



WASH-O-GRAM

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LCDR Campbell is the new National Development Director of NSCC



LCDR Mike Campbell, long-time NSCC officer has joined NHQ staff in charge of directing all national fundraising activities. There are many funding sources available to national organizations but finding them is the challenge. LCDR Campbell is looking for help from the field in identifying and contacting fundraising sources. These include foundations, corporations, and government grants. The NSCC is a registered 501 (c) 3 non profit organization and qualifies to apply for all grants. They can specialize in education, youth, and career development. There are also opportunities is sponsorships for training activities, both locally arranged and national. In the future, LCDR Campbell will be giving tips on local fundraising for

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From the desk of the Executive Director CAPT Michael D. Ford, USNR (Ret.)

We are trying to re-start the Wash O Gram as a quarterly newspaper. Over the past several weeks we have received many news stories which were considered for publication in the newspaper. Unfortunately we can not publish all the articles submitted and had to make a choice between the many good articles that were sent in. The Wash O Gram purpose is to provide some good official information as well as interest stories. The editor has authority to make the decision as to what is most valuable to the cadets and the organization for articles printed. We hope you like the mix presented in the paper.

There are several other items of interest that should be addressed at this time. First is that of Sea Cadet funding for summer 2009 training. The good news story here is that the Navy, at the urging of Congress, has again provided funding for 2009 to train cadets. It is the same amount we have received for the past three years. Unfortunately, we have not received any inflation factor in our funds received to provide for the greatly increased training costs. In order to provide for basically the same training opportunities as we have had in the past three years, we have had to raise the cost to the cadet for summer training from \$75 per week to \$140. This is still way less than most other youth training costs for a week and is a bargain. We recognize this seems like a large increase but the Sea Cadet summer training costs are hundreds of dollars less than other summer youth programs.

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units while partnering with all officers and instructors on national fundraising ideas. With the economic challenges facing all of us, the NSCC is not immune to funding cuts. It is imperative that all members be aware of the opportunities in your community. This means polling your parents to see who works for corporations that have giving programs or foundations, discussing funding opportunities with the patriotic organizations you work with, and contacting your local non profit association that helps organizations find foundations that provide grants to youth development organizations both local and nationwide.

The future of the NSCC rests with all of us. We do great work for our cadets and we should be recognized for it by receiving grants and donations. We have all invested a great amount of time and effort into making our program the best in the country. It's time that the foundations, corporations, patriotic agencies, and government grant making departments invest in us and our cadets' futures. The sky is the limit. Stay tuned for more.

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**Admiral Vern E. Clark, USN
Chief of Naval Operations**

"In teaching cadets about our rich naval traditions and our Navy core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment, the Sea Cadet Corps is laying the foundation for productive and responsible citizens."

Enrollment Fees

Commencing January 2009, there will be an increase in the cadet enrollment fee from \$51 to \$53. This increase is because of the costs of inflation. We are holding the increase to 3.9 % which is close to the increase in the consumer price index. While we do not want to increase the fee, we find it necessary to meet increased expenses passed along to the NSCC in areas such as liability and medical insurance, admin overheads including printing, mailing costs, and computer support services. The fee increase is for cadets only. The adult volunteer adult fee will remain the same.

While we get money from the Navy for summer training, they are asking questions about the Sea Cadet on board count, i. e. membership. The Navy wants to know if they are getting a good value for their money spent on the sea cadets. We closed last month with 8819 members on board. Since the Navy is considering raising the amount given to the sea cadets by \$700,000, in 2011 we should make every effort to increase our enrollments. We can easily do this if all cadets bring in one additional member. Navy recruiting is looking to increase our funding by an extra \$700,000. If we get it, this will provide for some more quality training and give the program a total of \$2.7M. for our 2011 training program.

