



## Chairman's Message



**Last June I indicated that our** Program's number one problem was the need for more adult leaders (Officers, Midshipmen, Active Duty, Instructors). Unfortunately, this continues to be the case.

I ask all NSCC members, adults and cadets, to review the established goals:

### 2002 Goals

#### Commanding Officers

Take steps to have units meet minimum cadet membership. Increase adult Officer and Instructor membership by one third during calendar 2002.

Encourage Cadets' parents to support unit activities. Recognize cadets and adult members through the established recognition programs and cadet scholarship opportunities.

#### Regional Directors

Assign responsibility to Commanding Officers to meet minimum cadet membership numbers and increase number of Officers and Instructors.

Develop and implement pro-active programs to create additional NSCC and NLCC units, especially in larger population centers that could reasonably be expected to support multiple units. Recognize outstanding commanding officers.

#### Field Representatives

Actively encourage Regional Directors to take steps to ensure that units achieve the minimum required cadet numbers and increased adult leaders in each of the units in the assigned region. Ensure that Regional Directors fully understand their responsibility to establish new units within their sub-regions.

Encourage establishment of League Cadet programs in major population centers and locales that have JROTC programs in order to support these programs and to set the stage for future Sea Cadet units. Develop a cadre of adults who may be available only during summer months to help provide adult leadership for summer training evolutions. Recognize out-

standing Regional Directors.

#### General

Where possible, conduct annual Region and/or sub-region gatherings of adult leaders and experienced cadets to discuss problems, develop solutions and identify new opportunities to improved NSCC and NLCC programs.

During the 2002 40th anniversary year, take steps to recognize past and present cadets and adult leaders. Plan and execute local events to help local communities become more aware of the existence and value of the Sea Cadet program.

Encourage community and business leaders, unit sponsors and elected officials to participate in these special programs.

Remember  
**It Is For The Cadets!**

Jim Ward  
National Chairman



## FORMER SEA CADET LOST AT SEA

**Aviation Anti-Submarine Warfare Petty Officer 2nd Class (AW2) Jason Lawson**, age 21, was lost at sea on March 12th when the SH-60B Seahawk helicopter he was aboard crashed in to the Mediterranean Sea.

The helicopter attached to Helicopter Squadron Light (HSL) 46 and embarked aboard USS HAYLER (DD 997) was conducting a routine flight when it crashed.

As a cadet, AW2 Lawson served in the NARS B-1 Squadron at NAS Atlanta where his father, LCDR Edward Lawson, is finishing up a three year tour as unit commanding officer.

AW2 Lawson was a three year veteran of the Navy and a qualified rescue swimmer. He leaves behind his mother Roz and father Edward both of whom serve as adult leaders in the Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

Condolences may be addressed to the Lawsons at: 2529 Davis St SE, Smyrna, GA 30080; (770) 432-8085.

Sources: Navy News Service, Lawson Family

## TOP CADETS & ADULT LEADERS

NSCC Cadet, NLCC Cadet, Officer, and Instructor of the Year Award Recipients



From Left to Right: **Reed Award (Sea Cadet of the Year)** CPO Grant Greenwell of NARS B-1 Squadron, NAS Atlanta, GA; **Weaver Award (Navy League Cadet of the Year)** PO1 Jake Ryzewski of Training Ship ADM Marc A. Mitscher, MCAS Miramar, CA; **Brango Award (Officer of the Year)** LCDR Marshall Muros, ARD Reg. 6-1, CO NWS-TEAM Trident (Not Pictured); **Colby Award (Instructor of the Year)** INST Yvonne Wheatley of Constitution Division, Lawrence, MA.

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# WHAT EXAMPLE ARE YOU SETTING?

**Too often a few of our adult leaders** forget some of the basics of our program and engage in non-productive "cat fights", neglect to follow the chain of command, ignore rules and regulations, and take other actions that often prove detrimental to the Cadets.

The NSCC program "is for the Cadets" and all leaders must set the example.

There have been too many incidents that pit adults vs. adults, within the same unit, and unhealthy incidents that put competing units in conflict.

Our Cadets are bright and alert and often torn apart by what they see. They hear comments or witness personality conflicts that have no place in a program that IS FOR THE CADETS.

Rules and Regulations exist to provide order for a program, and to assure fairness for all. Far too often those in leadership positions try to circumvent established policies.

While mistakes are understood, there have been many cases where adults repeatedly tried to cut corners that resulted in problems for Cadets. Too often some leaders have exceeded their authority causing problems for the Cadets and concern for parents.

Some leaders caused delays or extra work because they did not follow the established "chain of command." For those who are not aware, the chain goes from the unit, to the Region Director, to the Field Representative and finally to the National Office.

Quite often incidents can be quickly resolved by someone in the chain, without having to reach the national level.

