



United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps



Sullivans Division Newsletter

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October 2023

Buffalo Naval and Military Park / NOSC

CO: LCDR Todd Caughill

XO: LTJG Richard Ryan

TO ALL: BE SURE TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE **ENTIRE** NEWSLETTER AND
****PHONE LIST...note changes in leadership and who to contact for attendance.**

From The Desk Of The CO



See **Future Drill Dates** posted later in this newsletter. Plan accordingly. Providing you all of these dates so far in advance, means no one should say “I didn’t know we had drill.”

The dates for Winter Survival and Summer Training are listed as well.

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



From The Desk Of The XO



COMMITMENT - What does it mean and how does it look in your life? There are various ways in which commitment is demonstrated in your actions. The most important of these is following through with what you say you are going to do. Your word is the most important thing you have. Lately we have a problem with commitment in this unit. People are not following through with what they are saying they are going to do. We make plans around what we are told; we make arrangements with other organizations, sometimes based on what we are told by you. In the last few months cadets have said they are attending drill; food has been purchased and prepared based on the number of people that stated they would be at drill. When the drill date arrived, we have had close to 15 cadets that did not show. This past weekend, 22 cadets said they would be at Genesee County Park for the Acorn Run. We made plans with that organization; they had our cadets assigned to locations in the park. Saturday, we had **8** cadets actually show up for this event. Once again, food had been purchased and plans were made based on 22 cadets, but we had less than half that amount. Things come up and are unavoidable and we know that, but to have that many cadets not make it is inexcusable. I thank those cadets that came last weekend and followed through with what they said they would do. I also thank those cadets that called their chain or otherwise informed their chain that they could not make it because they were sick. We need to be better; we need to quickly make calls, texts, or emails when something comes up and you can't attend.

PARTICIPATION - Participation is another important word. How much do you participate, give or attend? I look around and see the same people attending all the time. We have the same color guard crew; when we had shooting it was the same eight or nine cadets. We have had some volunteer opportunities with the same people coming. We need to see more people willing to spend more time than just the day drills. It's great to come to drill during the day, but this program has many more events and times than just drill days once a month. We need people to participate a little more so we can accomplish a lot more.

MOVING DAY - We are moving back to the reserve center this drill. Remember we are guests at the center and as such we must respect the property and people that host us there..

PRT - Saturday is also the PRT so come ready to run! Everyone needs a current, up-to-date PRT for promotions and trainings. If you don't get the PRT in this month, it gets more difficult to get it in later this year.

BLUES - I need everyone to get their blues out and try them on. Let's get a jump on what we need for blues. We will be moved in this Sunday and hopefully be ready to address uniform needs. If you know what you need it will make the process go so much quicker.

Also, take inventory of ALL your uniform parts to see what you may need. If you need a set of BDU's for any winter training, we have them on the ships so send up a chit. If you need new NWU's lets get that now. Blues are a reserve center item. Additionally, take a look at your ribbon rack in Magellan to make sure you have all ribbons and appurtenances you are entitled to. Please make sure those chits are sent to LT Fallon and Instructor Anthony as they are our Awards and Ribbons Officers.

Finally, exams, coursework and promotions need to be looked at. If you see your name here, please come to drill ready to test or explain why you cannot.

LC1 Barr finish your coursework and test, LC2 King finish your coursework and test, LC1 Sell finish your coursework and test, SA Adams finish your coursework, PO1 Campbell finish your coursework, SR Fortner finish your coursework, PO3 Kingswell finish your coursework and test, PO3 Milewski test, SR Morgan finish your coursework, PO2 Moulds test, SR Rozier finish your coursework. Please make sure you address this, and with the possible exception of a missing PRT which will be completed this weekend you should all be promoted. Let's get this finished. 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.

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

***All ribbons, ribbon racks and rate flashes/tabs are taken care of by the Awards and Ribbons Officer. Questions and requests should be sent up on a chit. These matters cannot be handled between drills.

Also, if you have ribbons but never received a ribbon **bar**, send up a chit requesting one; be specific as to what size you need.

For example, if you have 3 ribbons and no bar, you need to request a "3-ribbon bar". If you have a bar that does not hold all of your ribbons and you need a *larger* one, you need to send up a chit with your old one attached to it and write your request for the size you need.

Chits will not be accepted if they are not legible or if they do not have a name and rank on them.

UPCOMING DRILL

October 14,15 2023

***** This IS NOT an overnight drill *****

ALL Cadets will need to be dropped off at the Naval Park on Saturday Morning and picked up Saturday Afternoon.

