



# U.S. NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS

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## HQ News and Updates for Adult Volunteers

22 APR 24

### **A Message to Sea Cadet Volunteers from Executive Director Andy Lennon**

The fervor and enthusiasm you display is truly remarkable. The passion I see when I visit your units and trainings is an indication of your solid commitment to improving the lives of our future leaders. Thanks for your dedication; I'm so grateful to work with you.



## Celebrate National Volunteer Week

April 21-27 is National Volunteer Week. We are grateful to all our hardworking, dedicated volunteers who make this program possible! **Cadets and parents are encouraged to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers who manage and take care of their home units.** Sea Cadet Headquarters will also be recognizing adult volunteers who qualified for the 2023 Presidential Volunteer Service Award. **Please share your photos or videos celebrating your adult volunteers** as they may feature in our Volunteer Week social media or in our next newsletter! Please send them to [pao@seacadets.org](mailto:pao@seacadets.org).

**\*NEW/UPDATED\***

### Volunteer Survey - Unit Database Needs - Extended Timeline

Help us prioritize your technology needs! Sea Cadet Headquarters is evaluating options for upgrading our technology solutions to best meet the needs of our units. Please complete [this brief survey](#) by **Monday, 29 APR 24** to help us understand your unit's greatest needs. Thank you!

### Call for Adult Volunteers interested in National Training Team

**BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT:** Headquarters is excited to announce it is revamping its adult volunteer professional development at every level of the Sea Cadet program. The purpose is to streamline the quality and availability of the courses so they are standardized and make each volunteer's entry into the program a success. The program piloted its first phase: an orientation-level program for new volunteers. HQ is ready to conduct its first train-the-trainer session and eventually make it available nationwide. HQ would like to establish a team of volunteers who are nationally certified as presenters in each of the six geographic areas. Interested adult volunteers are invited to apply for this exciting opportunity.

**DATES and LOCATION:** Saturday and Sunday, 22-23 JUN 24, Camp Blanding, Starke, FL.

**BACKGROUND:** Historically, Sea Cadet adult professional development has fallen on the shoulders of unit commanding officers, regional directors, and (for higher-level roles) area commanders. HQ's goal is to move away from that model and instead build a team of nationally trained, certified volunteers in each geographic area with experience and passion for adult professional development within the Sea Cadets. This allows regional directors, area commanders, and unit volunteers to focus on the many other essential jobs they have running the Sea Cadet program. Having said that, regional directors who enjoy teaching adults are welcome to apply.

#### REQUIREMENTS:

- A volunteer in good standing with the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps
- Available the weekend of June 22-23
- Experience in teaching or training (in or out of Sea Cadets)
- Strong presentation skills/good communication skills
- Enthusiastic and personable

#### BENEFITS TO YOU:

- At the forefront of standardizing national adult education for Sea Cadets
- Trained and certified by Sea Cadet Headquarters
- Professional development for your career outside of Sea Cadets
- Travel, billeting, and messing costs are covered for June

## Call for Adult Volunteers interested in National Training Team (Continued)

### TO APPLY:

Please email [training@seacadets.org](mailto:training@seacadets.org) with details that address the requirements listed above by Friday, 03 MAY 24.

**INTERVIEWS:** Virtual interviews will be held the week of 06 MAY 24. These interviews will provide the opportunity for the Headquarters team to get an understanding of your skills and background. At the same time, you can ask any questions to be clear on the expectations.

### US NAVY FLEET WEEK - SEA CADET EMBARK

#### USS Bataan, Mayport, FL (OX-FL-2402)

#### Female Escort Officer Needed.

We're excited to invite cadets to come aboard for a Navy embark aboard the USS Bataan for a training and Fleet Week adventure, departing Mayport, FL on May 4th and arriving in Miami on May 5th. Experience hands-on naval training, networking with naval professionals, and participation in Fleet Week festivities. Enhance your skills in naval operations, enjoy the maritime heritage events in Miami, and create lasting memories aboard. To join, register on Magellan and ensure your flight arrives in Jacksonville, FL by May 3rd at 1400; confirm flights with our POC before booking. For your return, a bus is scheduled for May 8th back to Mayport; contact PO3 Henderson at [patrickhenderson77@gmail.com](mailto:patrickhenderson77@gmail.com) for more details or to secure your spot as spaces are limited.

