



United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps



Sullivans Division Newsletter

“We Stick Together”

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May 2023

NOSC Buffalo & Buffalo Naval and Military Park

CO: LCDR Todd Caughill

XO: LTJG Richard Ryan

**TO ALL: BE SURE TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE *ENTIRE* NEWSLETTER;
THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT DRILL WITH A LOT OF DETAILS.**

From The Desk Of The CO



Parents!

We are having a parent meeting for parents to help with the parent portal and what your cadet needs to know before attending a training. We will meet on the mess deck at 0815 on Saturday morning of the Saturday drill. If your cadet has been to a training, then this is not for you. Parents, the program is becoming more self-sufficient for parents and takes the strain and places another strain on the unit. Please attend if you are new or if you are a parent that has any questions about the new processes.

Training season is here and in full swing. If you are not coming to the Buffalo Training then you need to look for one that fits your schedule. Take advantage of the training season and find something that interests you. You also need to start putting more of an effort into your coursework, attendance and attending advanced trainings. I make no lofty promises about how easy this program is when you all first come for our orientation and shadow. You and only you are responsible to get something out of the program and improve your résumé of life. We will begin looking into events for us to get back into the community, service to veterans, color guards and prove that the Sea Cadets are the best in youth programs.

The Buffalo Training was opened for registration to the nation on April 15th and we have two of the four trainings closed already with cadets as far away as California coming to Buffalo. Trainings are a great way to meet cadets from around the country and get a look at what drills are like for them, what life is like in other areas of the country and possibly get to know a cadet or two that you will meet again and again at other trainings or back here in Buffalo.

Our drill will be very busy this month with lots of guest speakers, government entities and even the Rochester Division spending the weekend with us. We need you to be prepared for the weather and be ready to work. Our goal is to consistently improve our training at drills and you are all a part of those decisions and a partner in providing ideas as well as working with the Operations Department to make those training ideas come to life. After several meetings with the Naval Park, we have committed to taking stock in our summer homes and helping with the care of the ships. We can make a difference and we want to take pride in the ships and park. We as a division are spoiled to have the ships to call our own and we need to take care of them as we do at our own homes.

I am looking forward to drill and will see you then.

Compliments,
LCDR Todd A. Caughill
Commanding Officer, USNSCC
The Sullivans Div / Training Ship Little Rock

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From The Desk Of The XO



WELCOME ABOARD!!! We are back home, and it feels great. I would like to thank Commander Ciullo, and the rest of his staff at the Navy Reserve Center Buffalo for hosting us during the winter. It is always great knowing when the winds and snow blow, we have a warm and fully functional facility to head to and complete our drills. Thank you again Sir.

Now that we are back to the ships, please remember this is an overnight drill. That means you need change of uniform, sleeping gear and most importantly shower stuff. The weather can still be on the cool side so make sure you have gear to keep you warm, as you will be topside as well as off ship plenty of times.

Most of you have completed your PRT; there are still many of you that have either not passed or were not present when we performed the PRT last month. This month, we will be drilling with the Rochester unit, so I don't know if there will be time to squeeze in the PRT. If we do, it will most likely be on Sunday. Be ready.

Course work; I know it's a terrible phrase, but it needs to be done. I have been reviewing the course work being completed and we are falling behind as a unit. You need to stay on top of this work so you are prepared for testing and promotions. Once again, we will be limited in our ability to test this coming drill, but if you need to test, make sure you get those chits in and we will make every effort to get you taken care of this month.

Finally, we need to talk about community service. This applies to cadets and officers alike. There was a time our unit performed many acts of community service. We attended parades, held color guards, and placed flags at cemeteries for Memorial Day and Veterans Day to name a few events. COVID really eliminated that and we have never really revisited this again. I recently talked with personnel in Hamburg about placing flags at the gravesites of military veterans. He told me they would love for us to do that, as well as several other needs. We need cadets to start thinking about community service events. Reach out and inform us of needs around the community. Then we need you to step up and volunteer. Officers, we all need to be available for events. We need officers to be onsite for these events, or we cannot commit to them.

Let's have a safe, fun filled and educational summer.

Very Respectfully, Respectfully, Compliments,

LTJG Richard J. Ryan, USNSCC

XO; The Sullivans Division/Training Ship Little Rock



ATTENTION ALL RTC & ATC CADETS:

Please send a picture of your ribbon rack with ribbons to LT Fallon fallon.usnscc@gmail.com, **prior** to May drill, for review.

Please "copy" our Auxiliary Member, Ms. Anthony canthony.usnscc@gmail.com as the second adult.

Attention All Parents:

We are in need of a Galley Person. Please contact the XO as soon as possible for information of what the job entails:

rryan.usnscc@gmail.com

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

It is part of your uniform and without it, you are *out of uniform*.

UPCOMING DRILL

May 6-7, 2023

***** This IS an overnight drill *****

**ALL Cadets will need to be dropped off on Saturday Morning
and picked up Sunday Afternoon.**

****Location: Buffalo Naval & Military Park
1 Naval Park Cove
Buffalo, NY 14202**

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

**Dismissal Time 07MAY - 1545
*(immediately following afternoon muster)***

***PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO ADDITIONAL UNIFORM INFORMATION
LATER IN THIS NEWSLETTER.***

****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 (See updated requirement dates)

CC/ACC's: Company Attendance due to PO1 PASTWIK by **1600 SUNDAY 30APR23...**

PO1 PASTWIK: Division Attendance due to Chief, OPS and OIC's by **1700 SUNDAY 30APR23...**

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 REQUEST and REASON are required for any absence.

