

Long Island Sea Cadets Rank Top in the Nation

Story Number: NNS080918-09

Release Date: 9/18/2008 6:48:00 AM

0 Comments

Vote:

SHARE

E-mail

Font Size: **A A A**

0 0

By Ensign Ian Wolff, Navy Office of Information, East Public Affairs

AMITYVILLE, N.Y. (NNS) -- The Liberty Division of the Navy Sea Cadet Corps received the John J. Begen award Sept. 14, by a member of the Long Island Council of the Navy League and the commanding officer of Navy Operational Support Center Amityville.

Navy League member Tom Matteo and Cmdr. Gregory Erickson presented the award.

The John J. Begen award is presented to the Sea Cadet Unit that earns the highest marks nationwide as a result of their annual inspection. More than 300 units competed for the award this year.

"I am very proud of the cadets, the parents, all who support and especially the staff. Their hard work and dedication are truly extraordinary," said Erickson.

"It is very comforting knowing that the future leaders of this country are being developed here on Long Island," Matteo told the audience. "Congratulations on your outstanding achievement of being the number one unit in the United States."

"Receiving this award is truly an honor for the cadets and staff alike," said Forrest Woodward, commanding officer of the sea cadet division.

"The Naval Sea Cadet Corps strives for a balance in excellence, building a strong commitment to education and one of service to the community. Along the way, we provide the tools for success in whatever endeavor the cadets choose to take in their lives."

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps is a nationwide 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.

"Receiving an award like this further instills the sense of pride and accomplishment for these fine young men and women not to mention the staff who volunteer hundreds of hours each year to make the program work," said Woodward.

More than 300 people attended the award presentation to more than 30 sea cadets and instructors.

"The Navy League of the United States and all of Long Island is proud of the commitment made by the Sea Cadets of Liberty Division, of the support given by their parents and the total dedication of the unit's leaders," said Matteo.

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.

The Liberty Division of cadets is named for USS Liberty (AGTR-5), a 7,725-ton Belmont-class technical research ship built in 1945.

For more news from Navy Office of Information, East, visit www.navy.mil/local/navinfoeast/.

Voice Your Opinion:



◀ View Larger Download HiRes View All Photos ▶

Official U.S. Navy file photo.

Related Content

NAS Whidbey Island Hosts, Trains Sea Cadets - 8/26/2008

Sea Cadets Graduate from Basic Training - 8/26/2008

Naval Station Everett MAs Train Sea Cadets - 7/17/2008

Submit Story/Photos

Tools

Privacy & Security

External Links

To sign up for updates or to access your subscriber preferences, please enter your e-mail address.

Enter email address