



United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps



Sullivans Division Newsletter

“We Stick Together”

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NOSC Buffalo

CO: LCDR Todd Caughill

XO: LTJG Richard Ryan



As we have all heard by now, the Buffalo Fire Department ENG.2 has lost a Son, Father, Husband, Firefighter and Hero due to a building fire and collapse on 01March2023. Firefighter Jason Arno II was a firefighter for only three years before this tragic day. Please keep him, his family and the Buffalo Fire Department in your thoughts and prayers.

A Firefighters job is truly dangerous every day and they deserve the respect of a hero for placing their lives on the line for us. Paid and Volunteer firefighters save lives and risk theirs every time the call comes in. I want to take a moment to also acknowledge a friend and past Buffalo Firefighter, Michael L. Seguin, who was also killed in a collapse of a house that was on fire from a firework that landed on the roof on 04JULY1997. Fair Winds and Following Seas boys. RIP Mike, Jason and all fallen heroes across the world.

LCDR T. Caughill, USNSCC

CO; The Sullivans Division/Training Ship Little Rock

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

From The Desk Of The CO



I want to say what a great Winter Survival Training we just had. Even though we had more mud than snow, that didn't stop the cadets from having several night OPS, day OPS, Shelter building and of course a little public service to the park. The park staff was very appreciative of the work you did and so am I. The Genesee County Park and Forest has been a huge supporter of the Sullivans for many years and they let us come and play whenever we want. I also want to say what an experience it was to have cadets and officers from Maine, Georgia, Rochester and Albany attend the training. They liked the training so much that all the officers that attended the training have already committed to our Summer training.

The Summer Training has already been submitted for approval and is only one step away from being fully funded. The training will not go live until May but now is the time to get ready for it. We will host a League Orientation, RT, POLA and a new course on MAA / Maritime Expeditionary Security. (Leaguers & POLA July 23 – 30 / RT & MAA July 22-31 / Staff Cadets & Officers July 21-31) Make your plans now and set your goals.

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,

The Sullivans are in good shape! It's great to say that and have a checklist to prove it. Today I am sitting at Genesee County Park with cadets from several parts of the country for our Winter Training. Our reputation for putting on quality training has reached all parts of the country; as such our local training has grown out from our unit only. We have word that our annual inspection score was a respectable score. We have room for improvement; namely attendance, coursework, and advancement. The CO will expand on our scores and where we need to improve. We are also growing. We have inquiries almost every month with kids looking to become cadets, and our league cadets have almost tripled in size.

Recently I was involved in an interesting conversation. Should the United States have a compulsory/mandatory military service? Cape Verde, Chad, Eritrea, Israel, Morocco, Norway, North Korea and Sweden all have some kind of compulsory/mandatory military service for both men and women. I would like all of you to weigh the pros and cons of such a policy and form an opinion. We may discuss this at drill and I'd like each of you to have an opinion.

As a reminder before I close, HAVE YOUR ID WITH YOU! We will be enforcing this policy to its maximum this drill. If you do not have your ID you will not be permitted to come into the NOSC. You will need to call your parents to come back and pick you up or bring your ID. If you have lost your ID notify your chain of command and bring in \$10 so a new ID can be ordered for you. If you have yet to be issued an ID then we are aware and will be prepared to meet you and escort you into the NOSC.

See you at drill.



LTJG Richard J. Ryan, USNSCC

XO; The Sullivans Division/Training Ship Little Rock

Point of Importance...Unless you were never issued one, YOU ALL MUST HAVE YOUR I.D.

This is **not only** for entrance to the NOSC, it is part of your uniform and without it, you are *out of uniform*.

Reminder: “Daylight Savings Time” takes place drill weekend. Don’t forget to change your clocks *ahead 1 hour* before hitting the rack on Saturday night, (unless your source of alarm changes by itself). Daylight Savings Time is no excuse for being late to drill!

UPCOMING DRILL

March 11,12 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 11MAR - Officers 0715
Cadets 0730

Dismissal Time 11MAR - 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 12MAR- Officers 0715
Cadets 0730

Dismissal Time 12MAR - 1545

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

****Uniform Of The Weekend:**
Cadets - NWUs or TYPE III's
Officers - NWU's or Type III's

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

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

Attendance Deadlines

****CC/ACC's:** Company Attendance due to PO1 PASTWIK by **1600 Wednesday 08MAR23...****

****PO1 PASTWIK:** Division Attendance due to Chief, OPS and OIC's by **1700 Wednesday 09MAR23...****

*Attendance counts are now to be obtained by **PHONE CALLS** only.*

*Get your **PHONE CALLS** done in time to meet the deadlines.*

***PAY ATTENTION TO THE CURRENT PHONE LIST IN THIS NEWSLETTER, as there may be names or phone numbers added or removed since last month.*

*****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

RTC:

Be advised, you will have an “in ranks” inspection immediately following morning muster! As an additional reminder to all who attended WST, boots had better be cleaned and shined, including sides of soles. If your boots were ruined due to mud, please replace them. NO EXCUSES! You have enough time before drill. Uniforms should be pressed and properly worn! I.D. cards, pen and a small notepad should be in your left chest pocket.

Staff Cadets that attended WST, make sure your uniforms are squared away as well! Set the example! Hoorah!

