



United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps



Sullivans Division Newsletter

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September 2024
Buffalo Naval Park

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[From The CO's Desk](#)



[From The XO's Desk](#)



See you at drill.

Well, the summer training season is over. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer as well as received everything they need from the training season. We are going to shake things up a bit this year in our planning so be prepared and watch your emails.

We are going to move what we believe we need, to the reserve center this month. Sunday we will take some cadets and some officers and assign them to gather stuff and move it to the reserve center in preparations for our return to our winter home.

October, **we will drill at Genesse County Park.** We have been asked to volunteer to help with the Acorn Run as we have every year for as long as I can remember. This year we ALL will volunteer and we will drill out at the park. This means we will arrive Saturday morning, drill as a unit, then help setup for the Acorn run with park staff. Once that is complete, we will again drill. Overnight is usually some sort of night OPS setup by our Operations Department. Sunday morning, we



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will help with the Acorn Run and then take down anything the park staff wishes us to help with. Please make sure you have arrangements for a ride out to the park and home the next day. Be sure to plan accordingly to arrive on time and be picked up on time. If transportation will be an issue send that up the chain ASAP. We can only help with transportation if we know about it early enough. The drill dates are 05-06OCT2024.

November drill we will report to the reserve center. So, this means this September drill is our last drill aboard the ships this year. The Christmas banquet is also being talked about. Yes, I said Christmas. We need to plan on baskets, tickets, and items of food to bring to the banquet. As of this writing the banquet will be held 07DEC2024, but that date has not been confirmed yet. The location is still be finalized as of this writing as well. We hope to have a solid answer on both the location and day for September drill. Please start thinking about what you will provide for a basket, and dish for the banquet.

One last thing item of preparedness. Look at your dress blues. Put them on, check them out, get a list together as to what you need. If you were never issued dress blues, put in a chit for your blues. If something does not fit put in a chit. We will issue all dress blues items at November drill, but if you get a chit in the system during September, Supply will be better prepared for you come November.

Keep on doing that coursework, PT, and testing for promotions.

Very Respectfully, Respectfully, Compliments.

LTJG Richard J. Ryan, USNSCC

XO The Sullivans Division/Training Ship Little Rock



From The OP's Desk

Summer training is done, so now what? Well, we are already planning for Winter Survival Training, next year's summer trainings, and of course, for winter at the NRC. We have commitments from NRC staff to pair select billets with Navy personnel for on the job training, we are planning for the critical infrastructure trips, and, we are in the beginning stages of planning one of our first big exercises as well! A lot is coming down the pipe.

In other news, I'm going to hop on the bandwagon here and push for people to work more diligently on their coursework. We have cadets who have been out of Recruit Training for a year + who will soon be lapped by some of the recruits from this year's class. We have some great evolution opportunities at the unit coming up, and we want to ensure that we can place people in leadership positions that deserve it. The world is changing, and Sea Cadets must too. We need, and want, you to be part of that change!

The SULLIVANS and CROAKER will be headed to dry dock in Fall 2026. We have already been told there will be plenty of color guard opportunities, as well as community service in assisting Shane with the inventory and removal of artifacts, as the vessels prepare to depart.

Finally, I am looking for cadets to take over the Color Guard Petty Officer billet. This is a collateral billet, and will not be your only one. This individual is responsible for putting together color guards, training cadets, and attending most every color guard. This billet falls within the Operations Department. Please email your chain of command to pass up your request to be considered. Thank you!

"Never shirk the dispatch of your duty, no matter if you are freezing or hot, groggy or well-rested, vilified or praised, not even if dying or pressed by other demands."

- Marcus Aurelius

LTJG Ryan Caughill, USNSCC

Ops Officer; Sullivans Div. / T. Ship Little Rock

From The OIC's Desk

LTC:

As the end of summer is quickly approaching, I wish you all a great start to the new school year. This drill will be our last one on the ships for the season. The first week of school will be full with getting used to your new classes and schedule. Homework will become the new norm again. I encourage all the Cadets to take a little time this Labor Day weekend to prepare for September drill. Now is the time to do some course work for this drill. Clean uniforms and shine boots. Make sure sea bags are ready. Try on your winter dress uniform before September drill. Come to drill prepared and have a list of any uniform components that you may need and send up a Chit.

-LTJG S. Lawson

OIC of LTC

Sullivans Division/Training Ship Little Rock

RTC

All RT Cadets need to have Uniforms pressed, ID Cards, boots shined and HAIR CUTS!!! An in ranks inspection will take place in the AM on Saturday.

Also cadets need to have progressed in their coursework from last month, it will be reviewed by myself.

-LCDR L. Fronk

OIC of RTC

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September Drill is an overnight drill.

There will be 4

MEALS provided at

September drill.

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

Additionally, Cadets are required to have a canteen for hydration. It is part of your uniform. If you do not have one, you will be REQUIRED to purchase a bottle of water from the unit for \$2.00. You will use it for the entire weekend, refilling it as needed. If you lose it or throw it out, you will be required to purchase another one.

*****ATTENTION ALL CADETS*****

Be advised, it is recommended that you bring your ribbon rack to drill every month. It should be kept in some sort of safe "packaging" to make sure you don't lose any ribbons in transport. A ziploc bag should work fine. *Make sure it is CLEARLY & NEATLY labeled with your name.* That way, if you receive a ribbon at drill, you can put it right in the bag with the rest of them and not risk losing it between drills. It will also ensure that you always have your rack to turn in if you need to exchange it, so you don't have to pay for a new one.

