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NSCC ACTION LETTER 4-99

From: Executive Director, Naval Sea Cadet Corps
To: Distribution

Subj: NSCC E-1 STRIPE

1. **Purpose**. To notify all units of the discontinuance of the E-1 Stripe.
2. **Background**. The E-1 stripe was used in the past to identify new recruits. Continued use of this designation is not desired in the NSCC for a variety of reasons.
3. **Discussion**. Most NSCC units have discontinued use of the E-1 stripe. There are however, some units which have continued using the designator. In order to eliminate any further confusion on the issue, use of the E-1 stripe is no longer authorized. This decision is based on the following rationale:
 - a. **Unnecessary expense**. Outfitting the minimum seabag of uniforms with the stripe would result in an additional expense of approximately \$3.60 per Cadet.
 - b. **Not consistent with USN/USCG insignia policy**. Navy and Coast Guard recruits haven't worn SR/E1 stripes in more than 25 years. "Slick sleeve" is the indicator of a recruit who has not yet "earned" a stripe.
 - c. **Inconsistent compliance and enforcement**. Only a small percentage of units follow the regulation, for the reasons stated above. The regulation is rarely enforced during annual inspection or Regional Competitions ("Flagship," ORI, etc.).
 - d. **Requirement to remove during Recruit Training**. For those few units who do enforce the regulation and have their recruits wear a single chevron, they are required to have their Cadets remove the stripe prior to attending recruit training.
4. **Action**. Effective 1 June 1999, the E-1 stripe is no longer authorized.
5. **Cancellation**. This notice is cancelled when incorporated into the next revision to appropriate manuals.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. D. Ford".

M. D. FORD

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