



Naval Sea / Navy League Cadet Corps

WASH-O-GRAM

Happy Holidays



A View From the Bridge

On behalf of your National Officers, National Directors, and Captain Mike Ford and the NHQ Staff, We want to wish each of you a Happy Holiday Season and to thank you for a year marked by record growth and continuing expansion of our summer training program. In a year when outstanding performance was the "norm", there were several accomplishments and initiatives which deserve special mention:

* A record 500 officers/instructors volunteered to serve as escorts in support of summer training - reflecting your commitment and dedication,

* Establishing and manning two additional regional boot camps needed on a "fire drill" basis when Navy airlift was not forthcoming - a measure of your competence and professionalism,

* The initiative of the Metropolitan Detroit Council/F. C. Sherman Division in obtaining a 125 ft. surplus Navy torpedo retriever vessel for use in NSCC/NLCC training on the Great Lakes - a most welcome addition to our "fleet".

* The Wreath Laying Ceremony conducted at the Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. commemorating our 35th anniversary and honoring those deceased members of the officer corps who contributed to the success our program has enjoyed - this ceremony will be an annual event.

Your ability to cope with the challenge of change, as demonstrated this past year, served to make 1997 an outstanding training year. You will be confronted with similar challenges in the year ahead. We pledge the support needed to enable you to meet them head-on as we work to attain our goals in service to American youth. Our program succeeds because of your commitment and dedication. You have our admiration and respect!

Our best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and a successful and rewarding New Year as we work toward our goal of breaking "10,000 in 1998"!

Keith T. Weaver
National Chairman

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OVERVIEW

The press of preparing for summer training - and coping with the many changes generated by continuing reduction in training resources available to us - has not permitted us to publish the Wash-O-Gram on a regular basis. I am pleased to report that we are now in a position to do so, and this is, in essence, a "catch-up" issue, providing you with information we think important. The Wash-O-Gram will be published quarterly, as before, after the first of the year.

TRAINING UPDATE

While summer training statistics have not been adjusted for "No-Shows", it is apparent that we had another outstanding training summer. You, the unit commanding officers, training officers, cadets, and escorts made it happen. The attached training summary provides information on the number of orders that were written by NHQ. In addition, there were over 1200 "local" orders executed during the year, although not all were for summer training.

We have commenced planning for 1998, and anticipate that it will be another good training year. Some planning factors/guidance for 1998 of general interest are:

- There will be no Navy airlift support in 1998. Under the governing DOD instruction, NSCC as a civilian, non-profit youth training organization, is not authorized Navy airlift in support of our training. Navy airlift was a great benefit to our program in the planning and conduct of summer training; however, it is a thing of the past.

- We will operate 14 recruit training sites next year and will need escorts for each. We hope to have firm dates fairly soon so that you might be able to plan vacations, etc., around escorting. No escorts - no training! We were close to cancelling several recruit training camps because of lack of escorts; fortunately, active duty personnel volunteered to help at the last minute. Staff cadets will be needed at recruit training sites, both as company commanders and as "gofers". The following staff cadet policy will be in effect for recruit training in 1998:

- Cost to staff cadets will be 75% of the listed cadet trainee fee.
- Ratio of staff cadets to trainees will be no more than 1 to 10.
- Staff cadets must be E-4 or above for assignment as assistant company commanders. Staff cadet may be E-3 if not in direct contact with trainees.
- Staff cadets E-4 and above must be graduates of POLA. This is not a requirement for E-3 staff cadets.
- Assignment as a staff cadet requires prior approval of the training site CO.

Recruit training eligibility was reviewed at the Regional Directors Conference in San Diego in September. It was the consensus that most cadets enrolled within two months of recruit training periods will not be prepared for this training, having the opportunity to attend only one or two unit meetings before training at most. Consequently, they will

not have a good training experience - lose motivation - and most probably quit once they return home. It was noted that many cadets are too immature at age 13 for the recruit training experience unless he/she is a former NLCC who has attend NLCC summer orientation. Accordingly, to help ensure that recruit training is a positive, motivational experience for all who attend, the following policies will be followed in sending cadets to recruit training:

- NSCC cadets must be enrolled by 15 March to attend summer recruit training.
- NSCC cadets without prior NLCC experience must be 14 years of age to attend NSCC recruit training.
- NSCC cadets who are 13 and have attended NLCC orientation training may attend NSCC recruit training.
- NLCC cadets must be enrolled by 15 March to attend NLCC orientation courses to help ensure proper preparation for the training experience.

