



*United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps*



## Sullivans Division Newsletter

“We Stick Together”

<http://thesullivansusnsc.org>

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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;  
THERE IS IMPORTANT INFO REGARDING DRESS UNIFORMS AND GRADUATION.**

### *From The Desk Of The CO*



I'm so glad we had this time together!

The time of year is here that we say farewell but hopefully not goodbye to our seniors. Three of them have been here with us, it seems like, since they were ten years old. One for a short time but put her best foot forward to reach her goals. I will admit that the three who are leaving us after all these years will be missed in the way that family is missed as they leave to venture out into the world. I wish you all the very best in whatever path you have chosen and I know you will excel as young adults as you have as Sullivans. “We Stick Together” is our motto and you can count on us if you ever need us. Fair Winds and Following Seas.

Compliments,

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



# **From The Desk Of The XO**



Good Morning. Another sunny day in Buffalo today. Summer sure has arrived, and with it another training season. Units, and military establishments, around the country are gearing up for their busiest training season of the year. If you look on Magellan there are trainings of all kinds, with something of interest for everyone.

When looking at taking a training, keep in mind if it falls into your overall plan. If you need to staff a training for your next promotion, keep an eye out for something you can staff. That SWIFT training, or scuba training may look exciting, but unless there is a staffing position for you, it won't fulfill your overall plan. Maybe you have enough banked for your next promotion? Well then, go for what looks best for you. The important thing to remember is to enroll in something this season.

The Buffalo training is building up to be one of our largest trainings ever. Most if not all of our spots are filled by the time you read this. If you wish to attend Buffalo in any way, make sure you make it known up your chain this drill. I cannot guarantee you will get a spot, but we do try to take care of our own.

Also, this time of the year marks graduation! It comes with a mixed emotion. I am saddened by the loss of cadets I have seen grow from young kids, into leaders and young adults. We are losing experience, humor, and dedication to our program. I am also happy to see how they have become young adults, and strong leaders! I enjoy hearing the direction your life is taking and the steps you are taking to make a mark in this world; the steps to be sure each of you graduates will make a mark in this world. I am proud of each of you; the cadets you were, the leadership you provided, and most importantly the young adults you have become. You are all and always will be Sullivans, remember to visit and keep us informed of your travels and successes, and milestones in your life.

Remember all to continue to do your coursework, and prepare for any advancement testing.

**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.**

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

## **ATTENTION ALL CADETS**

*If you have:*

DRESS WHITES (Sea Cadets)

or

SUMMER SALT & PEPPERS (League Cadets)...

***YOU ARE TO BRING THEM TO DRILL ON A HANGER IN A GARMENT BAG WITH ALL PARTS. (ie: neckerchief, nametag, ribbon bar, shoes, belt, etc)***

\*\*\*Even if you do not have a dress uniform of any sort, if you DO have any ribbons, be sure to bring them on their rack to drill.

**All cadets** will be seen by the Awards & Ribbons Officer at some point during drill, to inspect and review your ribbons/ribbon rack.

**Be prepared** by having your ribbon rack **easily accessible** to retrieve from your gear when it is your turn to be seen.

# UPCOMING DRILL

**June 10-11, 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 10JUN** - Officers 0715  
Cadets 0730

**Dismissal Time 11JUN**- 1545  
*(immediately following afternoon muster/senior graduation)*

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**Be advised: Type III's are our designated required working uniform and if you have them, you should be wearing them as your first uniform of drill weekends. NWUs (Type 1's) are only authorized as an alternative if you have never been issued a set of Type III's or as an "extra" or "second" set of uniforms.**

**\*\*Uniform Of The Weekend:**

Cadets - TYPE III's or NWUs / Dress Whites at designated times if able  
Officers - Type III's or NWUs / Dress Whites or Khakis at designated times if able

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

\*Meals are now **\$5.00** PER MEAL, OR **\$20.00** FOR THE WEEKEND.\*

# Attendance Deadlines (See updated requirement dates)

**\*\*CC/ACC's:** Company Attendance due to PO1 PASTWIK by **1600 TUESDAY 06JUN23...**\*\*

**\*\*PO1 PASTWIK:** Division Attendance due to Chief, OPS and OIC's by **1700 TUESDAY 06JUN23...**\*\*

*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.\*\***

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## Sea Bag List

- **Be advised, THIS is the seabag list for a regular overnight weekend**

-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 (Blue with NWU, Brown with Type III's)

-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, **NOT Spandex/Speedo**)

-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**

I want to start by thanking you all for the EXCELLENT work done last month as part of the Black Sky MCI '23 full-scale exercise. As Captain Kupperman said Saturday morning, what we did was mature training for realistic scenarios. You all knocked it out of the park! As part of it, we awarded Certificates of Citation to Captain Kupperman, Commander Murray, LCDR Peet, LTJG Clansy, and DCCS McNeil. They were incredibly grateful and thankful for the time spent with us. They were impressed and excited.

