

WASH-O-GRAM

News and information from NSCC headquarters & units across the country

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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, and to all Chiefs in our program:

Andrew Hrynkiw, Sullivans Division
Jeremiah J. Griswold, Constitution Div.

10% GROWTH IS NEEDED

If you read the Chairman's Holiday message, you saw that he calls for each unit to show a modest 10% growth by 31 December 2000.

Even very large units are expected to grow by at least three cadets.

A number of units do not even meet minimum standards (15 League Cadets or 25 Sea Cadets.) In a couple of cases, adult leaders outnumber cadets.

All Field Representatives, Regional Directors and Commanding Officers are expected to make the 10% growth a priority ... and a reality. Actions taken

now will reduce pressures of year-end cadet member deficits!

TRAINING

AWARD WINNERS NAMED

The 2000 winners of the Brango, Reed and Weaver awards have been named and the selectees have been notified.

The 2000 Brango Officer of the Year is LCDR Daniel D. Van Arsdall of the Lexington Division, Aurora, CO.

The 2000 Reed Sea Cadet of the Year is Cadet CPO Zachary D. Collard of the Greater Ozarks Division, Springfield, MO.

The 2000 Weaver League Cadet of the Year is Cadet Jason Lee Steinhoff of the Training Ship Michigan., Lansing, MI.

We congratulate these selectees and all who were nominated for these prestigious awards.

LCDR Van Arsdall and Cadet CPO Collard will receive their awards at the June Navy League national convention in Philadelphia. The League Cadet winner will be recognized locally.

40th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

A special 40th Anniversary Committee has been established to develop suggestions of appropriate actions that may be taken on the local

and national levels to properly observe this milestone.

National Director Lawrence Lynott is chairman of the committee. Field Representatives CAPT Ed Sobieray and CAPT Ron Baker are members of the committee.

They have been asked to develop suggested recommendations.

NSCC's 40th anniversary coincides with the Navy League's 100th anniversary and this fact may offer some joint-opportunities.

All individuals are encouraged to send their suggestions to Mr. Lynott c/o NSCC, 2300 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201.

VFW VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary are sponsoring a patriotic essay competition. Deadline for submitting essays is 1 November 2000. First prize is a \$20,000 scholarship to the college or university of the winner's choice, and a trip to Washington, DC.

Contestants must be 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade, properly enrolled in public, private or parochial high schools or in home study. Foreign Exchange students, and adults over the age of 19, are not eligible to participate in this competition.

Contestants must submit a 3-5 minute written essay and a recording of the essay on an audiocassette tape. The items should be given to the high school or VFW Post Voice of Democracy chairman, no later than Nov 1, 2000. Interested Cadets are encouraged to contact their local VFW Post for complete details.

WORDS OF WISDOM

An active duty Air Force officer, and Former Sea Cadet of the FDR Squadron, recently sent a note well worth digesting: "I am a former sea cadet and have overcome some seemingly insurmountable challenges to achieve my dream of becoming a military aviator.

"Things I learned in the Cadet Corps serve me well today as an Air Force officer. Take your drill weekends seriously and apply what you learn in live. Core values, leadership traits and absolute determination will take you far. Don't ever give up on what you feel is important and/or right.

"I enjoyed my time in the Sea Cadets, but more importantly, I built a rock-solid foundation of those core values and leadership traits. I didn't know it then, but my character was being molded by the leadership, my peers and the great things I experienced while in the program.

"My message to you is this: achieving your dreams is within your power.

"I'm sure that being a kid today is quite a bit different from when I was young, however things remain fairly constant. Establish core values and don't stray from them, try to develop a game plan as to what you would like to do with your lives, and never let some one tell you that you can't do something. I cannot count the number of people who told me that I would never be able to be a military pilot. I simply did not listen and stood steadfast by my beliefs, and in the end made it.

"Chances are the FDR Squadron remains as great as when I remember it, so enjoy your time there, because it will be gone very quickly and you'll move on to other things.

"God Bless and Aim High!"

TEACHERS / RETIREES: SUMMER

Teachers and Retirees are often good candidates to become adult volunteers and assist with summer training needs.

Many potential volunteers are not able to devote an entire year to Sea Cadets. However, they may be excellent candidates to assist in summer boot camps and other 2 week training sessions.

Unit COs are encouraged to make these opportunities known within their communities. A number of these “part-time volunteers” may someday decide to affiliate with units as regular officers.

A letter to appropriate schools, Navy League Councils, AARP chapters and retiree groups could result in attracting more adult volunteers to NSCC and NLCC programs.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Apr

- 2 Daylight Saving Time begins
- 3 Deadline for receipt of Navy League Scholarship applications at NLHQ.
- 17 Passover begins
- 23 Easter

May

- 14 Mother’s Day
- 15 **Deadline** for NSCC and Kingsley Foundation scholarships at NHQ
- 20 Armed Forces Day
- 29 Memorial Day observed

Jun

- 14 Flag Day
- 14 Army Anniversary (1775)
- 14-18 Philadelphia, PA Navy League National Convention

July 2000

- 4 Independence Day
- 15 Public Health Service Anniversary

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

- 8 Yom Kippur begins
- 9 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 meets
- 21 Hanukkah begins
- 25 Christmas

Jan 2001

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

Feb

- Lincoln’s Birthday
- 21 President’s Day

Mar

- 17 St. Patrick’s Day