



On September 10, 2008 the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps will celebrate forty-six years of service to the young people of our nation. Public Law 87-655 enacted on that date in 1962, incorporated the Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) under the direction and guidance of the Navy League of the United States reporting to the Secretary of the Navy, with the cooperation of the Department of the Navy.

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps is a nationwide non-profit youth organization dedicated to helping American youth realize personal success and achievement through a nautically oriented training program. Through Sea Cadet leadership, young Americans ages 13 through 17 develop interest and skill in basic seamanship and its naval adaptations, while learning the value of patriotism, courage, self reliance, teamwork and accountability. Cadets train aboard U.S. Navy ships and Coast Guard ships and shore activities, and are authorized by the Secretary of the Navy to wear Navy uniforms marked with Naval Sea Cadet insignia. Over 300 Sea Cadet units are opening in nearly every state as well as Puerto Rico and Guam, with some 9,500 members.

Membership in the Sea Cadets allows teenagers to sample military life with no obligation to join any branch of the armed forces. Should cadets decide to enlist in the Navy or Coast Guard, their training may allow them entry at an advance paygrade. The Naval Sea Cadet Corps affords equal opportunity for participation to all young Americans regardless of race, color, religion or sex.

The Naval Sea Cadet Corps had its beginning in Great Britain over 300 years ago. Lord Nelson was a Royal Navy Sea Cadet. The Sea Cadet program has been in existence in Canada for over 100 years. Sea Cadet Corps' exist in Germany, France, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Bermuda, Canada, The Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, Australia, and New Zealand. In 1958, following studies of British and Canadian Sea Cadet Corps', the idea of the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps was presented to various members of Congress, to the Secretary of the Navy, to the Chief of Naval Operations, and to the National Convention of the Navy League. In 1958 the Navy League agreed to the idea and formally established the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps and the U.S. Navy League Cadet Corps. On 01 January 1959, the pilot unit (9-1-1 Division, Great Lakes, IL) was chartered in Lake County, IL and within a year 15 additional divisions were formed across the nation. On 10 September 1962, the NSCC was federally incorporated by Congress under Public Law 87-655 as a non-profit civilian education organization, a legal entity separate from the Navy League. This law was later amended to permit enrollment of young women in the Corps. The objectives and purposes of the NSCC as in this law (as amended) are: "...through organization and cooperation with the Department of the Navy, to encourage and aid American youth to develop, train them in seagoing skills, and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance and kindred virtues." The basic objectives of both programs are: (1) to help young Americans



Sea Cadets enjoy camaraderie and values from adult leaders who volunteer their time to work with the cadets.

become more patriotic and responsible citizens, and (2) to help young Americans understand the role of the maritime services in national defense and in maintaining the economic viability of our nation. Today, the NSCC has formed partnerships with organizations such as the Foundation for Teaching Economics and the Flying Midshipman Association to offer cadets broader opportunities in areas of leadership and aviation. The NSCC also took an active part in the creation of the International Sea Cadet Association (ISCA). The ISCA is an association of Sea Cadet Corps' from around the world, whose main objective is to facilitate exchanges of cadets between member countries.

Activities & Training Opportunities

Sea Cadets are given the opportunity to participate in hands-on training aboard Navy and Coast Guard ships and shore activities and training schools. Most NSCC advanced training, such as shipboard duty and training schools, are held during the summer months and usually last for two weeks. All newly enrolled cadets must first complete a two-week Recruit Training "boot camp" before they are able to participate in NSCC advanced training. Once a cadet has completed Recruit Training they may then take full advantage of what the Naval Sea Cadet Corps has to offer.



Sea Cadets learn valuable life-saving CPR and First Aid.

The Naval Sea Cadet Corps also participates in an International Sea Cadet Exchange Program with over 5 different countries. This program was set up so that Sea Cadets from around the world could experience, first hand, how the navies of the world work. Some of the countries that participate include:

- Canada
- United Kingdom
- Bermuda(U.K.)
- Belgium · Japan
- The Netherlands



At the division level, cadets participate in community events such as parades, fairs, and special ceremonies. They may also participate in regional competitions with other Sea Cadet divisions and tour Navy and Coast Guard ships. Our division usually meets one weekend of each month

throughout the year.

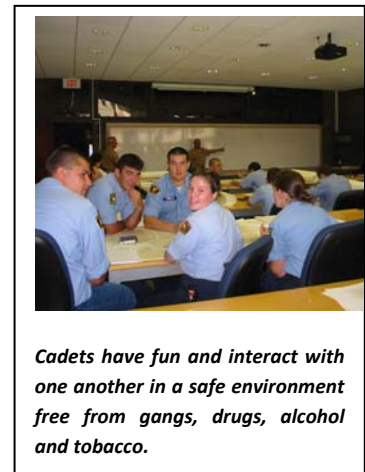
Requirements for Membership

In order to join the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, you must first meet the following criteria.

- Be between the ages of 13-17
- Be a Citizen or Legal Resident of the U.S.
- Be in good health and pass a qualifying physical examination
- Be a full time student & have satisfactory grades (maintain "C" avg.)
- Be free from felony conviction.
- Be dedicated and motivated

The following training courses are available for Cadets. These courses are one or two weeks in duration, held at various locations throughout the country.

Airman (Basic); Airman (Advanced); Air Traffic Control Training; Amphibious Operations; Aviation Ground Program; Cook/Steward Training; Diving/Explosive Ordnance Disposal; Firefighting/Damage Control; Foreign Exchanges; Honor Guard School; Judge Advocate Corps (JAG) Legal Training; Master-At-Arms; Medical Training; Mine Warfare Operations; Music School; NLCC Orientation; NLCC Advanced Orientation; Petty Officer Leadership Academy; Port Operations; Recruit Training; Sailing School; SCUBA Certification Training; SEAL Training; Security Training; Seabee; Seamanship Training; Special Boats; Submarine Seminars; USCG Barque Eagle (sailing on a big sailing ship).



Cadets have fun and interact with one another in a safe environment free from gangs, drugs, alcohol and tobacco.



Cadets have fun on a simulated ship's bridge during summer training a SUNY Maritime.



Summer training includes opportunities for sailing.



Sea Cadets learn to prepare bunks for inspection during summer training.



Naval Sea Cadets in a two-week summer seamanship course with USN sailors at the Great Lakes Naval Station.

Your son or daughter can be one of these smiling faces, learning responsibility, while meeting friends from across the country, some of which will last a lifetime.

For more information about the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps, visit the USNSCC National Web site at <http://www.seacadets.org/public/>.

~~On Long Island, we have two units: Long Island Veteran's Division located at the Long Island VA Medical Center, Northport, New York, commanded by Ensign Pete Federico petefdd868@optimum.net~~

And the Liberty (AGTR5) Division that drills out of the Combined Forces Reserve Center, Amityville, New York, commanded by LT Forrest Woodward woodwardf@verison.net or CommandingOfficer@Libertyagtr5div.org (646) 522-2917. You can also visit the Liberty (AGTR5) Division's Web site at <http://www.libertyagtr5div.org/>