Many have asked about the new digital uniform and when it will be available for the use by the NSCC. At this point we do not know. Until the uniform gets in the system at recruit training Great Lakes, we won't get anything. Best guess is that it will be another year before we will have a chance to get some of the digital BDUs. The same holds true for the new office working uniform. They must get this uniform into the system before we will see any of them. The Navy has allowed over a year for transitioning to the new style uniforms. We will get the same.

Please enjoy the read and keep sending your articles to the editor.

MDF.





From the desk of: CAPT Henry J. Nyland, USNR (Ret.) Deputy Executive Director

Summer Training 2009

2009 summer training is right around the corner, and as we have done over the last couple of years, we once again intend to promulgate the summer training plan for 2009 not later than end February. The first place you will see it is posted is at compass.seacadets.org. Federal funding will once again be available to offset cadet training costs, as in prior years. The grant for 2009 is \$2M, the same as last year. We will be stretching those grant dollars as much as ever throughout 2009 (as we always do), and will again ask COTC's to be conservative in their spending. COTC's all do outstanding and we know they will do it again.

The general cadet deposit for 2009 will be \$120 for one week evolutions and \$240 for two week evolutions. The 9 day short course RT will be \$170. Deposit requirements will be included in the summer training schedule. Deposits may be higher for some other trainings that are particularly expensive (where we actually have to hire instructors or pay for more expensive instructional resources/materials). While we able to keep deposit costs considerable lower over 2007 and 2008, escalating prices across the board over 2008 left the NSCC short of monies to support Winter 2008-2009 training, as well as any local training last quarter 2008 and first quarter 2009. These 2009 higher deposit fees are required in order to maintain the NSCC training programs. Food costs alone rose by 32% over this period.

Even with these increased deposits there will still be some reductions in the number of trainings over 2009. While we hope to maintain the same variety and quality of training, there will be some reduction in multiple offerings of some trainings. Cost will be as posted in the summer training schedule. With this plan we once again expect to be able to provide all cadets the opportunity to train and promote, still keep costs down to less than most other youth groups, and still be able to offer some really unique training opportunities. A review of other youth group summer camp costs at www.mysummercamps.com supports that NSCC training is still a great bargain in comparison. The NSCC remains very conscious of costs, and will continue to try to keep them as low as possible without sacrificing variety and quality. To this end NSCC has requested a funding increase for the out years, but even if approved it will not be available for the 2009 training season.

Forms for 2009 training, the funding process for training, and the guidelines themselves will be very much like last year. With regard to base access, we will work each opportunity with the particular base, and the COTC for that evolution....any special requirements will be passed to cadets so they will know how to report and included on compass or the training website as we know them. Current ID cards, a ready sea bag, deposit money in place, physical fitness, and ready cadets will be the same prescription this year, just like prior years, for a successful summer.

Think about what you will want to do so that applications can be submitted early. Early submissions continue to be important this year, just as they always are. Competition for billets will be keen and quotas will go fast, so start thinking now. For everyone, just like last year, be advised..... any and all of the evolutions scheduled will be subject to possible cancellation and relocation right up to the last minute....As we so well have come to realize, the world situation can change on a moments notice, and the alert status in effect on the report date will dictate whether or not the evolution is held as scheduled. Non refundable airline tickets are strongly discouraged. If flying, use refundable tickets!

International Exchange Program 2009



MISSION

To provide specialized education, training and the opportunity to travel abroad for qualified US Naval Sea Cadets who have an interest in learning about the cultural differences and nautical traditions that strengthen us as a global community.

We expect most of the same exchange opportunities that we had in 2008 to be again available in 2009 to once again include Scotland and Russia. Australia will be the first advertised. As soon as we are advised by host nations of exchange opportunities, we will get the word posted on the IMC and to the website via the Compass portal. All other International Exchange opportunities will be promulgated in an information letter in February as has been done in prior years. Information as it becomes available, as well as the international exchange information letter, will also be posted at iep.seacadets.org.

