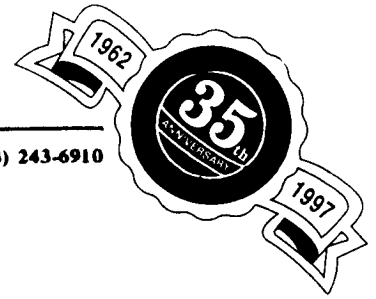


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NSCC INFORMATION LETTER 8-97

From: Executive Director, Naval Sea Cadet Corps

To: Distribution


Subj: U. S. NAVY SHIP NAMING CONTEST

Ref: (a) National Chairman's ltr of 16 Aug 97

Encl (1) Ship Naming Contest General Procedures
(2) Poster/Ship Naming Contest Rules

1. **Purpose.** To provide information on the Navy's Ship Naming Contest and solicit NSCC cadets participation in the contest.
2. **Background.** The Secretary of the Navy recently announced a nationwide contest for school children to name the Navy's newest oceanographic survey ship now under construction and scheduled for launch in 1998. Reference (a) previously provided some general information on the contest, including enclosure (1), which is reissued here. The contest will be supported by the Navy League, Navy Memorial, the National Geographic Society, and the Department of Education.
3. **Discussion.** The Name the Ship Contest will be under the guidance of your local schools. The contest will run from September through December 1997. There will be two divisions for contest purposes; K through sixth grade, and seventh through twelfth grade. Students will be encouraged to work in teams to come up with the proposed names. Proposed names will be forwarded to Navy League state officials for selection of divisional winners. Division winners will be forwarded to Washington, D.C. by 15 March 1998 for selection of final national winner to be announce in May 1998. Enclosure (2) provides detail information on the following areas of the contest; eligibility of students, general rules on formation of the teams, name criteria and background information, entry procedures and key points of contacts within the Navy. Included therein are several key Web site listings which will significantly help the contestants in their efforts to get background information and do research on proposed names. Navy League points of contact are also identified in enclosure (2). Commanding officers are requested to discuss this contest with their cadets. The poster should be displayed in a prominent place so the cadets can review the rule and procedures to assist them in their efforts to select a name.

4. **Cancellation.** Wide dissemination of this information letter is requested. This letter is canceled for record purpose on 30 June 1998.



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Ship Naming Contest

The Secretary of the Navy has announced a nationwide contest for school children to name the newest Navy oceanographic survey ship now under construction (T-AGS 64), and scheduled for launch in 1998. The Navy League, along with the Navy Memorial Foundation and the Department of Education, among other organizations, is supporting and/or helping in advisory roles with the program. The Navy League is playing a crucial role in this ambitious program as it has accepted the task of coordinating the contest in each of the fifty states, with NLUS state presidents administering the program in their respective states.

The Navy issued a press release in May announcing the program and posted the rules for the contest on the Internet at "<http://oceanographer.navy.mil>" in June. In August, NLUS will send out posters and competition rules and procedures to over 118,000 public and private schools across the United States.

The timing of the contest is such that it will commence at the beginning of the school year (September 1997). Under the guidance of school counselors, students will be encouraged to work in teams to come up with a proposed name and to prepare a paper in support of, and to justify, their proposed name. Teams will then submit their entries to NLUS state presidents who will be responsible for choosing the winning entry from each of two divisions: kindergarten through 6th grade and, 7th through 12th grade. The NLUS state president will convene an Awards Board to select two winning entries which will be forwarded to NLUS National Headquarters. NLUS will set up a Finalist Board which will select the top ten entries which will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Navy for selection of the winning entry. Representatives from the winning teams will receive an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C for the Final Award Announcement ceremonies, and the grand winner a trip to the new ship's christening and launch,

We ask that you make your cadets aware of this unique opportunity to participate in this ship naming contest, and urge them to do so through their respective schools. Help them to become computer "literate" by encouraging them to use the Internet to obtain detailed information as to rules, procedures, and for educational purposes, through other information which will be presented regarding oceanography, ecology and other environmental aspects of the world in which we live. Use the contest as a recruiting tool by making your program known to those young people who participate. Participation in this contest is a "win-win" proposition.

Enclosure (1)