



United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps



Sullivans Division Newsletter

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NOSC Buffalo

CO: LCDR Todd Caughill

XO: LTJG Richard Ryan

TO ALL: BE SURE TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE *ENTIRE* NEWSLETTER, INCLUDING THE "ADDITIONAL INFORMATION" PAGE.

From The Desk Of The CO



To all;

Happy New Year! Time for a fresh start, so let's start strong. It is inspection time and that means we need uniforms completely squared away ASAP. Everyone is to bring their (Sea Cadet) Dress Blues or (League Cadet) Winter Salt & Peppers to drill, ****COMPLETE and SQUARED AWAY ON A HANGER** and ready for inspection by our unit leadership in preparation for the Official Inspection.

Thank you all and see you at drill.

Compliments,

LCDR T. Caughill, USNSCC

CO; The Sullivans Division/Training Ship Little Rock



****COMPLETE and SQUARED AWAY** means *not* leaving your cover or shoes at home. We need to see them and your shoes *best be shined*. Ribbon Racks and Nametags affixed. Belts, Ties and/or Neckerchiefs as required. Clean, NOT STRETCHED OUT white t-shirts are part of your uniform so they should be on your hanger as well. ALL UNIFORMS should be pressed(ironed) and creased as required.

From The Desk Of The XO



Hello all,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had enjoyable holidays. I know the holidays were a mix, with the blizzard. That was, as they say, a generational storm. The storm, some personal experiences, and the sad news of people dying in their cars gave me some things to think about. I had to go out and rescue my brother-in-law in a white out since his car slid off the road coming home from work. I also got my truck stuck in South Buffalo, while working for my company. Getting stuck in the elements can be unexpected and dangerous; are you prepared if you do? Do you know what you need in an emergency? Do you know how to survive if *you* got caught out in the elements?

Believe it or not, many of these questions can be and will be answered in the annual winter survival training our unit hosts at Genesee County Park. As for myself, I made sure to carry a shovel, blankets, and a few other necessary items in case the unexpected happens. This year the dates for the training will be 17FEB23 to 21FEB23. If you qualify and have everything in order, this is an exceptional training for *Sea Cadets*. Please start making plans now to attend; we will be looking for a head count this drill.

This is a good moment to speak on the subject of training. We had several families that enrolled their cadets to training over the Christmas break. This is a great opportunity for those cadets to advance, and I *certainly* encourage all cadets to take advantage of any training opportunities they have. Headquarters has made it easier for cadets and parents to find trainings and to sign up for those trainings. Unfortunately the process is not yet perfect and as those families found out, it can be difficult and confusing to completely sign up for the training. It is *imperative* that you reach out to *myself* or **LCDR Caughill** **before** you sign up for a training *anywhere*. Also, timing in ALL training is the most important thing. *We need to know as soon as you are*

considering going to training. Parents, even if you are unsure please get word to us. There are physical things you need to carry with you for any training from your home unit. You also need to make sure all of your uniform parts are acquired and intact before going to training. We had a difficult time getting these cadets on the road since we did not know they were going. Just because you sign up, the local unit does not get notified. Inspection is coming. For many of you this will be your first inspection. I know there has been a continuing problem getting all of the uniform parts into supply. We have several orders into the ships stores, and have reached out to other units to get all the items you need. Please continue to put in chits even if you have already done so; this keeps your needs refreshed and reminds us to look for your order. For those that have their complete uniform, make sure it is cleaned and pressed and your shoes are shined.

With the turn of the New Year come changes to the companies:

LTC: LTJG Lawson will now be the OIC. LT Fallon and LTJG Lawson will be splitting their billets for awhile so they can each learn their new assignments. I am sure they will both be up to speed quickly and bring a fresh new look to both Billets. LT Fallon has been the OIC of LTC for many years and has done an amazing job there. LTJG Lawson has also done a great job as the awards and ribbons officer keeping it all organized and seeing that everyone gets the recognition they deserve, in addition to pitching in anywhere else we have needed him. Thank you both for the awesome jobs you have done in your billets. Good luck with your new adventures.

RTC: LCDR Fronk is coming over as the AOIC . He will be lending a hand to LTJG Kromphardt since the size of RTC is growing and is expected to surge as some of our leaguers move up. LCDR Fronk also brings years of Sea Cadet experience, as well as his own military career. I wish you the best of luck in your new capacity, sir.