We expect to be able to provide good support to the International Exchange Program for 2009 with the same processes in place. LCDR Mike Campbell continues as IEP Program Director and a merit based selection process for both cadets and escorts will once again be used for many exchanges. Guidelines for Canada East and West will be as promulgated in the Information letter. Deposit monies will be required and specific amounts will be as promulgated in the Information Letter along with any other specific requirements. Look for it end February, they will be a lot like last year.



Passing PT is Not Optional!



REMEMBER PLEASE All cadets must pass the PT test at RT to get credit for RT; if they don't pass they will have to repeat RT. The policy was put in place 2003 and is still in place this year. It remains a Unit CO responsibility. All cadets must pass the PT test before attending and at RT, or they have to repeat RT.

The PT program is modeled after the President's Challenge, and that NSCC requirements remain below the 50th percentile nationally. See NSCC Action Letter 9-02.

Bottom line for Unit CO's is that if your cadet cannot pass the PT test, do not send him or her to Recruit Training.



BEING ABLE TO PASS THE PT TEST IS ALSO A REQUIREMENT FOR ANY ADVANCED TRAINING

2008 CPO Promotions – as at November 24th



CPO Joel Spickerman
Chosin Division

CPO Adam Guarno
Mayport Division

CPO Brian Horvath
Cleveland Division

CPO Jeremiah Kuipers
Antelope Valley Squadron

CPO Sirena Skillin
Orion Squadron

CPO Amanda Decoto-Glass
Aurora Division

CPO Peter Gorak
Kitsap Battalion

CPO Walter Beckmann
Fort Spokane Battalion

CPO Christopher Troche
John T. Dempster Division

CPO Robert Litts
Liberty (AGTR-5) Division

CPO Reece O'Connell
Matthew F. Maury Division

CPO Andrew Liss
Twin Cities Squadron

CPO Cody Benway
Pimiteoui Division

CPO Stephen Myrick
Central Coast Division

CPO Anthony Address
Mahan Division

CPO Timothy Peterson
Harlan R. Dickson Division

CPO Jordan Rio
Coral Sea Division

CPO Joy Caris
Chosin Division

CPO Ryan Regarsch
Charlotte Division

CPO Kirsten Figueroa
Gunfighter Squadron

CPO Joyce Welborn
Dealey Division

CPO Shawn Steggink
Princeton Division

CPO Bradley Cluxton
Centurion Battalion

CPO Andrew Beckmann
Fort Spokane Battalion

CPO Andrew Masiello
Capodanno Division

CPO Alyson Deleeuw
Boston Minutemen Division

CPO Gabriela Scherer
ADM William Halsey Battalion

CPO Ridgely Riggs
Orion Squadron

CPO Adam Drucker
Spruance Division

CPO Andrew Autore
Princeton Division

CPO Jennifer Bowzer
Gadsden Battalion

CPO Daniel Tooma
Mahan Division

CPO Jessica Clow
America Division

CPO Tyrone Logan
Atlantic City Division

CPO Brandon Bamburg
Forrestal Squadron

CPO Kyle Thomas
Central Coast Division

CPO Samir Abdelkhalek
Capodanno Division

CPO Leonard Schlingloff
Flying Eagles Squadron

CPO David Duncan
Seawolf Division

CPO Taylor Murdough
Gosnold Division

CPO Ashley Wires
Gosnold Division

CPO Tessa McCoy
NMCB-17 Battalion

2008 PO1 Promotions - as at November 24th



PO1 Brandon Spewak
AEGIS Division

PO1 Adam Guarno
Mayport Division

PO1 Bradley Cluxton
Centurion Battalion

PO1 Sirena Skillin
Orion Squadron

PO1 Dillion Albert
Moffett Squadron

PO1 Travis Solverson
Moffett Squadron

PO1 Charles Masters
Coronado Battalion

PO1 Dale Jackman
Aurora Division

PO1 Andrew Butler
VADM James Flatley Division

PO1 Brandon Bamburg
Forrestal Squadron

