

# VASH-O-GRAM

News and information from NSCC headquarters & units across the country

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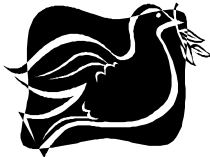
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units. You know how many young people can be accommodated at your training sites, and how much time you can devote to this exceptional program. Thus, I am not asking every unit to double their size.

**However, I AM asking that each unit show a modest 10% growth during calendar 2000.** For most units, this requires adding a mere two or three new members.

Finally, I wish all of you Good Times, Prosperity, and Good Health for the new year. I extend my sincere personal thanks to you and to your families, for your important involvement in our two Cadet Corps.



Bruce B. Smith, National Chairman

## Happy Holidays and a Happy New Millennium.

I wish to thank our Cadets, parents, adult leaders, and staff for their efforts that have resulted in continued growth of the NLCC and NSCC programs.

You all share in the success of these most exceptional national youth programs. Let us not rest on our oars. There is more work to do if we are to make these outstanding programs available to others.

I am sure you understand our important youth programs include only a small portion of our nation's many worthy young people and dedicated volunteer leaders. We need to expand the available opportunities if we are to help welcome others into our organization. If our marketing efforts are fruitful, future federal funding may help pave the way to less costly training for our current and future cadets and adult leaders.

I am fully aware most unit leaders are comfortable with the sizes of their particular

## NEW CPOs NAMED

Hats off to the following Cadets who were promoted to the coveted Chief Petty Officer rank since publication of the last Wash-O-Gram:  
Matthew Rose, GUNFIGHTER SQUADRON  
James D. Cox, RADM O'KANE DIV  
Erik M. Rivera, PAUL REVERE DIVISION  
Casey W. Rhea, MODESTO DIVISION  
Michael S. Jenkins, RONALD REAGAN DIV  
Douglas Livermore, ORION SQUADRON  
Mark P. Gallagher, SQUADRON 7 ZULU DIV  
Jennifer Bishop, SQUADRON 7 ZULU DIV  
Reed K. Parker, JAMES HANNAN DIV  
Matthew G. Allen, ROCHESTER DIVISION  
Aaron S. Arky, MODESTO DIVISION  
Glen A. Cook, GREAT SALT LAKE DIVISION  
James D. Lehner, TOPEKA DIVISION

## REGIONAL DIRECTORS MET

NSCC Regional Directors met in late October in San Diego to discuss current NSCC issues. A number of training and administration policies and/or procedure changes resulted and are



outlined in detail in NSCC Information Letter 12-99 and should be reviewed closely. Action and Information items include:

- \* New authorization for selective wear of coveralls.
- \* 5 or fewer NLCC Cadets in an NSCC unit will also stand the inspection.
- \* Partial credit towards TWT 2-week promotion requirement allowed for flagship participation.
- \* Cadets going to flagship must be under NSC-24C orders and must take personnel records.
- \* Annual training in NSCC policy regarding sexual harassment and fraternization required.
- \* New policy mandating chartering of NLCC companies into Training Ships upon reaching 15 cadets.
- \* Cadet RTC/TWT "Call Home After Reporting" policy established.
- \* The Inspection Guide rewrite is nearing completion. It will be promulgated early in 2000 for first use in 2001.
- \* Security checks and background investigation process for adults is nearing completion/implementation in early 2000.
- \* MAA appurtenance device to be established.
- \* Use of Sea Cadet Resources web page to be expanded to ensure that all get the word.
- \* Renewed emphasis on using chain of command.
- \* Petty Officer Creed approved.
- \* Recruit training length standardized at not less than 12 days.
- \* Academic excellence recognition to be extended to the NLCC.
- \* Additional officer promotion requirements (increased cadet support requirements) being studied.

## NSCC INVESTIGATING FEDERAL FUNDING

CAPT Stephen D. Barrett, USNR (Ret) of NHQ has made important strides in establishing contact with appropriate congressional representatives and Administration officials to encourage Federal Funding of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps. Barrett, a registered lobbyist for NSCC, joined the NHQ staff several months ago to determine if such an effort is feasible. He is encouraged by the initial responses to his efforts.

If his efforts are successful, they will provide some financial relief for expanded Sea Cadet training and help reduce a portion of the financial support currently provided by the Navy League.

All who have personal contact with their Congressional representatives are urged to notify CAPT Barrett at: [sbarrett@navyleague.org](mailto:sbarrett@navyleague.org).