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



UPCOMING DRILL

January 7,8 2023

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

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

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

**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.***

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Cadets 0730**

**Dismissal Time 06NOV - 1545
*(immediately following afternoon muster; per NOSC regulations, we CANNOT be late to leave the facility)***

****Uniform Of The Weekend: NWUs or TYPE IIIs.
BRING YOUR DRESS UNIFORM ON A HANGER.**

**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 04JAN23...****

****PO1 PASTWIK**: Division Attendance due to Chief, OPS and OIC's by **1700 Wednesday 04JAN23...****

(Due to late distribution of newsletter, attendance deadlines will be accepted by the same times on Thursday, with no repercussions.)

*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

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

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, REMINDERS, AND REQUESTS

-January IS NOT an overnight drill.

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

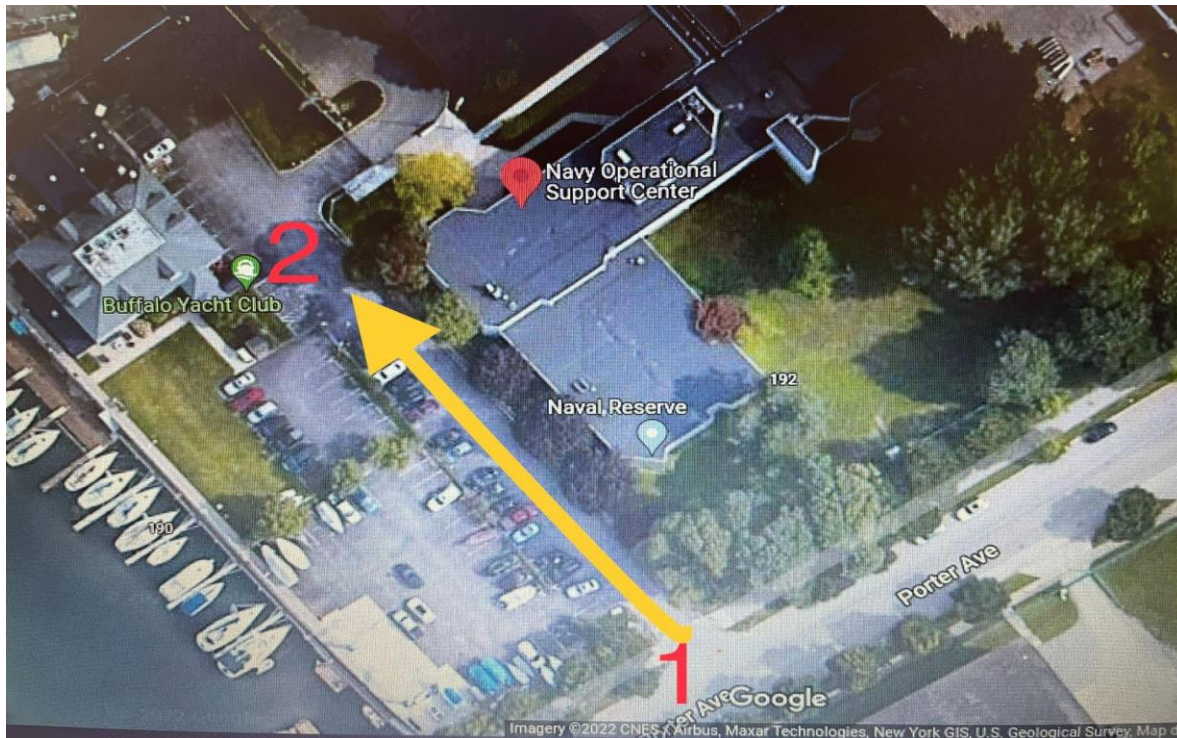
-**NOW EFFECTIVE**, any cadet below the rank of Petty Officer MUST have a Canteen and Canteen Belt; Military style, not Scout style. IT IS CONSIDERED PART OF YOUR UNIFORM. If you are a Petty Officer of any level, you are allowed to wear a Camelback if you prefer, but it needs to be plain black, (coyote 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.

-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 CC for League Cadets is LCPO3 Boutakhoust (there is no ACC for Leaguers at this time). 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.

-NOSC: *Information for parents...* Below you will find a quick explanation of drop-off options for the NOSC; 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.***

DIVISION PHONE LIST

Please pay attention to the division phone list below; Check your contact phone number. Is it correct?? Check your rank. Check what company you’re listed under. Is it correct?? If it hasn’t been changed to reflect an advancement, make it known. **You earned it, so be proud of it.**

Contact **LT Fallon** at fallon.usnsc@gmail.com if corrections need to be made.