PO1 Ridgley Riggs
Orion Squadron

PO1 Amber Brace
Lone Star Squadron

PO1 Shawn Steggink
Princeton Division

PO1 Stephen Myrick
Central Coast Division

PO1 Gabriela Scherer
ADM William Halsey Battalion

PO1 Dylan Westrick
Commodore Perry Division

PO1 Charles Mays
F.C. Sherman Division

PO1 John McShane
NARS B ONE Squadron

PO1 Shannon Thompson
CBMU-303 Battalion

PO1 Jessica Clow
America Division

PO1 Alexander Wagrowski
Ghostriders Squadron

PO1 Daniel Tooma
Mahan Division

PO1 Peter Richter
Top Hatters Squadron

PO1 Andrew Autore
Princeton Division

PO1 Timothy Peterson
Harlan R. Dickson Division

PO1 Brandon Wasicsko
Spruance Division

PO1 Continued

PO1 Robert Litts
Liberty (AGTR-5) Division

PO1 Andrew Masiello
Capodanno Division

PO1 Bryan Haynes
Firelands Division

PO1 Nicholas Cervantes
Decatur Division

PO1 Eric Isaksen
NWS Earle Division

PO1 Joyce Welborn
Dealey Division

PO1 Allisandra Mowles
Gosnold Division

PO1 Ashley Wires
Gosnold Division

PO1 Kenneth Martin
CG Group Portland Division

PO1 Alyson Deleeuw
Boston Minutemen Division

PO1 Joseph Lucas
Challenger Division

PO1 Christopher Troche
John T. Dempster Division

PO1 Jordan Megee
John T. Dempster Division

PO1 Colin Cento
John T. Dempster Division

PO1 Madilynn Farmer
San Jaquin County Division

PO1 Zachary Dias
Gosnold Division

PO1 Kyle Brewer
American Veterans Division

PO1 Ryan Espinoza
American Veterans Division

PO1 Michael Thompson
Manatee Division

PO1 Andrea Gardea
O'Callahan Division

PO1 Christina Shaw
El Toro Battalion

PO1 Nathaniel Wakefield
Akron Battalion

PO1 Cody Benway
Pimiteoui Division

PO1 Leonard Schlingloff
Flying Eagles Squadron

PO1 Deisy Ramirez-Michel
O'Callahan Division

PO1 David Perone, Jr
Douglas Munro Division

PO1 Michael Singer
Yorktown Division

PO1 Kyle Thomas
Central Coast Division

PO1 Patrick Rebadow
Liberty Bell Squadron

PO1 Samuel Kincanon
Poseidon Division

PO1 David Duncan
Seawolf Division

PO1 Brook Stevens
Sacramento Division

PO1 Samir Abdelkhalek
Capodanno Division

PO1 Kevin Rajnay
NSCC-14 C-Bee Stingers Battalion

PO1 Joshua Teixeira
Modesto Division

PO1 Elliot Robinson
David McCampbell Battalion

PO1 Thomas Thibodeau
Nautilus Division

PO1 Joseph Murphy
Dealey Division

PO1 Ben Greenwald
Twin Cities Squadron

PO1 Tessa Mc Coy
NMCB-17 Battalion

PO1 Katherine Henckler
Constitution Division

PO1 Thomas Treacy
John T. Dempster Division

PO1 Continued

PO1 Stephen Treacy
John T. Dempster Division

PO1 Alexander Graves
CBMU-303 Battalion

PO1 Alexander Wilder
Orion Squadron

PO1 Jessica Wisinski
Michigan Commanders Battalion

PO1 Mark Ewell
Top Hatters Squadron

PO1 Jaqueline LaLiberte
Barque Eagle Division

PO1 Markus Kerr
Decatur Division

PO1 Jerome Garcia
Lexington Division

PO1 Camie Gray
Little Rock Division

PO1 Nicholas Capuzzi
Houston Division

PO1 Ethan Barlow
Houston Division

PO1 Spencer Crane
Freedom Division

PO1 Steven Cassingham
Moffett Squadron

PO1 Patrick Fagan
Katy Division

PO1 Evan Eastman
H.R. Doud Division

PO1 Cody Roberts
Airpac Squadron

PO1 Elizabeth Wolf
ADM William Halsey Battalion

PO1 Abigail Chek
Squadron One

PO1 Steven McDonald
Nautilus Division

PO1 Erik Snodgrass
Nautilus Division

PO1 Shannon Penne
Golden Bear Division

PO1 Jeremy Lockwood
Challenger Division

PO1 Philip Gauthier
VADM James Stockdale Division

PO1 Renee Jaquith
RADM Richard O’Kane Division

PO1 Jacob Henk
Lone Star Squadron

