

U.S. NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS

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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

Subj: 2004 NSCC OFFICER/INSTRUCTOR/CADETS OF THE YEAR SELECTIONS

Encl: (1) Officer/Instructor/Cadets of the Year Biographical Profile

1. A selection board, presided over by Mr. James R. Ward, Chairman of the NSCC Advisory Council, met in closed session to select the 2004 Officer/Instructor/NSCC/NLCC Cadets of the Year. I am pleased to approve the recommendations of the board and to announce the honored selectees as follows:

NICHOLAS BRANGO AWARD FOR INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP

LCDR Keith A. Larson, USN (Ret)
Commanding Officer, TWIN CITIES SQUADRON
St Paul, MN
Sponsored by Twin Cities Council, NLUS

JUDGE ROBERT T.S. COLBY AWARD FOR INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Instructor Donald L. Davis, NSCC
HOUSTON DIVISION
Houston, TX
Sponsored by Houston Council, NLUS

WILLIS E. REED NSCC CADET OF THE YEAR

Cadet PO1 Ryan J. Holmes, NSCC
NARS B-1 SQUADRON
Atlanta, GA
Sponsored by the Atlanta Metro Council, NLUS

KEITH T. WEAVER NLCC CADET OF THE YEAR

Cadet Petty Officer First Kimberly D. Franklin, NLCC
CHALLENGER Division, COLUMBIA Company
San Diego, CA
Sponsored by San Diego Council, NLUS

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2. Lieutenant Commander Larson, PO1 Ryan Holmes, and SLPO Kimberly Franklin will be invited to attend the Navy League Convention in San Diego, CA, from 9 to 12 June 2004, as guests of the Navy League and the Naval Sea Cadet Corps. Instructor D. Davis will be honored at appropriate ceremonies with his sponsor.

3. Biographical sketches of Lieutenant Commander Larson, Instructor Davis, NSCC PO1 Holmes, and NLCC Cadet Franklin are enclosed for your information.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. W. Learson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "H" and "L".

H. W. Learson

Copy to:
President, NLUS
NSCC Board of Directors/Officers
Nicholas Brango
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Judge R. T. S. Colby
NSCC Field Representatives
NSCC Regional/Associate Regional Directors
NSCC/NLCC Commanding Officers

Background Information on NSCC National Winners

LCDR Keith A. Larson, USN (Ret)

Commanding Officer, TWIN CITIES Squadron

St Paul, Minnesota

Sponsor: Twin Cities Council, NLUS

Employment: Seagate Technology, Director of Information Technology

Family Status: Married; two daughters, ages 17 and 10

Military Status: Retired Navy

NROTC Graduate U of Minn

NSCC Participation:

- Joined NSCC November 1999, assigned Squadron Training Officer
- Appointed CO July 2002
- Organized highly effective and efficient Parent Auxiliary Group. Model for other NSCC units
- Participated in various Summer TWTs for NSCC
- Superb communicator, instituted a 'Lunch with CO' program

Instructor Donald A. Davis

HOUSTON Division

Houston, Texas

Sponsor: Houston Councils, NLUS

Mentor / PAO/ Training Officer for Houston Div

Employment: Aeronautical Engineer

Family Status: Married

Military Status: Captain, USNR (Ret)

NSCC Participation:

- Joined May 1995
- Acquired two grants for Houston Div totaling \$40,000 over four year periods.
- Various Summer Escort Duties

Other Community Service

- Silver Beaver, BSA (40 Years service)
- Office of Naval Research Judge for Houston area high school Science Fairs

Enclosure (1)

Cadet PO1 Ryan Holmes

NARS B ONE Squadron

Atlanta, Georgia

Sponsor: Atlanta Metro Council

DOB: November 1986

NSSC History:

- Joined September 1999

- Unit LPO, Color Guard

- TWTs include RTC, Basic Airman Course, Recruiting Duty, Officer Leadership OPD 301 RTC Staff Cadet, Master-at-Arms Academy, and Petty Officer Leadership Academy

- Held numerous positions in unit

High School --Sandy Creek High School (College Prep Curriculum)

- Activities: Honor Roll, Track and Field Team, Golf Team, Band, Peer Mentor, and AFJROTC.

- Received awards for academics, band, and citizenship, active church member

Active Church member

- Member of several youth activities in church

League Cadet Kimberly Franklin

Ship's Leading Petty Officer

CHALLENGER Division, COLUMBIA Company

San Diego, California

Sponsor: San Diego Council, NLUS

DOB: January 1990

NSSC History:

- Joined in April 2001

- Participated in numerous PACSOUTHWEST Flagship Competition

- Help build Company to present strength

- Impressed local selection board of such that her abilities far exceed her age.

- Excels in all leadership capacities.

School--Oliver Pierce Middle School

- Honor Student—member of National Junior Honor Society

- Plays traveling basketball.

Active in church

- Participates in numerous youth activities.