### MAGELLAN

Volunteer Application Process Updated: When an adult applies to the program to volunteer, they will be required to upload an appropriate photo of themselves before the application process may move forward. The entire process will stop when it comes time to upload the photo. (The applicant may ask the CO to assist them.) Here is the official guidance listed within the Sea Cadet Administration Manual:

ID photos should be taken in a working uniform without a cover. For those that have yet to be issued a uniform, the photo may be taken in a plain blue or black t-shirt. When the uniform has been issued, the unit can upload the new photo.

**ID photos shall be taken against a plain white background.** They are to be passport-type photos -- just a head shot, not full length or glamor shots. Please update if necessary.

Unit Demographics: The [seacadets.org](http://seacadets.org) website contact information for prospective families is obtained from a unit's demographics page. Please update your unit website address (remove it if it's not in working order, it's outdated, or it's not used), update your unit drill locations, unit mailing address, and unit phone number.

Make-up Drills: Please be sure to correctly record make-up drill attendance. To create a make-up drill entry in Magellan, instead of choosing "Mandatory," choose "Make-up" for the attendance type. Select only the cadets/volunteers who were present at the make-up drill and enter the data just the same as if you were entering your unit's mandatory drill period. Do not mark any other unit members as absent or excused for make-up drills as this will alter the participation record, which will affect your annual inspection score.

Training Requests: Cadets will miss out on the trainings they applied to if they are sitting at the CO level waiting for approval. COs, check your Magellan account regularly for training requests and verify cadets are eligible for the training prior to approving them.

## WEBINAR RECORDINGS

A recording of the New Cadet and Family Orientation webinar is available [here](#) with this passcode: nJx^f2MG

A recording of the monthly Training Group webinar on Finance, held 28 MAR 24, is available [here](#) with this passcode: hZ4\$zdb^

## UPCOMING WEBINARS

### **New Cadet Family Summer Training Preparation Webinar**

Join us as we walk new families through best practices for getting ready for their first summer training experience.

Time: Sunday, 05 May 24, 8:00 PM Eastern Time/5:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Webinar link [here](#).

Meeting ID: 818 9219 6769    Passcode: 505448

## SUMMER TRAINING INFORMATION

### **Volunteers Needed**

Several trainings still need escort officers to effectively lead and engage our cadets. If you have at your unit or know active-duty sailors, Marines, airmen, or soldiers (to include reservists), please refer to the “Memorandum for Active Duty & Reservists” post under the News and Info tab within your Quarterdeck.

## SPECIALTY SUMMER TRAININGS

### **Navy Special Warfare Orientation Courses (NSWOC)**

The NSWOC training courses for Summer 2024 have been posted. There are actually 3 courses listed.

NSWOC Prep is being held at Naval Air Base Norfolk from 16-23 JUN 24. NSWOC Prep is the preparatory course for the NSWOC Selection course. There is a heavy focus on passing the physical screening test (PST) required for the NSWOC Selection course. The PST will be administered numerous times with additional time provided for cadets to work on their swim stroke.

The NSWOC Selection course is being held at the same location from 20-30 JUN 24. **PASSING THE PST IS A REQUIREMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COURSE** (within 2 months prior to training). Participating in both courses in the same year is NOT authorized due to the need to develop and prove the commitment required for the more demanding training.

There is a third course - for adult volunteers only. This is a leadership/training course that will allow interested parties to participate in the training with the plan to develop and offer prep courses at

other locations in the future. If you are a Sea Cadet adult volunteer and are interested, please contact CDR Tony Almon at [tonyalmon@gmail.com](mailto:tonyalmon@gmail.com).

## **CYBERSECURITY TRAINING**

Sea Cadets Cybersecurity Advanced Training (RK-WI-2401)

We are excited to offer our Sea Cadets a remarkable opportunity to enhance their skills through the Cybersecurity Advanced Training program, scheduled for June 23-28, 2024, in Milwaukee, WI.

This intensive, week-long program focuses on strengthening cybersecurity capabilities, with activities tailored to prepare participants for the national CyberPatriot competition and future roles in national defense. The training includes classroom instruction, hands-on exercises, and a mock competition, with guest speakers from leading organizations such as CISA and USCYBERCOM. To assist with travel expenses, the Cyber Threat Intelligence Center is providing a generous scholarship covering airfare for selected cadets. We encourage all eligible cadets to apply for this invaluable experience that not only builds essential skills but also offers significant career advantages in the critical field of cybersecurity.

## **COMMANDING OFFICERS**

The **2024 Summer Training Guidance** was sent to the field on 02 FEB 24 and made available at Homeport>Advancement Training>Training Guidance. This is also available on the Quarterdeck under the News and Info button. All cadets, parents, and volunteers should read it carefully to plan and prepare for a successful training season.

