteen (which IS part of your sea bag requirements). This bottle is the only one you will receive for the weekend and is up to you to refill as necessary.

-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 League Cadet ACC is LC3 Robinson. 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.