## KUDOS

• Navy League national president John R. Fisher, in an article published in the November *Sea Power* magazine, expressed his appreciation to the estimated 500 Sea Cadet adult volunteers "who gave so much of their time and talent to ensure the success of the 1999 summer training program."

Fisher, commenting on Sea Cadet and League Cadet activities stated "These outstanding Cadet programs are in my opinion the best citizenship programs available to young Americans anywhere in the country."

The *Sea Power* article continued, "The bright, dedicated, hardworking young men and women who go through the Sea Cadet and League Cadet training programs are better citizens for the rest of their lives. History shows that many of them will assume significant positions of leadership and responsibility in their adult lives."

\* **Captain Richard E. Bennis**, Commander, Coast Guard Activities New York sent a letter to the parents of Cadet Aaron Berthold: "Just a quick note to let you know how personally impressed I was with the dedication and performance of your son, Aaron, during his recent stay at Station Sandy Hook."

On Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of August 1999, Aaron was part of a Coast Guard small boat crew I was riding with. Within a span of a few minutes, I watched him make preparations to get underway and contribute during a search and rescue case involving an overturned sailboat. Throughout my trip, I thoroughly enjoyed watching your son work. If I could bottle his energy and enthusiasm and spread it amongst my unit, the maritime public would be well served."

\* **Commander Roger Parker**, Royal Navy wrote to NHQ: "I am moved to write to let you know just how particularly impressed we all were with the exchange team from the United States this year. The high standards for which the American Cadets are renowned were more than upheld and everywhere they went they were polite, outstandingly smart, and conducted themselves with enormous pride."

"...I received many unsolicited comments on the excellence of your young people and their Officers."

"... the whole party was a credit to their country, their Corps and themselves. They were



the best ambassadors for the United States I have ever had the privilege to meet.”

## TRAINING

### SUMMER TRAINING 2000

Soon the holidays will be behind us, and everyone will be looking forward to spring and with it the advertisement of summer training 2000. As always we will attempt to get it promulgated as early as possible. We are targeting to have it out not later than the end of February., hard copy in the mail and posted on [www.seacadets.org/resources](http://www.seacadets.org/resources). We have already started working on the list of opportunities and all cadets can start getting ready too; it is just never too early.

Current ID cards, a ready sea bag, money in the bank, physical fitness and ready cadets will be the same prescription for year 2000, just like last, for a successful summer.

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE

We expect most of the same exchange opportunities that we had in 1999 will be available again in 2000.

UK aboard the HMS BRISTOL is scheduled for 21-30 July and we will be formally soliciting applications in the near future to meet a 20 April due date.

The Bermuda Exchange is tentatively set for 15-26 April, and that too will soon be advertised.

Information with regard to other exchanges will be promulgated in an information letter in February. Information, as it becomes available, as well as the foreign exchange letter will also be posted on the web.

### NAVY LEAGUE ESSAY CONTEST

The Navy League is sponsoring an Essay Contest that should be of interest to all Sea Cadets.

A Grand Prize of \$3,000 will be awarded to the top winner, and the First Runner Up will receive \$1,000. Additional awards to the winners' schools and teachers/advisors will also be granted.

The theme for the 2000 contest is “Why Choose the ‘Sea Services’ as a Career?”

The deadline for Essay submissions and applications is 6 March 2000

Contest details may be obtained by contacting local Navy League Council presidents, or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Navy League of the United States, SEM Essay Contest, 2300 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201-3308, or by visiting the Navy League website at [www.navyleague.org](http://www.navyleague.org).



## CAMPAIGN DRUG FREE

The Naval Reserve is the U.S. Navy sponsor for “Campaign Drug Free” (CDF), a program where Reservists provide briefings to Middle and High School children on drug abuse prevention.

CDF briefers will be contacting a number of our NSCC commanding officers to provide NSCC representatives to accompany CDF at selected schools to give a short talk about the NSCC program.

The story of NSCC's anti-drug, anti-gang, total youth development program is a perfect follow up to the CDF presentation. When a CDF member contacts you, your national staff asks that you try to provide CDF-knowledgeable NSCC adult and youth members. A cadet in uniform at the CDF briefings could be an excellent recruiting tool. If you have questions, contact CAPT Barrett, NHQ, 703-243-6910.

## NSCC 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

An informal committee is being established to come up with recommendations for national and local events that can be developed to observe NSCC's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2002. Incidentally, the NSCC 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary coincides with the Navy League's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Details about their proposals will be provided at a later date.