ALL Cadets will need to be dropped off at the NOSC on Sunday Morning and picked up Sunday Afternoon.

****Location: Buffalo Naval & Military Park - Saturday
Buffalo NOSC - Sunday**

Arrival Time (Naval Park) 14OCT - Officers 0715
Cadets 0730

Dismissal Time 14OCT- 1545
(immediately following afternoon muster)

Arrival Time (NOSC) 15OCT - Officers 0715
Cadets 0730

Dismissal Time 15OCT- 1545
(immediately following afternoon muster; we need to leave the NOSC quickly)

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 as described above)

Officers - Type III's (or NWUs as described above)

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

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

Attendance Deadlines

(Note updates of WHO to report to...)

****CC/ACC's:** Company Attendance due to ALPO, PO2 MOULDS by **1600 TUESDAY**
10OCT23...**

****PO2 MOULDS:** Division Attendance due to LPO, PO1 PARISH by **1630 TUESDAY**
10OCT23...**

****PO1 PARISH:** Division Attendance due to OIC's/OPS by **1700 TUESDAY**
10OCT23...**

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

Get your them 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 and changes to the chain of command.**

****Be advised: A REQUEST and REASON are required for ANY absence, late arrival, or early dismissal.****

Sea Bag List

- **Be advised, THIS is the seabag list for a non-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, if you are new and have not received a set yet, you will need to wear a **PLAIN yellow OR Navy Blue t-shirt and Navy Blue or Black shorts... (shorts should fit loosely & appropriately and be at least knee length or slightly above.)**

-Sneakers

-**DEODORANT**

-Brush/comb and hair products as necessary, (hairbands/bobby-pins/hairspray as necessary)

From The Desk Of Ops

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”

Over the past 12 months, our unit has got back into a very good groove. We have executed a number of color guards, special events, and attended plenty of other ceremonies as representatives of our unit, the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps, and our Navy.

Also over the past 12 months, we have seen cadets COMMIT to attending an event, only to have half or less than half show. We know life happens, and it’s okay. What isn’t okay, is the lack of communication about no longer being able to COMMIT to the event. This has put pressure on your shipmates to step up, it’s put pressure on our officers who plan food, operations and evolutions around a set number, and have too much or not enough. A simple phone call or email up your chain, with as much notice as possible, is required when no longer being able to COMMIT to an event anymore.

This month, we get our dress blues and move to the Naval Reserve Center. For those who have never been, know these few things:

- 1. Bring correct cold weather gear (READ THE UNIFORM REGULATIONS), we go outside!***
- 2. This is an active reserve installation; We share with the Navy and Marine Corps. Look sharp, act sharp, be sharp, at all times. The Navy will notice.***
- 3. If ill, communicate it, and stay home. This helps prevent the spread of disease and sickness.***

I look forward to kicking off the end of 2023 and starting 2024 with you all!

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.

Upcoming Drill Dates

October 14/15, 2023

November 4/5, 2023

December 2/3, 2023 (Holiday and Awards Banquet)

January 6/7, 2024

February 3/4, 2024

March 2/3, 2024

April 13/14, 2024

May 4-5, 2024

June 1-2, 2024

July 13-14, 2024

August 3-4, 2024

September 7-8, 2024

Additional Important Dates

Winter Survival Training (Genesee County Park)

**Sea Cadets Only*

Arrival 1800, Friday 16FEB24

Dismissal 1200, Tuesday 20FEB24

Buffalo Summer Training (Buffalo Naval Park)

****All Staff Reports 26JUL24****

RT & MAA.....27JUL24 - 04AUG24

League Orientation & POLA.....28JUL24 - 03AUG24

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, REMINDERS, AND REQUESTS

-October is **NOT** an overnight drill.

-The switch to Dress **Blues** and **Winter** Salt & Peppers has taken place.

-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".

-When you are sending an email to an officer, be sure to acknowledge WHO the email is directed at. Since you are required to include a second officer on emails, you need to make sure that the recipients are aware of who the email is actually directed at. Beginning an email without specifying who it is directed at is confusing to the recipients as well as disrespectful.

-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 LC3 Buenafe. The CC for RTC is PO2 Pawli. 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, ALPO, 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 |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------------------------|
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| Administrative Officer | LCDR | Pawli | Melanie | mdpawli.sullivans@gmail.com |
| Medical | INST | Caughill | Alyssa | |
| Supply | Auxiliary | Campbell | Mischelle | |
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