Medical Claims

Medical costs are rising dramatically. This, in part, is the result of our having to use civilian off base medical facilities for emergency treatment at regional recruit training camps. Our insurance company has paid out more in claims for medical treatment than usual, with costs exceeding premiums paid. We need to reverse this trend if we are to avoid significant increases in insurance premiums. Our best estimate is that insurance costs will increase about \$2 per cadet unless we take positive action to ensure that only physically qualified cadets attend training. The onus is on unit commanding officers to help remedy the situation.

Transfer of the Torpedo Retriever "Grey Fox" to NSCC

The Metropolitan Detroit Council, along with F. C. Sherman Division, has taken custody of a surplus Navy 125 ft. Torpedo Retriever craft for use in NSCC training on the Great Lakes. The craft will be put into service for training purposes in the spring - 1998. We anticipate the craft will be used for training of other Midwest NSCC units later in the year.

NSCC Wreath Laying

A ceremonial wreath laying was conducted by LCDR Suzy Williams, NSCC, (VP-Public Relations) at the U. S. Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. on 14 September to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps and to honor those deceased Cadet Corps officers and Navy Leaguers who made meaningful contributions to the success our program has enjoyed over the years in the education and training of youth. Mrs. Joyce Nolan, widow of LCDR Gerald Nolan, NSCC (Deceased), laid the wreath on behalf of the individuals and families of those so honored.

We plan to conduct this ceremony annually as a continuing tribute to all who have faithfully served our program. To help ensure that each deserving leader is recognized, we will ask for nomination of individuals to be so honored. With your help, and full participation, we will make a meaningful addition to the traditions of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

**TRAINING - 1997 - ISSUED BY NATIONAL TWT ORDERS (By Type)
FOR THE PERIOD 5/1/97 - 9/30/97 (More Than 5 Days)**

| TYPE | CADET COUNT | | | OFFICER COUNT | | | TOTAL |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| | MALES | FEMALES | CADETS | MALE | FEMALES | OFFICERS | |
| ADVANCED AIRMAN | 23 | 5 | 28 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 35 |
| AMPHIBIOUS TNG | 55 | 12 | 67 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 75 |
| AVIATION GRD PROGRAM | 23 | 4 | 27 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 30 |
| AVIATION SURVIVAL | 14 | 1 | 15 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 17 |
| BASIC AIRMAN | 97 | 14 | 111 | 8 | 8 | 16 | 127 |
| CB BASIC FLD OPS | 27 | 4 | 31 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 38 |
| ECONOMIC SEMINARS | 5 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| INT'L EXCHANGE | 61 | 34 | 95 | 13 | 6 | 19 | 114 |
| LEADERSHIP ACADEMY | 173 | 59 | 232 | 22 | 13 | 35 | 267 |
| MAA TRAINING | 33 | 0 | 33 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 41 |
| MEDICAL TRAINING | 40 | 24 | 64 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 73 |
| MUSIC SCHOOL | 5 | 14 | 19 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 21 |
| NASA SHARP PLUS PROG | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| NAVY SHIPBOARD | 39 | 6 | 45 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 52 |
| NLCC ADVANCED TNG | 103 | 31 | 134 | 11 | 13 | 24 | 158 |
| NLCC ORIENTATION | 564 | 176 | 740 | 71 | 45 | 116 | 856 |
| NSCC RECRUIT TNG | 1567 | 459 | 2026 | 142 | 73 | 215 | 2241 |
| PORT OPERATIONS | 26 | 6 | 32 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 39 |
| SEABEE ADVANCED/SUIT | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| SEABEE BASIC II/ADV | 11 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 13 |
| SEABEE BASIC TNG | 44 | 3 | 47 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 53 |
| SEA TRAINING | 28 | 0 | 28 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 35 |
| SUBMARINE SEMINARS | 39 | 8 | 47 | 8 | 2 | 10 | 57 |
| TOTALS | 2978 | 863 | 3841 | 328 | 181 | 509 | 4350 |

All Coast Guard Training was issued by Local Orders

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ADMINISTRATION

Promotion Board

The NSCC Officer Promotion Board will convene 10 December to consider officers eligible and recommended for promotion to the next higher grade. The Board, composed of five members, is headed by RADM H. C. McKinney, USN (Ret.) and has NSCC officer representation from both the East and West Coasts, as well as from the NHQ Staff. As indicated in NSCC Action Letter 10-97, failure to meet NSCC height/weight criteria is not disqualifying for promotion. All eligible officers, including those who do not meet height/weight standards, will be considered. Important - selection for promotion does not waive the requirement to meet height/weight standards to wear the NSCC officer uniform. Officers selected for promotion who do not meet these standards must wear the alternative uniform. The promotion list will be published after 1 January 1998.