Any Officer who would like to have their bar checked is also encouraged to bring theirs to the Awards and Ribbons Officer at any time..

UPCOMING

DRILL

Sept. 7-8, 2024

****September IS an overnight drill ****

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

Arrival Time: Saturday 07SEP-

Officers 0715

Cadets 0730

Dismissal Time: Sunday 08SEP-

1545

(immediately following afternoon muster)

**** Uniform Of The Weekend:**

Cadets - Type III (Type I only if you were *not* issued Type III's)

Officers - Type III (Type I only if you were *not* issued Type III's)

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

****IMPORTANT****

A parent MUST come on board the ship to pick their cadet up.

****If anyone other than a parent/legal guardian is picking a cadet up, a note will need to be turned in with the persons name and relationship to the cadet, signed by the parent/legal guardian. The person will need to show I.D.**

This is necessary for safety and liability.

****This requirement is for regular dismissal and if a cadet needs to be released early.**

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

Attendance Deadlines

(Note WHO to report to...)

Sea Bag List For Any Overnight Drill

****CC/ACC's: Company Attendance due to LPO, PO2 K. WADMAN by 1600 WEDNESDAY 04SEP24...****

****PO2 K. WADMAN: Division Attendance due to CPO PARISH by 1630 WEDNESDAY 04SEP24...****

****CPO PARISH: Division Attendance due to OIC's/OPS by 1700 WEDNESDAY 04SEP24...****

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

Get 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.**

- Sea Bag
- 2nd set of NWU/Type IIIs (if able)
- Fresh Navy Blue or Brown T-shirt for appropriate NWU/Type III
- Black crew-length socks (at least 2 pair)
- 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
- White crew-length socks (at least 2 pair)
- Undergarments (at least 2)
- Sweatsuit or shorts & t-shirt to sleep in
- Pillow
- Sleeping bag or blanket
- Shower shoes (flip flops)
- Hygiene products (**DEODORANT**, soap/shampoo, toothbrush/toothpaste, etc.)
- Towel
- Brush/comb as necessary

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

-Canteen/Canteen Belt (Camelbacks approved for PO3 and above)

-APPROPRIATE SWIMSUITS.

Females: 1-piece Plain Black or Navy Blue

Males: Plain Blue or Navy Blue **Swim**

Trunks; Not Spandex, Not Regular Shorts

**Additional Drill Dates and Locations for the upcoming year beginning in November will be released as soon as they are confirmed.

ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION,
REMINDERS, AND
REQUESTS

-September is an overnight drill.

-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



Upcoming Drill Dates

September 7-8, 2024

October 5-6, 2024

Location: Genessee County Park

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 N. Wadman. The ACC for RTC is SR Rivas-Contreras. The CC for RTC is SN Eiser. The CC for ATC & LPO is PO2 K. Wadman. 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, CPO: 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.***

Ask “The I.T. Guy”

*Have you ever wondered what you should do if your phone falls victim to the *Black Screen of Death*? Do you know the best ways to retrieve memory space without losing precious pictures? Beginning with the October Newsletter you can get answers right here! In October, we will start including an “Ask The I.T. Guy” section; if any cadets or officers have questions regarding technology and its uses, send an email to me, Instructor Kelly (cc: LT Fallon).*

*The deadline for questions to be answered in October’s newsletter is **September 22nd**.*

Regards,
INST Kelly

Supply / Logistics

Parents and Cadets,

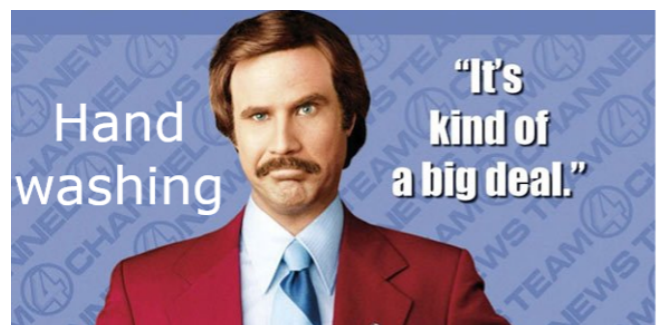
You will start to see QR code stickers on the inside of some equipment being handed out. Please do not peel these stickers off or deface them in any way. This is part of the units way of keeping track of what equipment is being handed out to who and who returns it upon completion of program or needs to swap sizes. The stickers are washable, but if you notice them starting to peel, please go through your chain to alert supply that it needs to be replaced. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Regards,
INST Stoddard

Medical

September means school, which means it's extremely important to be washing your hands and keeping germs at bay. Picking up a cold or stomach bug is pretty common and you'll bring it right home to the rest of your family without even realizing it. Remember to be diligent in using soap and water to wash your hands and perhaps even carry some “antibacterial” with you.

Regards,
INST Jacob



SPOTLIGHT!!!

Take a look front and center
at our very own
Former PO1 Kyle Stoddard
as he started his college
career at Norwich University,
beginning with his first week
with the *Corps of Cadets*.



We are very proud of you,
“Rook” Stoddard!



He even ran into another face some of
you may recognize! But don't let
Former PO3 Schmidt's smile fool
you...when shes not posing for
pictures, she's giving orders as a
MIDN. Schmidt began her education at
Norwich as a “Rook” too!