PO1 Katherine Player
Henry E. Mooberry Division

PO1 Zachary Vazquez
Charlotte Division

PO1 Justin Miller
America Division

PO1 Zachary Domagala
Sacramento Division

PO1 Zachary Herb
Gunfighter Squadron

PO1 Daniel Barowski
Harlan R. Dickson Division

PO1 Matthew Slosman
Harlan R. Dickson Division

PO1 Kenneth Worsman
Harlan R. Dickson Division

PO1 Shane Arendse
El Toro Battalion

PO1 Diana Cabarle
Cleveland Division

PO1 Chloe McDill
Twin Cities Squadron

PO1 Andrea Larson
Twin Cities Squadron

PO1 Stephen Marts
Paul Revere Division

PO1 Andrew Falahee
Paul Revere Division

PO1 Morgan Demmons
CG Group Portland Division

PO1 Continued

PO1 Steven Anderson
Liberty (AGTRR-5) Division

PO1 Stacy Mazzara
AEGIS Division

PO1 Charles Motzer
Blue Angels Squadron

PO1 John Morrin
Commodore Perry Division

PO1 Benjamin Van Slyke
James M. Hannon Division

PO1 Sean Swoboda
Houston Division

PO1 Morgan Demmons
CG Group Portland

PO1 Tristan Hart
Tomcat Squadron

EXTRACT FROM THE CHIEF'S CREED – THE UNITED STATES NAVY

Your entire way of life has now been changed. More will be expected of you; more will be demanded of you. Not because you are an E-7, but because you are now a Chief Petty Officer. You have not merely been promoted one pay grade. You have joined an exclusive fraternity - and, as in all fraternities, you have a responsibility to your brothers - even as they have a responsibility to you. Always bear in mind that no other armed force has rate or rank equivalent to that of the United States Navy. Granted, that all armed forces have two classes of service: enlisted and commissioned; however, the United States Navy has the distinction of having four, i.e. Enlisted, Bureau appointed CPO, Bureau appointed Warrant and Commissioned. This is why you can maintain with pride your feeling of superiority once you have attained the position of E-7 in the United States Navy.

These privileges, these responsibilities do not appear in print. They have no official standing. They cannot be referred to by name, number or file. They exist because for over 200 years the Chiefs before you have freely accepted responsibility beyond call of printed assignment and have, by their actions and performance, commanded the respect of their seniors as well as their juniors. It is now required that you be a fountain of wisdom, the ambassador of good will, the authority in personnel relations as well as technical application. "Ask the Chief" is a household phrase, both in and out of the Navy. You are now the "CHIEF"! So this, then, is why you were caused to experience these things. You were subjected to humiliation to prove to you that humility is good, a great, a necessary attribute which cannot mar you - in fact, it strengthens you - and, in your future as a Chief Petty Officer, you will be caused to suffer indignities, to experience humiliation far beyond those imposed upon you today. Bear them with the dignity, and with the same good grace, which you bore them today! It is our intention to prove these facts to you. It is our intention that you will never forget this day. It is our intention to test you, to try you, and to accept you. Your performance today has assured us that you will wear your hat with aplomb, as did your brothers in arms before you. We take a deep, sincere pleasure in clasping your hand, and accepting you as a Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy.