## ENS TO LTJG PROCEDURES

Promotions from ENS to LTJG may be effected on a year-round basis, thanks to actions taken by NSCC Regional Directors in 1998.

Unit COs may recommend promotions to LTJG upon completion of existing requirements and when the individual is ready for increased responsibilities.

Letter recommendations **must be forwarded to NHQ via Regional Directors and Field Representatives. CO letters must indicate Council concurrence/endorsement of the proposed action.**

Upon receipt at NHQ, if ALL is in order, promotion will be effected and a promotion letter will be sent via the unit CO.

## NSCC BOOKSTORE NOW ON INTERNET

LCDR Bill Murphy, NSCC, indicated that the NSCC Bookstore is now on the Internet and may



be reached via <http://bookstore.sea-cadets.org>.

The Bookstore features books and videos to help members hone professional skills and to fill out home and unit libraries. The materials are offered at substantial discounts from traditional stores, thanks to partnering between NSCC and Amazon.com.

Some of the Bookstore's selections currently featured are "The Naval Officers Guide", "The Complete Book of Knots", "Naval Leadership", "Victory at Sea" and many more titles.

Besides assisting professional development at discounted prices, all Bookstore purchases will contribute money to NSCC. Five to 15% of purchases will help offset NSCC Internet programs and administrative costs.

Visit the NSCC Bookstore to help complete your personal library, while further helping the Corps. We recommend you pass the word to your units, sponsors, parents, friends and other supporters of NSCC.

### ELECTION YEAR REMINDER

NSCC is a non-profit organization under the Internal Revenue Service rules. "Non-profits" are prohibited from engaging in political activity in support of (or against) any candidate for public office. The appearance of political activity could cause the IRS to question the non-profit status NSCC holds.

For example, NSCC cadets are prohibited from conducting opening ceremonies for political fundraising dinners and other events. However, participating in Memorial Day activities where an announced candidate may be present is certainly appropriate and authorized, as long as the ceremony is not a forum for a "vote for me" speech. Often there is a fine line that must be addressed. When there are questions about participating in a function, NHQ should be contacted to help sort out the issue.

### 10% GROWTH

The National Chairman's Christmas Message calls for a 10% growth in the NLCC and NSCC program.

Each unit is expected to show this growth in calendar 2000. A 10% growth appears, on the surface, to be a huge task, until one reviews the simplicity of addressing the issue. For most units, this amounts to the addition of just a few new cadets and adult leaders over and above the current registration.

Then there are the units that do not currently meet minimum numerical standards. We all profess that the program is "for the kids." Well, let's put our actions where our mouths are.

There is a national need to help provide young people with healthy, disciplined, drug-free, gang-free worthwhile programs. NSCC is truly one of the key programs ready to meet this need.



### FORMER SEA CADET EARN'S WINGS

Former Naval Sea Cadet Enid Haik Brackett, now a Navy Ensign, is flying helicopters with the Fleet and is stationed in Norfolk, VA.

Ensign Brackett was active in the NSCC for six years. She served as an Aviation Ground School Instructor and Assistant Training Detachment Commander while an NSCC midshipman. She graduated from Southern Methodist University, completed Navy OCS and was "winged" on 20 August 1999 at Whiting Field.

### UNIFORM COMPARISON COSTS

The NSCC uniform depots work hard to reduce the costs of uniform shipping and handling to NSCC parents and officers. Please note the comparison costs below and see the savings for yourself! Our depot volunteers work hard and deserve your thanks and prompt uniform payments!

#### Draft NSCC order

Qty	Item	NSCC Handling
1 pr.	Safety Shoes	2.50
2	Raincoats, Male (\$2 ea.)	6.00
5	Utility Jackets (\$3 ea.)	15.00
3	Raincoats, Female (\$3 ea.)	9.00
9	Seabags	2.00
	Total	<b>50.50*</b>

#### NEW Items from Navy Uniform Support, Norfolk, VA

Qty	Item	Navy Price
1 pr.	Safety Shoes (\$65 ea)	65.00
2	Raincoats, M (\$60.85 ea)	121.70
5	Utility jackets (\$36.45 ea)	182.25
3	Raincoats, F (\$59.70 ea)	179.10
9	Seabags (\$18.60 ea)	167.40
	Total	<b>715.45*</b>

\*Shipping costs not included.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR Jan 2000