Unfortunately, we wish fair winds & following seas to LCDR Peet, LTJG Clansy, and DCCS McNeil, all of whom have rotated out to new duty stations! We Wish LCDR Peet luck in California, LTJG Clansy luck at USCG HQ in Washington, DC, and DCCS McNeil luck in New England as they continue to serve the US Coast Guard, the Dept. of Homeland Security, and the United States in her maritime law enforcement and homeland security missions!

Welcome and BZ to Ensign Baldwin who will be our new USCG Sector Buffalo liaison!

In other news, the Operations Department is continuing our build up to summer training, and is actively supporting the Logistics Department this weekend as we look to take a giant leap in the final saga of our Logistics compartment on the 0-1 level. Expect to be in working parties much of this weekend, either supporting the transfer of equipment, or in assisting with the inventorying of said equipment.

You will see changes big and small throughout the ships starting June drill! First, we now have unblocked access to the second door to our spaces, meaning those visiting Ops, Medical, or the CO/XO can enter through a completely different door than those visiting Admin or the OICs. Please keep these passageways clean and clear! We have also temporarily emptied out the cleaning locker, as we are beginning a number of engineering projects to provide better storage and use of our spaces. Cleaning supplies are now co-located in the admin passageway repair locker, which cadets DO NOT have access to unless authorized through the Operations Department. The two way radios have been permanently moved to the Captain's Galley at the far end of the admin passageway. If you are not assigned a radio per the assignment log, DO NOT grab one!

More work will be happening throughout the summer months, as our (Ghost) Engineering Department begins work inside and out. Please give way to them so we can make our spaces better!

We will be starting our own podcast (Name TBA soon!) where cadets, primarily in leadership, will be interviewed and able to provide verbal lessons and stories on leadership for future cadet leaders!

Finally, to our graduating seniors; Your years of contribution and dedication to this program is not for nothing. You have provided your cadets and this unit with much knowledge, blood, sweat, and sometimes tears. Your passion, your enthusiasm, even your boredom, helped guide us towards better activities and ideas. This is quite frankly, among the best group of leaders I have had the privilege to serve beside in my almost 15 years. Don't forget though, your service to others is not done, it is just beginning! From healthcare to government to the workforce, you will continue to contribute to something greater than yourself, in school and after. Make an impact. Be passionate. Be a Sea Cadet. Until I see you again, Fair winds & Following Seas!

Regards,

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

## **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.

ID Renewal Due: ..... Cutler

## **Upcoming Drill Dates**

June 10-11, 2023

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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

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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, REMINDERS, AND REQUESTS**

-June IS an overnight drill.

**-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. 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. You need to be prepared.**

**-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** took effect in June.

-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.**\*\*\***



## **“Senior Spotlight”**

**CPO Foeller:** Chief Foeller attends Attica Senior High School.

Following graduation, she will attend *The Catholic University of America* on a 4-year National Navy Nursing ROTC scholarship, majoring in nursing.

**Seaman Orluk:** SN Orluk attends Nardin Academy.

Following graduation, she will attend Canisius University to study Engineering and is excited to be on the Division I rowing team!

**CPO Pawli:** Chief Pawli attends Cheektowaga Central High School.

Following graduation, she plans to pursue her passion as a dog groomer.

**PO1 Pastwik**

*We bid farewell to you, our graduating seniors, with sincerity and respect. With various amounts of time spent in the program, we are thankful that you have dedicated a portion of your lives to The Sullivans Division. Your success in whatever endeavors you pursue, will be of no surprise. Please know you are always welcome to stop in and visit your Sullivans Family.*

*We wish you all the best.*

*Fair Winds and Following Seas!*

***\*\*\*Graduation for our Seniors will take place on the USS Little Rock on Saturday 10JUN. Parents and families of the Seniors are invited to enjoy our ceremony; Please arrive by 1:45pm.***

*Graduation will begin at 2:00pm, and will be followed by a small after party with refreshments. \*\*\**

## 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](mailto: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
OIC RTC	LCDR	Fronk	Lewis	518-275-8538
Administrative Officer	LCDR	Pawli	Melanie	716-892-0769
Medical	INST	Caughill	Alyssa	716-908-8060
Training Ship Little Rock	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	PARTICIPANT PHONE
Admin	Auxiliary	Anthony	Colleen	716-316-4728
Operations Officer	LTJG	Caughill	Ryan	716-906-9509
Awards & Ribbons	LT	Fallon	Misty	716-997-3726
OIC LTC	LTJG	Lawson	Stephen	716-946-5662
Supply	INST	Bergum	Ronald	716-913-5549