POLA and Advancement to PO2 & CPO

Important Reminder

Effective 1 September 2008, completion of POLA is required for promotion to PO2 and for promotion to CPO, RT staffing after completion of POLA is also required.

The onus is on the unit CO to enforce the above change for advancement to PO2.

Advancement to CPO – The Record of Cadet Advancement “MUST” indicate the cadet has completed the RT staffing! Advancement requests WILL BE returned WITHOUT ACTION for “proof” of this requirement.

NSCC / NLCC Awards Program



The NSCC / NLCC Awards Program has a very high level of respect and credibility. The reason is that the Corps does not give out awards and recognition without it being earned. The criteria for each award were established with fairness to those in the Corps, as being able to meet that awards criteria, and to maintain the credibility of the Awards Program. It is the responsibility of the recommending and approving officials to ensure that the complete criteria are met, before the award is presented.

When awards are presented and the recipient(s) have not met the awards criteria, several things happen. First, the Awards Program credibility is diminished. Second, and more importantly, the other recipients of the award, have had their efforts cheapened. Thirdly, and this is saddening, when others find out that the recipient of an awards did not meet the requirements, both the award recipient and the awarding authority lose credibility (unit Commanding Officer or Commanding Officer of a Training Contingent).

Each year numerous ribbon and medal awards are presented by good meaning organizations, commands, or created by units for individual(s) or unit accomplishments. Unfortunately these awards can not be worn on the Sea Cadet, Navy League Cadet, or leader's uniform. This usually leads to great disappointment by the recipient(s), since they received the award thinking they could wear it on their uniform. **IF IT IS NOT IN THE AWARDS MANUAL, IT CAN NOT BE WORN! PERIOD.**

It is every member of the Corps responsibility, from the recruit at their first drill, to the 20+ year "old timer", to ensure that the awards criteria for every award, as outlined in the NSCC / NLCC Awards Manual, is followed to the "T". Upholding the credibility of the Awards Program is every member of the Corps responsibility.

LCDR Thomas Klomps NSCC
Board of Directors
Member of the Awards Committee

Uniforms Vendors



In recent months we have seen some uniform items proposed by local vendors to their local sea cadet units. We have also seen emails from certain vendors advertising or marketing their sea cadet uniform items to various units. Along with this, NSCC HQTRS is receiving requests from units requesting they be authorized to use local vendors for various items. The short answer to these requests is no! The rationale for not having every vendor who wants to sell the local unit something is lack of uniformity.

Regardless of who makes things, if you have different vendors making NSCC items they will be slightly different in appearance, size, and quality. Working through one vendor, the NSCC looks the same, for better or worse. If it is worse, we can change one vendor. If you have multiple rogue vendors you have no control over what is produced.

Accordingly, the only NSCC uniform vendor for regular uniform items and NSCC Alternative uniform shirt and sports wear is SHIP'S STORE. We have a contract with them and have control over the uniform items. Further, we do not want rogue suppliers copying the NSCC cadet logo or any part of the uniform. To do so, it is copyright infringement.

<http://www.seacadetshipsstore.com/>

AROUND THE NATION

A selection of stories submitted by units



Corpus Christi Navy League and Sea Cadets Rescue the Coast Guard



Hurricane Ike gave the NLUS and NSCC an opportunity to serve U.S. Coast Guard Sector Corpus Christi. Extra helicopters and crews were sent in to aid in evacuation of the Galveston/Houston Area. Approximately 30 crew members were on rescue duty starting early Friday morning before the storm. During the day, they airlifted nearly 100 residents out before Ike stormed in. When it was realized that the crews had been sent without rations, funds or time to shop, an SOS was sent out to the Navy League. Not knowing what the night would bring, Suzy Williams, the NLUS South Texas Area President decided the first run had to be done right away. Sam's Club donated a \$100 gift card to help with the cost of a van full of food. That load took care of the afternoon, evening, breakfast and lunch.



