



United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps



Sullivans Division Newsletter

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November 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...especially 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. Play close attention to location details for November Drill.

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



From The Desk Of The XO



HOLIDAY season is upon us! We have Halloween, which I'm not sure is considered a holiday, but you get free candy so that's holiday enough for me. Please be safe if you are going out trick-or-treating; dark colored costumes, running back and forth across streets and people driving is never a good combination. Also of note, ***none of your Sea Cadet uniforms are costumes to worn.***

There is Election Day on the 7th of November; please exercise your right to vote if you are of age. It's not a presidential election but it is still important, so if you're 18 or over please go vote. We have Veterans Day after that on the 11th of November. In honor of Veterans Day, we will be helping with the Veterans Race at Canalside for part of November drill, **therefore we will be at the Ships for Saturday 04 NOV 2023.** Report time is still at 0730. Sunday we will be back at the Reserve center. Can't forget National Pickle day on the 14th of November! We also have Thanksgiving Day on the 23rd of November, the start of Hanukkah on the 7th of December, Christmas on the 25th of December, Kwanzaa on the 26th and finally New Years on the First of January. Busy to say the least and if I missed a holiday, please let me know.

We will be having our Awards Banquet and Holiday Party Saturday December 2nd 2023. The location will be at Hamburg Township VFW, Post 1419 2985 Lakeview Rd. Hamburg, NY 14075. Tickets are available on our website and monies can be sent in this drill, Saturday or Sunday; tickets are \$20 for ages 5 and older. Please let us know how many will be in attendance for the banquet we need to order food. **This is considered a drill date so all cadets must be in attendance.** If you can make a small dessert for the party, that would be great and we are in need of baskets for our basket raffle. If you can donate a basket and are willing to help, we are in need of both.

Hoodies and Sweatpants are available for sale on the website and will also be at the banquet. Parents find these to be great presents for the holidays.

During this holiday season, think of somebody else. We are all busy, and holidays make us even more crazy when trying to accomplish all the small and large tasks needed to finish the season. Raking an elderly neighbor's leaves "just because" could mean a lot to that person. Do it as a family to make it more enjoyable. Snow is coming and shoveling is a lot for some people. Even just stopping by to say hello, or helping them unload their car full of groceries can put a smile on someones face. Just take a moment and think of someone else.

Keep up your coursework and prepare to test. We will have limited capabilities to test on Saturday, but we should be able to test as usual on Sunday.

Very Respectfully, Respectfully, Compliments,
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

November 4,5 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. **DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOR THE WEATHER.****

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 WHO to report to...)

****CC/ACC's:** Company Attendance due to LPO, PO2 MOULDS by **1600 TUESDAY 31OCT23...****

****PO2 MOULDS:** Division Attendance due to CPO PARISH by **1630 TUESDAY 31OCT23...****

****CPO PARISH:** Division Attendance due to OIC's/OPS by **1700 TUESDAY 31OCT23...****

*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)

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

November 4/5, 2023 (*Saturday at the Naval Park for Veterans Race*)

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

-November 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.