**Staff Cadet Application Process** - If you have a PO1 looking for a RT/NLO staff cadet leadership position (to meet the CPO qualification), place a note in the comment box next to your approval when endorsing the training. Some trainings may have a separate process for these roles, so read the details carefully for each training. Leadership roles are limited at each training.

**Volunteer Mileage Reimbursement Rate** - Details have been updated and added to Homeport (same location as 2024 Summer Training Guidance, above). This memorandum provides guidance regarding volunteer mileage reimbursement rates and tax implications.

## **New Recruit Training Roll Out**

The new, standardized recruit training (RT) is required this summer. All summer RT adult volunteers will be able to access the materials through Sea Cadet Headquarters. Email Joe Weggen at [joe.weggen@seacadets.org](mailto:joe.weggen@seacadets.org) for access instructions. RT materials will be available to order in the future through HQ. The details will also be provided in future News and Info newsletters.

Help educate new cadets and families about RT expectations by referring them to the resources found in the Family Handbook at Homeport>Unit Resources>Family Resources. Page 15 of the handbook will help cadets, families, and units prepare for recruit training before it begins; page 16 details expectations during training.

## **CyberPatriot 17 Registration Open (2024-2025)**

Registration for CyberPatriot teams is now open! Now through 02 OCT 24, coaches will be able to register a team via this website [here](#).

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### Sea Cadet Scholarships Opportunities - UPDATES

Over 30 awards worth \$150,000+ dollars are available. Cadets must carefully read through the application process and ensure they meet all requirements prior to starting their applications. Check Homeport for the application process.

### Sea Cadet Scholarships Opportunities – UPDATES (Continued)

The college scholarship application process has been **extended** until **15 MAY 24**. The vocational scholarship application process opened 06 MAR 24 and will close Sunday, 30 JUN 24.

Review previous News and Info newsletters for links to scholarship opportunities from various supporting organizations.

### Navy League of the United States Scholarships Opportunities

The Navy League of the United States is awarding several generous scholarships, which also have a 15 MAY 24 deadline. Please visit their website to learn more and how to apply.

<https://www.navyleague.org/programs/navy-league-foundation/>

## UNIFORMS

**Vanguard Corner - special attention to units - get your unit signed up with a wholesale account. Your unit will be paying retail prices without the Sea Cadet unit wholesale account.**

Best Practice: Your unit will need a seacadet.org email address to set up the account. Gather all orders from cadet families and volunteers once a month or quarterly to place a large order, thereby saving shipping costs. Do not provide your wholesale account to cadet families, this is specifically a unit-only authorized account.

Clearance - PT shorts are still authorized and available for purchase. **CLEARANCE PRICE \$8.00.**

### DATES TO REMEMBER (Viewable on Quarterdeck at the Calendar tile)

- 21-27 APR National Volunteer Week
- 25 APR Training Group Focus Meeting
- 29 APR Submit Unit Database Survey
- 30 APR Annual Inspection AVAC Meeting (2000 EDT)
- 03 MAY CPO Board Submissions due from COs
- 05 MAY New Family Summer Training Prep Webinar
- 15 MAY Deadline for Sea Cadet and Navy League College/University Scholarship Applications
- 19 MAY Last SLCC meeting for this school year

Navy Weeks around the U.S. <https://outreach.navy.mil/Navy-Weeks/>

## The History of National Volunteer Week

Excerpt from: <https://www.calendar.com/blog/national-volunteer-week-be-the-hero-your-community-needs-without-the-cape/>

In 1974, President Richard Nixon established National Volunteer Week (NVW) in the United States. In this week-long celebration, volunteers across the country showcase their diverse volunteer projects and events.

**Points of Light.** Inspires volunteers to become “a thousand points of light” in the wake of President George H.W. Bush’s call to action in 1989.

### The History of National Volunteer Week (Continued)

There are several critical purposes served by National Volunteer Week:

**Increasing awareness.** Volunteerism is brought into the spotlight, inspiring others to get involved and reminding communities of volunteers’ contributions.

**Recognition and appreciation.** During this week, volunteers are celebrated and appreciated for their tireless efforts. It’s an opportunity to thank those who make a difference.

**Recruiting and mobilization.** By showcasing volunteer opportunities, NVW helps organizations attract new volunteers.

Ultimately, National Volunteer Week strengthens communities, fosters connections, and makes society more vibrant and positive by highlighting the power of volunteerism.