Paperwork Reduction

A subject near and dear to all of us! The Paper Work Reduction Committee is alive and well and making progress toward their charter of reducing your administrative workload. Headed by LCDR Earl Johnston, and assisted by LCDRs Jim Lukaseiwecz, Tom Klomps, and Suzy Williams, the committee is placing emphasis on forms modification. Their first effort has been to reduce the number of enrollment forms required for both officers and cadets. This is an on-going project, so please send any recommendations you might have to NHQ and we forward them to LCDR Johnston. The project will complete its initial phase (forms review/revision) next spring. At that time, work toward the ultimate goal of making this a "paperless" organization will commence. To attain this goal, every unit should have a computer, or at the very least, access to one! It will be an investment you will never regret. The "paperless" day will arrive soon, don't be left behind.

Uniform Compliance

NSCC Action Letter 10-97 outlined the results of the Uniform Study. Included therein was the requirement for full compliance with NSCC height/weight standards if the NSCC officer uniform is to be worn. If these standards cannot be met, the alternative civilian attire as prescribed in NSCC Uniform Regulations will be worn. The Navy expects NSCC to ensure that uniformed officers meet height/weight standards and present a favorable image to the public. It is "fish or cut bait time" we must meet height/weight standards or run a very real risk of losing the privilege of wearing the uniform of which we are so proud. It is up to you - individually and collectively! Photographs recently received indicate that not all are complying with regulations. You can't do that folks! A professional complies with all the regulations not just the ones they agree with. Be a professional - make the "mirror test" and shift uniforms if it indicates. "It's the right thing to do!"

Cadet/Officer of the Year

Reminder that the Regional Cadet (Willis E. Reed Award) and Officer of the Year (Nicholas Brango Award) nominations are due into NHQ by 1 January. Commanding Officers, Regional Directors and Committee Chairman should refer to the NSCC Awards Manual for criteria and procedures for submission of Cadet and Officer of the Year nominations.

SCHOLARSHIPS/CONTESTS

Scholarships

Scholarships are available from both the Navy League and NSCC. Make this known to your cadets early on as preparing a scholarship application takes time and effort. The Navy League has 12 scholarships, in the amount of \$2,500 each. Applications must be submitted to Navy League Headquarters by 1 April 1998. Questions should be directed to Ms. Valerie Long, Navy League NHQ, at 703-528-1775, ext. 364. An application form is attached.

NSCC has five scholarships available, in the amount of \$1,000 each. In addition, we anticipate that there will be five \$1,000 scholarships available through the Kingsley Foundation of Garden Grove, CA, as has been the case for the past nine years. Also, NSCC will award the Navy League's Stockholm Scholarship, a four year scholarship with an annual grant of \$2,000, next spring. Close out date for submission of applications to NHQ is 15 May. Refer to NSCC Regulations, Chapter SIXTEEN for detailed information.

Navy League Contests

The Navy League sponsors two contests: the Samuel Eliot Morison Essay Contest and the Name The Ship Contest. The Samuel Eliot Morison Essay Contest is national in scope with the grand prize winner receiving an award of \$3,000. There are also 18 regional winners with awards of \$400 each. The essay theme is: "The Nuclear Aircraft Carrier - The Capital Ship of Today's Navy". Entry forms, with contest rules and information, will be forwarded separately. The Navy League point for more information is Ms. Rebecca Hudson, Navy League NHQ, 703-528-1775, ext. 355 or "www.navyleague.org". Past issues of "SEA POWER" magazine provide excellent background material on the assigned topic.

The Oceanographer of the Navy, along with the Navy League and other organizations, is conducting a "Name the Ship" contest in public and private schools to name a new oceanographic vessel to be commissioned in mid-1998. Information on the contest has been sent to over 118,000 schools. Students, K-12, will be divided into two divisions, and a winner selected from each. Initial screening of entries will be made at the state level by boards established by Navy League State Presidents. Final selection will take place in Washington, D.C. with winners invited to attend the ship commissioning. Information on this contest has been published in NSCC Information Letter 8-97. Brief your cadets on the contest and urge them to get involved.

