

State of the Corps

Program Strength: At the close of 2001 our registered enrollment was at the highest level ever--- 10,222 members registered (up from Dec 00--9593) with a Sea Count enrollment of 9,230, up from our previous year's high of 8476. This reflects improved cadet retention but still not the recruiting enrollments we need to place the Corps in position to meet the NLUS' goals in the out-years. Further, growth is more important than ever to continue to receive federal funds. Congressional members are most interested in growth and units in their districts. At year-end, there were 193 NSCC and 52 NLCC units in operation with 54 units in various stages of the formation process. An analysis of manning indicates that the typical NSCC units have 21 NSCC cadets enrolled. The typical NLCC units have 9.2 cadets on board. Both figures are below minimum standards.

Training: The 2001 summer training programs were marked by continued success. Training opportunities were expanded. Our success was the ability of the NSCC to cope with changing availability of DoD and USCG training resources and facilities, and the initiative of Field Representatives, Regional Directors, and key individuals in arranging for, and supervising regional training. In 2001 we significantly improved on the number of cadets who attended recruit training. Over 2380 individuals attended RTC. This is about 600 more than usual, and was the direct result of federal funding. Overall we cut about 1500 more sets of orders nationally, than we normally do. Summer 2001 show further improvements in diversity of advance training with several new courses added to those already in place. We are looking to further expand this for 2002.

Administration: Program administration provided the support and guidance needed by those in the field to accomplish their training mission. The NSCC Internet Development Group continues to do a fantastic job and has contributed greatly to the flow of information available to the NSCC/NLCC unit. Several NSCC/NLCC manuals are under revision. We are looking to have most manuals revised during this year to bring current information and guidance to the field. Where possible we will try to reduce the paperwork further. Federal funding resulted in implementation of new security procedures to insure all our adults were given a background check before being permanently affiliated with the NSCC program. As of the start of 2002, all but 80 adult members have had a background check. We are now in a position to get the checks on every adult affiliating in a short time.

Fiscal Status: The fiduciary responsibilities of the Board of Directors and National Headquarters are being properly discharged with the Corps ending the year in satisfactory fiscal condition. Federal funding has been achieved for 2002. Almost all of this will be used for cadet training. Continued growth of the Corps is vital to receiving federal funds for 2003. Federal funds are important to keep the increasing costs of summer training reasonable to the cadets.

Navy/Coast Guard and other Service Support of Cadet Corps training by both the Navy and Coast Guard has been good. The success of the summer and winter training program reflects the willingness of both these services and as well as the other services to make available for our use, to the extent possible, their training facilities and resources. The events of 9-11 will possibly impact on some areas of summer training. However, early indications are positive that most military sites will try to accommodate the NSCC requests for summer training. The Department of Defense has indicated it will continue to draw down the force structure with the resultant base closures. If this comes to be, it is incumbent on the NSCC program to take advantage of every training opportunity available regardless of service.