1 **Deadline** for receipt of Willis E. Reed and Nicholas Brango, Keith T. Weaver award nominations **at NHQ.**

15 Year 2000 NSCC Foreign Exchange – Korea?

17 Martin Luther King Day

### **Feb**

12 Lincoln's Birthday

21 Presidents' Day

### **Mar**

17 St. Patrick's Day

### **Apr**

2 Daylight Saving Time begins

3 Deadline for receipt of Navy League Scholarship applications at NLHQ.

TBD Annual Field Reps Meeting

20 Passover begins

23 Easter

### **May**

14 Mother's Day

15 **Deadline** for NSCC and Kingsley Foundation scholarships at NHQ

20 Armed Forces Day

30 Memorial Day

### **Jun**

14 Flag Day

14 Army Anniversary (1775)

14-18 Philadelphia, PA Navy League National Convention

18 Father's Day

### **July 2000**

4 Independence Day

15 Public Health Service Anniv. (1798)

### **Aug**

4 Coast Guard Anniversary (1790)

### **Sept**

4 Labor Day

10 NSCC Anniversary (1962)

18 Merchant Marine Academy Anniversary (1943)

29 Rosh Hashanah begins

### **Oct**

9 Yom Kippur begins/Columbus Day

13 Navy Anniversary (1775)

TBD Coronado, CA: Field Representatives' Mtg.

TBD Coronado, CA: Annual Regional Directors Conference

31 Halloween

### **Nov**

1 **Deadline** for receipt of Willis E. Reed, Nicholas Brango and Keith Weaver Award entries at Regional Directors

2-5 Hilton Head, SC, Navy League Winter Meeting

7 Election Day

8 Promotion Board deadline

10 Marine Corps Anniversary (1775)

11 Veterans Day

23 Thanksgiving Day

### **Dec**

TBD Promotion Board to meet

21 Hanukkah begins

25 Christmas

 **Happy Holidays**   
**from all of us at NHQ!**

## EFFECTIVE ACTION/INFORMATION LETTERS

### **ACTION LETTERS**

<b><u>Number</u></b>	<b><u>Subject</u></b>
13-91	NSCC/NLCC Parental Agreement
2-93	Membership Activity Reporting System (MARS)
7-94	Motivational Training
8-94	NSCC/NLCC Standards of Conduct
4-96	Citation for Recognition of NSCC Training Support
4-97	Enrollment Fee Increase
10-97	NSCC Officer Uniform Study
2-98	NSCC Uniform Ordering/Payment Procedures
4-98	NSCC Cadet Physical Fitness Program
5-98	NSCC Unit Training, Training Reporting, NSC-24C, & Good Judgement
8-98	Alternative Uniform Requirements
1-99	NSCC/NLCC Awards Manual
3-99	NSCC/NLCC Cadet Application & Agreement (NSC-4, Rev 12-90)
4-99	NSCC E-1 Stripe
5-99	Overdraft Checks
6-99	NLCC Marksmanship Training
7-99	Designation of September as Sea Cadet Month
8-99	Enrollment Fee Processing
10-99	1999 NSCC/NLCC Annual Inspection/Evaluation Report
11-99	Keith T. Weaver NLCC "Cadet of the Year" Award
12-99	1999 Regional Directors' Conference
13-99	<u>New</u> Policy for Transferring NLCC Cadets to the NSCC

### **INFORMATON LETTERS**

<b><u>Number</u></b>	<b><u>Subject</u></b>
15-87	Recruiting & Retention of NSCC Officers
6-88	Cadet Recruiting/Retention
9-91	Air Rifle Marksmanship Training
2-93	Unit Fund Raising
9-94	NSCC/NLCC POLICY Regarding Prescription Medication & Pre-existing Medical Conditions
3-95	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations
4-95	High Risk Training
2-96	Sponsorship of NSCC units
4-97	NSCC Medical Insurance Coverage
12-98	NSCC Officers & Instructors Guide to Taxes
13-98	Cancellation of DRMO Screeners Program
3-99	TWT Opportunity with the Foundation for Teaching Economics
6-99	NSCC Hall of Fame
9-99	1999 NSCC/NLCC Annual Awards
11-99	Change in SW Field Representative; Addition of NSCC Liaison Position
12-99	1999 Winter Training
13-99	Parent Auxiliary Groups
14-99	NSCC IMC Listserv/Sea Cadet Muster Listserv