(Related web sites: www.lonesailor.org - www.navyleague.org & www.nationalgeographic.com)



<http://oceanographer.navy.mil>

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The NSCC National Board of Directors met in Washington, D.C. on 15 November 1997. Agenda items of general interest were:

Navy Recruiting Command/Naval Reserve Support of NSCC

Both RADM Barbara McGann, Commander, Navy Recruiting Command, and RADM G. Dennis Vaughan, USNR, Commander, Naval Reserve Force expressed strong support for the NSCC program. In her remarks, RADM McGann, complimented NSCC on the quality of its training program and the high quality of accessions it provides to the Navy. RADM McGann stated she would continue having Navy Recruiters advertise the NSCC program to the public and in schools, and also expressed her desire to establish a strong relationship between recruiting stations and local NSCC units. She indicated her continuing support in helping to arrange good summer training opportunities for cadets.

RADM Vaughan was equally forthcoming in his remarks, indicating that he would provide support for the NSCC as much as possible. We asked him to encourage Reserve centers to provide as much support as possible to drilling NSCC units, and to our summer training program.

NLCC Cadet of the Year / Keith T. Weaver Award

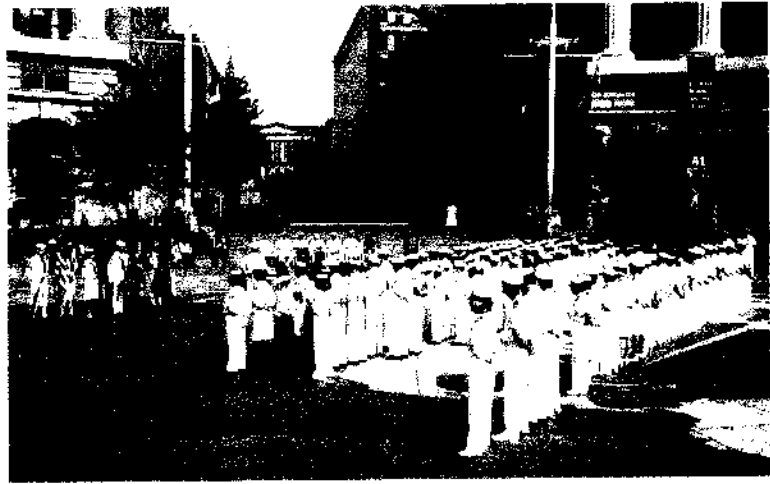
The NSCC Board of Directors has approved a recommendation by the Awards Committee that a Navy League Cadet of the Year Award be established. It further approved the recommendation that the award be named the "Keith T. Weaver Navy League Cadet of the Year Award" in recognition of his many contributions to the Cadet Corps program while serving as Executive Director and as National Chairman. The first award will be made in the spring of 1999.

NSCC Budget

The NSCC Board of Directors has approved NSCC's Fiscal Year 1998 budget. The budget provides funding for up-grade of NHQ computer systems, hire of an additional employee to meet increasing administrative needs generated by increasing enrollment, and funding for an additional West Coast field representative with responsibility for coordinating our program in the San Diego/Los Angeles areas. A big boost for our program in The Pacific Southwest Region.

Membership Drive for NSCC/NLCC Parents

Navy League National President Jack Kennedy has authorized NSCC to again offer an introductory Navy League membership to parents of cadets for almost half price, \$18 per person, continuing the successful parent membership drive conducted this past winter. This year's parent membership drive will terminate on 1 July 1998. This program is designed: (1) to enable cadet parents to become directly involved in council support of its sponsored unit; (2) to help ensure that their sons/daughters are participating in a quality training program, and (3) to contribute to the mission of supporting our Sea Services. The introductory program will terminate on 1 July 1998. More information and guidance to follow.



35th Anniversary and Wreath Laying at the Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. (Photos by Al Mottola)



Official NSCC flash to be used for Ballcaps
 (Patch shown - Official Size - 3 & 3/4" W by 2 & 3/4" H)
 Unit Name may be placed under flash in small Sans Serif type



Flash, without border, is used for Polo Shirts
 Blue Flash with Grey or White Shirt
 Gold Flash with Navy Blue Shirt



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First nominee for
 NLCC Cadet of the Year