Regards,
LCDR Lewis Fronk
AOIC of RTC

LTC:

The following is an order:

- Have ID Cards in hand ready to present at the gate of the NOSC.
- Have your sea bag with all the required components; This includes pen and small notebook. Canteen and belt. PT gear and socks/sneakers.
- Uniform(s) of the day should be cleaned, and worn appropriately with all components:
 - *Uniform
 - *CLEAN t-shirt that is not all stretched out
 - *cover
 - *belt
 - *flashes in order/worn correctly
 - *trousers bloused
 - *boots shined
- Be ready for inspection at Morning Muster.
- ***LTC cadets bring your Ribbon Rack with Ribbons to Drill Saturday*.**

I expect all cadets to have their Uniform in order. Bring a change of civilian clothing with you to drill both days as well. Lastly, it is VERY important to log onto Quarterdeck/Polaris and do needed course work and/or study if eligible to test for promotion. That is all.

Directed By,
LTJG Stephen J. Lawson, NLCC
OIC Training Ship Little Rock
The Sullivan's Division

IF YOU WERE GIVEN AN ID CARD AND DO NOT HAVE IT WHEN YOU SHOW UP TO DRILL, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ENTRY INTO THE NOSC.

We will be enforcing this policy to its maximum this drill. You will need to call your parents to come back and pick you up or bring your ID. If you have lost your ID, notify your **chain of command**, **WHEN YOU ARE CONTACTED ABOUT ATTENDANCE** and bring in \$10 so a new ID can be ordered for you. If we are not notified ahead of time, you will not be allowed entry into the NOSC. If you have yet to even be issued an ID, then we are aware and will be prepared to meet you and escort you into the NOSC.

****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.*

Regards,
LT Fallon
AOIC 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

March 11-12, 2023

April 1-2, 2023 (Last attendance @ NOSC, move items to Ships)

May 6-7, 2023 (First attendance @ Naval Park, Emergency Mass Casualty Exercise Weekend)

June 10-11, 2023

July 15-16, 2023

August 5-6, 2023

September 9-10, 2023 (Last attendance @ Naval Park)

October 7-8, 2023 (TENTATIVE DATES)

Additional Important Dates

Buffalo Summer Training (National): July 22/23 - 30/31, @ Naval Park

*July 21: Staff Arrival *July 30/31: Graduation

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, REMINDERS, AND REQUESTS

-March IS NOT an overnight drill.

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

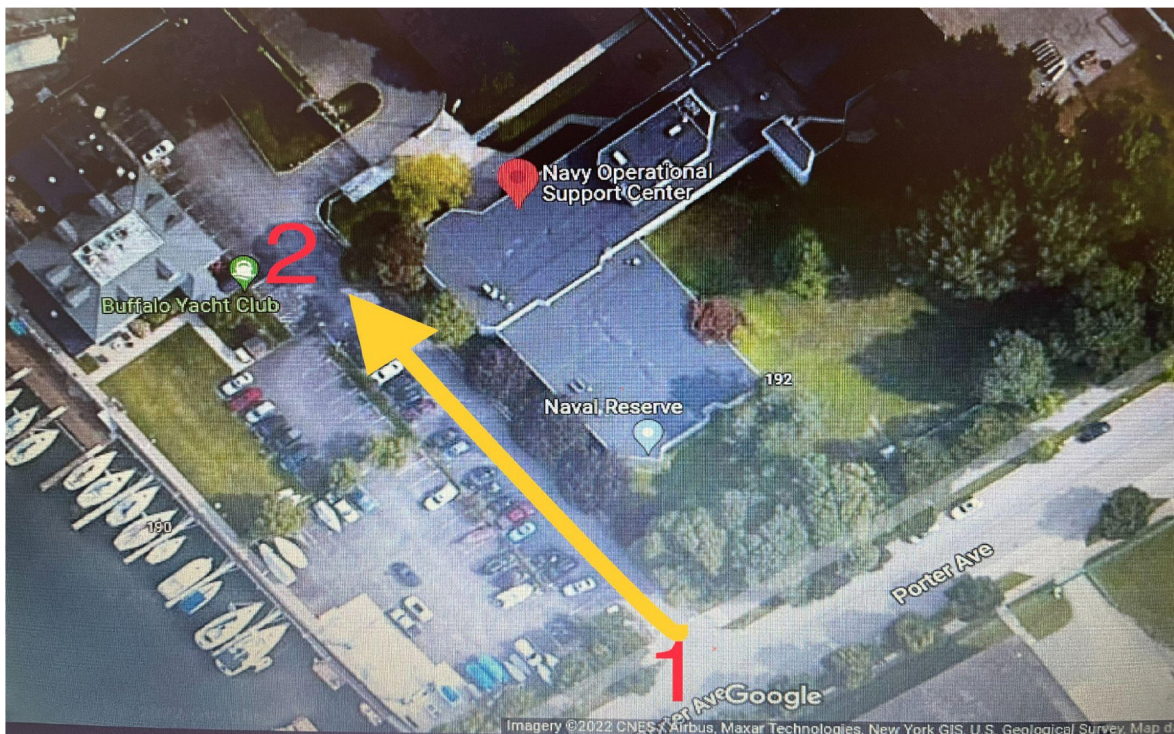
-The switch to Dress **Whites** and **Summer** Salt & Peppers takes effect in May. Now is the time to be checking to see if your Summer Dress Uniforms fit. Don't wait until the last minute. It takes time for supply to pull uniforms AND make sure they fit you even if they are labeled correctly; they may have been tailored.

-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".

-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.

-***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 that fits appropriately.***

-**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.