Sea Bag List

• **Be advised, THIS is the seabag list for a regular overnight weekend...pay attention to "From The Desk Of Ops" later in this newsletter about ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THIS MONTHS DRILL.**

-Sea Bag

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

-2nd set of NWU/Type IIIs (if able)

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

-Black crew-length socks **AND** White crew-length socks (at least 2 pair of **EACH**)

-Unit PT Gear

-Sneakers

-Undergarments (at least 2)

-Sweatsuit or shorts & t-shirt to sleep in

-Pillow & Sleeping bag or blanket

-Shower shoes (flip flops)

-Bathing Suit (Females: ONE-PIECE black or dark blue "T-Back", Males: black or dark blue trunks, knee-length or just above)

-Hygiene products (DEODORANT, soap/shampoo, toothbrush/toothpaste, etc.)

-Towel

-Brush/comb as necessary

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

From The Desk Of Ops

If you're only going to read one part of the newsletter, it should be this one. (But seriously, read the whole thing.) Cadets AND officers, we have an arduous drill weekend ahead of us. We are looking at approximately 85-90 USNSCC personnel onboard the ships over the two days.

For those who may not already be aware, we have been working diligently to plan and facilitate a full-scale mass casualty incident exercise for you all at May Drill with the Rochester Division! Additionally, we will have US Coast Guard Sector Buffalo, New York State and Erie County Departments of Homeland Security & Emergency Services aboard at any given time as instructors and/or observers. The media may even attend as well.

PAY ATTENTION TO DETAIL! *Bring a SECOND towel and bring extras of the following (in addition to the regular sea bag list): undergarments, PT uniform, NWU's Type 1 or 3, socks, boots and/or shoes.* While we do not yet know which of you are a part of which teams, **you all need to be prepared!** This will not be like other drills, if it's warm, you will do damage control in PT and/or bathing suit. If it's cold, you may be in working uniform, hence the doubles of everything. Emergencies happen in all types of weather and temperature. It's going to be a long, challenging, but fun weekend.

Also bring pens and notebooks for notes. You will be able to pick/be assigned billets Saturday, which dictates which rate specialization training you attend that day. The exercise itself will be Sunday morning.

I want to thank the Rochester Division, US Coast Guard Sector Buffalo, New York State and Erie County Departments of Homeland Security for their assistance in this. These groups are doing everything from providing equipment and personnel to notifying the Erie County dispatch and watch center for us. So much has gone into planning this.

Besides the exercise, a joint drill opportunity is available for all Sullivans and T.S. Little Rock recruits and cadets for August at Genesee County Park & Forest, where Rochester hosts an annual field exercise. After rate sign up this Saturday morning, please pass up your chain, to me, your interest in attending. It would be the weekend after our August drill.

To be perfectly clear, if you attend Buffalo summer training, and then drill, that will be 4 straight weekends of Sea Cadets. Not that we don't want people to participate, as it is a fun stretch of time, but please manage your burnout during this time period.

As always, the Operations Department remains planning and implementing new curriculum and programs for the unit. More updates to come at a later time.

Thank you, see you in May, and be prepared!

Regards,

LTJG R. Caughill, NSCC
Sullivans Division/TS Little Rock
Operations Officer

From The Desks Of The OICs

LTC:

Cadets,

May Drill will be like no other drill to date. I cannot express enough the importance of everyone to demonstrate their military bearing at all times. We will have over 100 cadets and officers and other affiliated personnel aboard for this joint exercise. Many Local, State and Federal agencies will be on board to train and assist in this operation. Saturday will be all the classroom training so as to be prepared for the all-hands-on-deck operation Sunday. Be prepared! It is very important to have a full sea bag, pen and paper, EXTRA towels (for showers too), extra sets of PT, working uniform, shoes, boots, socks, etc. We have no idea as of right now who is doing what. This is the first overnight Drill of the season. Make sure to have a pillow and sleeping bag/blanket. Make sure to use the chain of command for attendance and all other issues.

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

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

May 06-07, 2023

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

-May IS an overnight drill.

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-If you are a new cadet and do not have a second working uniform yet, bring a plain pair of black or dark blue jogging pants or sweatpants and a plain black or dark blue sweatshirt or long sleeve shirt.

-The switch to Dress **Whites** and **Summer Salt & Peppers** takes effect in May; (you will be notified when it does). 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 ACC for League Cadets is LC2 Buenafe. The ACC for RTC is PO3 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 as well (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 and sweatpants that fits appropriately.***

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.

Sullivans Division	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	PARTICIPANT PHONE
Commanding Officer	LCDR	Caughill	Todd	716-440-0981
Executive Officer	LTJG	Ryan	Richard	716-646-2362
Financial Officer	LT	Foeller	Amy	585-591-3839
AOIC RTC	LCDR	Fronk	Lewis	518-275-8538
OIC RTC	LTJG	Kromphardt	Mark	716-704-1363
Administrative Officer	LCDR	Pawli	Melanie	716-892-0769
Medical	INST	Caughill	Alyssa	716-908-8060