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commander, in accordance with Chapter 4, Section P.3. of the Air Operations Manual, on Request for Military Aerial Support, form DD-2535, available on the internet:

<http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/infomgt/forms/ddforms2500-2999.htm>.

- (b) Coast Guard aircraft may participate in appropriate public events that help contribute to recruiting or public knowledge of the Coast Guard. Participation may be a flyover, demonstration, or static display. Appropriate events include airport dedications, air shows, expositions, and fairs.
 - (c) Static displays must be held at airfields or heliports. The district commander may authorize exceptions when an alternative display area meets operations and safety requirements. While the aircraft is on display, crew members will be available to brief visitors and prevent damage to government property. Civilian sponsors will bear per diem costs and the cost of transporting and handling aircraft fuel, if fuel is not available at military contract prices.
 - (d) Aerial demonstrations must be over open water or suitable open areas of land, where spectators will be safe.
 - (e) Flyovers are appropriate for civic-sponsored, public ceremonies such as: Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day and for similar local holidays overseas; memorial services for dignitaries of the armed forces or federal government; national conventions of veterans' organizations; and occasions of more than local interest designed primarily to encourage the advancement of aviation.
- i. National Youth Organizations. The Coast Guard has a long-standing record of working with various national youth programs, as operations permit and at no cost beyond the expense of normal operations.
- (1) General guidelines for participation.
 - (a) Commands at all levels may cooperate with the Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) and the Sea Scouts, and provide de minimis logistical support to them to the extent permitted by law and regulations and on a non-interference basis.
 - (b) A collateral-duty Youth Liaison Officer is advisable on each district staff. Forward the name, title and contact information for the Youth Liaison Officer to Commandant (CG-09223).

- (c) Meals may be sold to members of any organized, non-profit, youth group, including their adult leaders, sponsored at either the national or local level using the current enlisted commuted ration rate. Emergency medical care on a humanitarian basis shall be provided.
 - (d) The Coast Guard Personnel Manual COMDTINST M1000.6 (series), Chapter 7.A.10 allows unit commanders place a member participating in certain youth programs on administrative absence instead of regular leave.
 - (e) Support for youth programs does not extend to fundraising of any type.
 - (f) Scouts may hold meetings in areas of Coast Guard facilities where civilian organizations are allowed to hold events.
 - (g) Although Coast Guard units may support Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops as outlined above, the Coast Guard may not directly sponsor such troops. Support that the Coast Guard provides to Scouts is also available to civilian organizations who meet the criteria as outlined in sections 3.C.1 and 3.C.2.
 - (h) Coast Guard personnel may lead Scout troops unofficially on their own time.
- (2) Naval Sea Cadet Corps. The Naval Sea Cadet program, headquartered in Arlington, Va., is the primary youth program the Coast Guard supports. Because of its stringent membership criteria, training requirements, etc., it most closely resembles the Navy and Coast Guard.
- (a) NSCC is a Congressionally- chartered volunteer youth group for both males and females, 14 through 17 years of age. NSCC fosters good citizenship and an interest and appreciation of our nation's maritime services. Cadets wear naval uniforms modified with official NSCC insignia. Cadets are insured under a group accident program. They use the same texts, classrooms, training aids and examinations given Navy personnel. The Navy League's Vice President for Youth Programs is Chairman of NSCC's Board of Directors. Individual NSCC divisions/squadrons are sponsored, administered and supported by local Navy League councils, active duty and Reserve units, etc.
 - (b) Each year, NSCC seeks billets for two-week, on-the-job-training opportunities afloat and ashore. An annual Commandant Notice announces the program and it should be supported.

- (c) Commands, active and reserve, can and are encouraged to sponsor NSCC units and provide adult leaders and instructors in military or non-military subjects for NSCC programs. The NSCC has a regulation forbidding a cadet from being alone with an adult.
- (d) At the discretion of the commanding officer and with approval of the district commander, properly registered Sea Cadets may participate in Coast Guard cruises. Cadets who have not completed the two-week recruit training program at a Navy or Coast Guard recruit training center are limited to routine daylight or overnight local cruises, when there is reasonable expectation that the vessel will not have to be diverted to a hazardous mission. Cadets who have completed recruit training may take part in more extensive cruises. A properly executed NSCC Standard Release Form and orders for cruises of more than 72 hours duration will be required for each participating cadet and adult leader.
- (e) Air unit commanders and commanding officers of cutters with helicopters deployed may authorize NSCC members to fly in:
 - (1) Local orientation flights in multi-engine fixed-wing aircraft.
 - (2) Local orientation and patrol flights in helicopters in daylight, VFR conditions only.
 - (3) For more information, see Chapter 4, Section O.5 of the Coast Guard Air Operations Manual, COMDTINST M3710.1 (series).
- (f) Cadets must wear the proper uniform, carry an NSCC ID card and present a properly executed Standard Release Form. Generally, one adult leader will accompany each eight cadets. The senior leader is responsible for the cadets' proper guidance, conduct and compliance with instructions issued by the unit commander.
- (g) When cadets are on board, they may use NAFA facilities as permitted by the Non-Appropriated Fund Activities Manual, COMDTINST M7010.5.
- (h) Each year, NSCC sponsors an annual exchange program with the Canadian Sea Cadet Organization. The Canadian program, including its insurance program, is similar to NSCC. The national NSCC office has asked the Coast Guard to provide training for the Canadian exchange cadets. Training for properly registered

Canadian sea cadets should follow the policies established for NSCC.

- (3) Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America. The Coast Guard also has a long tradition of supporting Scouting. Of the three basic Scouting programs, the Explorers (especially Sea Scouts) are old enough to reap many benefits from the Coast Guard. Explorers are coed programs with members aged 14 to 18.
 - (a) Our Scouting support is not a recruiting effort. Coast Guard personnel may answer career-oriented questions but should not engage in direct recruitment.
 - (b) Commandant (CG-09223) is the national liaison with the Scouts and serves on the National Sea Scout Advisory Committee and Community Relations Committee. District Youth Liaison Officers should work closely with regional and local leaders.
 - (c) Scouts of all programs are welcome at Coast Guard units for tours or other activities. They may camp for short periods if units have suitable facilities, with approval from the district commander.
 - (d) Scouts may use training and recreation facilities at Coast Guard facilities. This can include assigning Coast Guard instructors in non-military subjects – particularly on water safety.
 - (e) Unit commanders, with approval from the district commander, may authorize Scouts to go on routine daylight or overnight local cruises when it is reasonable to expect that the vessel will not be diverted to a hazardous mission. Each Scout must sign a properly executed release form.
 - (f) Air unit commanders may authorize Scouts to go on local orientation flights. For more information, see Chapter 4, Section O.5 of the Coast Guard Air Operations Manual, COMDTINST M3710.1 (series).
 - (g) When Scouts are camped at a Coast Guard shore unit or embarked in a Coast Guard vessel, they may receive the following services, if available and appropriate:
 - (1) Suitable lodging, with laundering costs borne by the Scouts.
 - (2) Use of exchange, limited to purchase of items for immediate personal use. See the Non-Appropriated Fund Activities Manual (COMDTINST M7010.5).