Issues that should be sent through the chain of command will be returned to the sender. Thus, the sender will be responsible for any delays encountered.

All must remember that the League and Sea Cadet programs exist FOR THE CADETS!



## Support from CINCPACFLT

**Recently RADM R.F. Willard, Deputy Commander-In-Chief and Chief of Staff, U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor** issued the following message in support of the Sea Cadet program:

*"Recently an old NAVADMIN MSG was brought to my attention relating to Navy support for one of our very valuable and important youth programs - the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC). This program, along with the NJROTC in our high schools provides a valuable training ground for potential future Navy men and women.*

*I have found the men and women throughout the PACFLT AOR to be a body of great professionals working to make our Navy the finest it can be.*

*We need to continually look for ways to pave the way for tomorrow's Navy. Participation as volunteer adult leaders or adoption of Sea Cadet units by Navy Activities are excellent means to achieve both goals.*

*Sponsored by the Navy League of the United*



*States, the NSCC is a Federally Chartered, non-profit youth organization, whose goal is to acquaint high school age youths with the Navy and interest them in military service.*

*Approximately 70 PERCENT of the Sea Cadets who participate in the four year program eventually go on to serve on active duty and of that number, nearly half choose to join the Navy. Some 300 young men and women from the NSCC enter the Sea Services each year in either an enlisted or an officer program. The NSCC provides the Navy with individuals who are career minded, well-disciplined and highly motivated.*

*The program's greatest needs are for qualified adult leaders and training opportunities on ships and stations. Through involvement with the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Navy people of today can directly impact the readiness of tomorrow's Navy*

*See CINCPACFLT, Page 4*

## TRAINING NEWS

CAPT Henry J. Nyland, USNR (Ret)

### The NSCC Summer Training Schedule

Information Letter is posted on the NSCC Resources Web Site <<http://resources.seacadets.org>>. At this site is the ORIGINAL information letter itself with all the enclosures. Enclosure (3) is the training schedule itself as originally written as of the date of the letter. This enclosure only gets updated when we generate a complete rewrite of encl. (3) and post the complete rewrite. So, it is NOT always 100% up to date!

However, change information as received does get immediately posted at the section for Training Schedules, at 2002 Summer Training, under the particular training (they are grouped by type training). THIS IS WHERE YOU FIND THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION FOR A PARTICULAR TRAINING AND THIS IS WHERE YOU SHOULD GO TO FILL OUT YOUR REQUEST FOR TRAINING.

Phone numbers change, COTC's change, addresses where to send applications change, etc. etc. It happens everyday. At National Headquarters we take these daily changes and post them as they occur to this section titled Training Schedules, 2002 Summer Training, under the particular training. SO THIS IS WHERE YOU NEED TO GO FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION.

Cadets should check the Training Schedules Section, 2002 Summer Training, for any changes to NSCC Information Letter 4-02 and/or for the most up to date information on a particular training before submitting their Requests for Training to their unit.

### Finding Summer Training CHEAT SHEET for Cadets

1. Go to the internet and access: <http://resources.seacadets.org>
2. Click on NSCC Information Letter 4-02 under "Special Announcements".
3. Check out all the training guidelines/prerequisites, and review the training schedule (enclosure 3)) to get the big picture.
4. Then decide on a training.
5. THEN.... AND THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT GO BACK AND CLICK TRAINING AND ADVANCEMENT
6. CLICK TRAINING SCHEDULES
7. CLICK 2002 SUMMER TRAINING
8. FIND AND CLICK YOUR DESIRED TRAINING ENSURING YOU MEET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS TO ATTEND.
9. Check for changes and/or updates often. The information on the web site supersedes that in encl. (3) of Information Letter 4-02.
10. Now you are ready to fill out your Request for Training Authority (NSCTNG001).....

## CPO Advancements

<b>Anthony Bracalente</b> Constitution Division	<b>Vaughan A. Villarreal</b> Alamo Division	<b>Benjamin D. Graef</b> Moffett Squadron
<b>Brian M. Yenna</b> Michigan Mountaineers	<b>Steven Hernden</b> Naples Division	<b>Frank Lago</b> Moffett Squadron
<b>Kevin A. Meyer</b> BB Missouri Division	<b>William D. Coutts</b> Gunfighter Squadron	<b>Crystal Simmons</b> Sumner Division
<b>Karen M. Ashton</b> SS-28 Wahoo Division	<b>Jeffery Shelton</b> Ingraham Division	



## ADMIN NEWS

ENS Evelyn Tadler, NSCC

**Cadet Enrollment Form (NSCADM 007):** Please complete as requested the date of birth section (3g) by using the military dating format of DAY, Month, Year. Units are incorrectly noting this information. If necessary spell out the month i.e. JUN, SEP, etc. Repeated failure by the same units requiring replacement ID cards will be faced with a \$3.00 charge per ID card.