By Saturday evening the TEXAS Div. Sea Cadets had purchased and delivered a huge fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings with WhataBurger in Flour Bluff stepped up to feeding the crew breakfast on Sunday morning. Babe Crouch, the Corpus Christi Navy League Council President and Regional Director (8.5) of the Sea Cadets said "It was a real adventure. I'm so happy we were able to help." The Corpus Christi Navy League had planned a Picnic with the Coast Guard and Sea Cadets but several dates had to be postponed because of hurricanes. "This way, we know we had 100% Coast Guard participation." A Coast Guard Station Tour for the Navy League membership and the Sea Cadets is planned AFTER Hurricane Season is over.

On patrol at the Front: it's lonely... desolate... and dangerous for our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. It's difficult, too, for the families and kids they've left behind, especially during the Holidays. So, USO has a mission... To make sure all 170,000 of these courageous men and women – who are risking their lives every day, for us – know they have not been forgotten. Without your support – the mission may fail. Please give as generously as you can. Along with your donation, you can also personalize a Holiday Thank-You card, and USO will make sure it's delivered where it's needed most.

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US NAVAL SEA CADET CORP CRANE DIVISION ASSISTS 38TH INFANTRY DIVISION WITH AIR SHOW AT MOUNT COMFORT

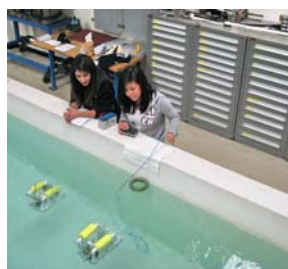


NSCC Crane Division, NSCC Indianapolis Cruiser Division and NSCC Avon Division were given the opportunity to assist the Indiana National Guard (ING) in security operations during an Air Show conducted at Mount Comfort Air Field on August 23rd and 24th. All three units were responsible for crowd control, directing vehicle traffic, gate security and close area security of an F18 "Raptor" attack jet.

The two day event was an outstanding opportunity for the cadets to experience and participate in the operations of the Army reservists at work. The theme for the air show was a re-enactment of WWII air to ground attack and featured actual WWII vintage aircraft from all over the US. The cadets were commended for their efforts in assisting the ING and are being recommended for accommodation ribbons by LCDR Eddie Dewitt Cruiser Division.

SEA CADETS LEARN NAUTICAL SKILLS; HELP STEM TEMPLE IN ACADEMY FINAL HOME GAME

ANNAPOLIS, MD (November 1, 2008) - Cadets from the Central Maryland Corsairs Squadron and the Annapolis, Pathfinders, and Henry E. Mooberry Divisions attended a U.S. Naval Academy Science, Technology and Mathematics (STEM) program to expose the Cadets to the academy and emphasize its academic disciplines learning about Naval Architecture; Aerodynamics; Time, Speed and Distance calculations; Robotics and Fluid Dynamics, during classroom and hands-on laboratory sessions.



Following the academic sessions ashore, the Cadets got underway on an academy training vessel, YP-696, for a cruise down to Severn River into Chesapeake Bay, before returning to Annapolis. During the cruise, the Cadets learned about vessel operations, electronic charting, radar and how to properly apply navigational "rules of the road," while dodging the many sail and power vessels also sharing the waterway. The Cadets had the opportunity to learn about the functions of a Combat Information Center (CIC) and steer the vessel as a helmsman - using electronic and "sailor's-eye" navigation.

Once ashore, the Cadets marched a mile and a half from the academy to the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium to help cheer the Naval Academy Midshipmen onto a 33-27 overtime victory during an exciting football game - their final home game of the 2008 season, in front of a near capacity crowd of 34,775 in the 35,000 seat stadium which included the traditional pre-game march of the Corps of Cadets onto the field, a flyover by a C-130 aircraft from VR-53 based at Naval Air Facility Andrews, and the recognition of First Classmen playing their final home game.