**MARS Reports:** When a Cadet/Officer has transferred to another unit the departing unit should list the Cadet/Officer as dropped. It is the duty of the new unit to notify NHQ that transferring Cadet/Officer has come aboard receiving unit. This also applies to NLCC Cadets who have "graduated" and Cadets who have moved. They all are dropped and the receiving unit must notify NHQ.

**Bounced Checks:** National headquarters is charged by our bank for non-sufficient funds (NSF) checks received in payment of enrollments, manuals, uniforms, etc. We will not redeposit NSF checks. A replacement check is to

be sent ASAP to cover the funds plus \$25.00 per returned check. If the check was for enrollments, the personnel will be unenrolled and will not be able to attend training. No further uniform orders will be processed if the checks were in payment of uniforms. After two incidents of bounced checks only certified checks or money orders will be accepted. One bounced check equals a Zero score for that section of your yearly inspection score from NHQ.

**Accidental Injury during Drills/ Local Functions:** Due to the dramatic increase in medical costs and our ceiling coverage of \$5,000 it is requested that common sense be used in securing treatment for minor injury. If a Cadet or Officer is at a local drill or local function and not severely injured, they should go to their local physician by private transport with family member called to scene.

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## Congressional Funds

Sincere thanks to Captain Steve Barrett of NHQ for his hard work and professionalism that resulted in obtaining \$1-million 2002 federal funds. Captain Barrett also took steps to see that NSCC is among some thirty effective and established national organizations, recognized by the Department of Justice and its' Drug Enforcement Administration as a Prevention, Treatment and Education Resource. DEA Administrator Asa Hutchinson listed NSCC among the select groups of approved organizations at a DEA press conference in December.

## Finnegan Recognized

**Posthumous recognition for NSCC** Hall of Fame inductee, LCDR Charles Finnegan, was presented in January at a California ceremony to his wife LCDR Rose Finnegan, NSCC. (See Winter 2001 WOG).

## Cadets Recognized

**Two NARS B-1 (GA) cadets , CPO Grant Greenwell and AA Kamilah Keith,** were presented with Daughters of the American Revolution awards at their Unit's awards banquet. The awards were presented by the Honorable Ginger Collins of Georgia's House 29th District and DAR Regent Marilyn Gilhuly.

In addition to being the 2002 NSCC Cadet of the Year, CPO Greenwell has also been accepted for appointment to the Naval Academy.

## Scholarship News

**NSCC Information Letter 5-01** provides details about some 22 college scholarship opportunities from the Sea Cadets and the Navy League.

Eligible Sea Cadets are encouraged to apply for both the NSCC and Sea Cadet scholarships.

Cadets should use NSCC Scholarship Application Form (NSC-14 revised 1/98) for Sea Cadet scholarships, and a separate Navy League application form that may be found on the NLUS web site <<http://www.navyleague.org>> or by calling Marcy Castro at NHQ (703) 243-6910.

**Deadline for receipt of NSCC scholarship applications is 15 May 2002, while the Navy League deadline is 29 March.**

## REMARKS FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

**Secretary of State Colin L. Powell** provided remarks for the commissioning of the Gen. Colin L. Powell NSCC Division located in Chicago:

"It is an honor to have a Division of the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps bear my name. I am heartened by what I already hear about this Division and I am pleased to be able to join you in spirit for the commissioning.

America's young people are our most precious resource - and the United States Naval Cadet Corps enjoys a wonderful tradition of preparing our Nation's young men and women for success. I commend you, the parents, the officers and the cadet leaders as you commit yourselves to teaching these youngsters the singular virtues of courage, self-reliance and patriotism. You will be teaching seamanship, but you will be teaching much more - you will be

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## CHANGING OF THE GUARD

**Admiral James Loy, current Coast Guard** Commandant, is scheduled to retire at the end of May 2002. He will be succeeded by VADM Thomas H. Collins, current Coast Guard Vice Commandant. In February Admiral Loy was awarded the NSCC Chairman's Medal for his support of the Sea Cadet program, by Jim Ward, NSCC National Chairman, and CAPT Michael Ford, NSCC Executive Director.

Former League Cadet and Sea Cadet Vincent W. Patton, Coast Guard Master Chief Petty Officer, is slated to retire after 30 years service. The highest-ranking enlisted person in the Coast Guard and the first African American attain this rank plans to enter the seminary in September to go into the ministry. He holds two under graduate degrees, a master's in counseling and a doctorate in education. MCPO-CG Patton credits the Sea Cadet program with helping him to succeed in his military career.

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Recently we were sent a report as follows: Cadet playing and fell during lunch/liberty at home drill site. Wind was knocked out him but did not pass-out, no bruising, and no broken skin.

Cadet was transported via ambulance to military clinic. Examined and determined not life threatening injury, and as military facilities ONLY treat ACTIVE DUTY personnel or life threatening injury, no treatment provided. Private ambulance called to transport to community hospital. In emergency room Cadet examined and given CAT scan and numerous x-rays. Released with no follow up required.

The results. Bills received for two ambulances, physician fees in hospital, X-rays fees by physician, hospital fees including very expensive Cat-scan, and emergency room treatment. No charges forward from military clinic. Total bills received just under \$5,000. Vs. being seen by private local personal physician. Please exercise common good judgement.

**Uniform Orders:** Please fax or mail your uniform orders in NOW. June is the heaviest month with RTC training, do not wait until last minute as your orders will not arrive in time. Cadets feel out of place when they don't have a complete sea bag. Make their experience as pleasant as possible by ordering NOW. We have

a small number of used Officer uniforms available both male and a few female. Both khaki and whites. Very, very few blues.

**Dondero Orders:** Download from Dondero's Internet <<http://www.dondero.com>> a new order form for each order placed. Turn-around time is 5 business days plus delivery time from Southwestern Virginia. Sportswear turn-around time is 3 to 4 weeks. When using a credit card please have established the authorization prior to placing order. Note: There has been a dramatic increase of credit card companies refusing approval. If your credit card account is unsatisfactory, have someone else place the order.

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*sharing their professionalism and demonstrating a commitment to personal excellence. Ref A) provides guidance concerning command assistance to the Naval Sea Cadet Corps.*

*Commanding Officers should ensure that all personnel are aware of opportunities to participate in this fine organization. All ships and stations are encouraged to look for opportunities to provide training to Sea Cadets on a not to interfere basis with operational commitments. Training opportunities ashore or afloat, pier side or underway, are desired."*

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teaching the Sea Cadets to believe in themselves. Through your diligence and commitment, the Powell Division Naval Sea Cadets will learn how to be truly successful, and how to be good citizens.

I'm confident that the cadets of the POWELL Division will soon learn that there are no shortcuts to success. But I challenge each of them - Be the Best! United States Naval Sea Cadet training, like its military counterpart, can be demanding. It is designed to teach those character traits we Americans prize and require of our leaders and successful citizens: loyalty; discipline; moral courage; and devotion to duty among others. But, I'm sure the Powell Naval Sea Cadets will find, as I did, that the friends they will make and the personal discipline they will develop will serve them well wherever their life may take them.

True success always requires a bit of work - and a commitment to do the very best job one knows how. But learning new skills can be a whole lot of fun. I share your sense of anticipation and I look forward to hearing great things from the Powell Division Naval Sea Cadets in the years ahead.

# Calendar of Events

### Naval Sea Cadet Corps

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### April

1 Deadline for receipt of Navy League Scholarship applications at NHQ.

### May

1 Deadline for Hall of Fame nominations  
7 Daylight Savings Time begins  
12 Mother's Day  
15 Deadline for Stockholm, NSCC, Kingsley Foundation and Pacific Gas & Electric Scholarship apps. to be received at NHQ  
18 Armed Forces Day  
27 Memorial Day observed  
30 NSCC Scholarship Board meets

### June

14 Flag Day  
14 Army Anniversary (1775)  
28-July 2 New York, NY, Navy League National Convention / Sea Cadet Board Meeting

### July

4 Fourth of July (1776)  
15 Public Health Service Anniversary

### August

4 Coast Guard Anniversary (1790)

### September

1 Hall of Fame Deadline  
2 Labor Day  
6 Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown  
10 **NSCC 40th Anniversary (1962)**  
11 First anniversary of World Trade Center and Pentagon attack  
15 Yom Kippur begins at sundown  
17 Merchant Marine Academy Anniversary (1943)

### October

14 Columbus Day  
13 Navy Anniversary (1775)  
27 Daylight Savings Time ends  
31 Halloween

### November

1 Deadline for receipt of Willis E. Reed, Nicholas Brango, Keith Weaver and Instructor of the Year Award nominations by Regional Directors  
5 Election Day  
8 Deadline Nominations for Promotion Board  
10 Marine Corps Anniversary (1775)  
11 Veterans Day  
27 Thanksgiving Day  
28 Hanukkah begins at sundown

### December

TBD Washington, DC NSCC Promotion Board meets  
7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day  
25 Christmas

### January 2003

1 Deadline for receipt of Willis E. Reed, Nicholas Brango, Keith T. Weaver and Instructor of the Year nominations at NHQ from Regional Directors.  
20 Martin Luther King Day

### February

17 President's Day

### March

17 St. Patrick's Day