



U.S. NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS

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HQ News and Info for Parents and Cadets

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NEW

Winter Trainings 2023 - APPLY NOW!

In 2024, training fees will return to our fee schedule in existence prior to COVID. Winter 2023 will be the last cycle of discounted fees, so take your opportunity now to find an available training, apply, and get your next advancement training in this winter.

Parents, ensure that all extra documentation needing to be signed, uploaded, or sent with your cadet has been provided to the volunteer at your home unit responsible for training forms. Units may not have the ability to go through each cadet's training requirements prior to training, and we want to ensure nothing is missed.

Webinar for New Cadets and Parents: How to Prepare for Winter Training

We're holding a webinar on Sunday, 10 DEC 2023 for new cadets and their parents to walk them through tips and best practices for winter training preparation. We'll have cadets on hand in the webinar to help answer questions or offer their own insight to best navigate training.

Training Team is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Winter Training Prep for New Cadets and Parents

Time: Dec 10, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://seacadets-org.zoom.us/j/89668975634?pwd=FmSqb4vq6UaQVPq9JdkCQ7aDTm5Cq8.1>

Meeting ID: 896 6897 5634

Passcode: 694970

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Find your local number: <https://seacadets-org.zoom.us/j/kqWqWErS4>

Wreaths Across America

On Saturday, 16 DEC 23, we'll be honoring those who have served our country by laying wreaths at gravesites nationwide. Contact your local representative or go to www.wreathscrossamerica.org for details of where your unit or region is able to serve and participate.

Senior Leadership Cadet Council

The Senior Leadership Cadet Council (SLCC) represents the cadets' voice in all matters impacting the Sea Cadet program. Made up of senior Sea Cadet representatives from units across the country, council members assist in the development and rollout of new program initiatives. The 2023-2024 session is underway. The next meeting for the cadets on the council will be on Saturday, 17 DEC 23. This a monthly meeting for cadets nominated as leaders by their chain of command.

If you have questions on how to join the council, please follow up with your unit chain of command.

If you have any thoughts, questions, or initiatives for the council, please email slcc@seacadets.org

Academy Summer Seminars and Events

Cadets interested in attending a military academy in the future may want to take advantage of the opportunity to attend a summer activity at one or more of the academies. Some of the opportunities allow for advanced training (AT) credit. To receive the AT credit, cadets must have received and paid for the summer training to the appropriate academy and send the receipt to their chain of command along with the letter of acceptance. Further information will be provided after this is completed. Follow each academy's requirements thoroughly.

- **USAF Summer Seminar** - Colorado - Application acceptance has already started, and the application period closes on Monday, 15 JAN 24. [APPLY NOW](#). This is for rising 12 graders. (Seminar not authorized to receive AT credit as it does not meet the training length requirements.) Seminar dates are as follows:

Seminar Session A - June 4-7, 2024

Seminar Session B - June 11-14, 2024

Seminar Session C - June 17-19, 2024

- **USMA Summer Leaders Experience** - New York – Application period opens on Thursday, 01 FEB 24 and closes on Friday, 15 MAR 24. [APPLY HERE](#). This is for rising 12th graders. This meets the requirements for AT credit. Session dates are as follows:

SLE Session 1 - June 1-7, 2024

SLE Session 2 - June 8-14, 2024

- **USCGA Academy Introduction Mission** - Connecticut – Application period opens on Thursday, 01 FEB 24 and closes on Monday, 01 APR 24. [APPLY HERE](#). This is for rising 12th graders. This meets the requirements for AT credit for the in-person opportunities. Session dates are as follows:

AIM Session 1 - July 2-7, 2024

AIM Session 2 - July 9-14, 2024

AIM Session 3 - July 16-21, 2024

- **USNA Summer STEM** - Maryland – Application period opens on Monday, 01 Jan 24 and closes on Monday, 15 APR 24. [APPLY HERE](#). This location meets the requirements for AT credit. Session dates are as follows:

Summer STEM Rising 9th graders - Jun 3-8, 2024

Summer STEM Rising 10th graders - June 10-15, 2024

Summer STEM Rising 11th graders - June 17-21, 2024

- **USNA Summer Seminar** - Maryland – Application period opens on Monday, 01 Jan 24 and closes on Monday 15 APR 24. [APPLY HERE](#). This is for rising 12th graders. This meets the requirements for AT credit.

Summer Seminar Session 1 - June 1-6, 2024

Summer Seminar Session 2 - June 8-13, 2024

Summer Seminar Session 3 - June 15-20, 2024

REMINDERS

Cadets and Parents Preparing for Annual Inspection

We are less than a month away from the new year, and one of the best ways we can help our units is getting prepared for the unit annual inspection before it even starts! You're probably wondering what you can do to help your scores increase and your team be spot on. Here are some checklist items you can work on before your unit asks.

- Parents can ensure their Parent Portal is updated with current documentation and that all contact information is correct, any expired forms have been re-signed, uploaded by the primary parent, and verified by the unit.
- Cadets should be able to recite the 11 General Orders of a Sentry.
- Cadets should be able to recite the Sea Cadet Oath.
- Cadets should know what each of their ribbons are and how they earned them.
- Cadets will prepare their uniforms by having or doing the following:
 - dress shoes are shined before each wear of the uniform
 - dress uniform has been cleaned appropriately
 - dress uniform has proper creases for the uniform type
 - name tag is in cadet's possession for the dress uniform
 - cadet is in possession of all ribbons (use Quarterdeck to verify what they have been awarded)
 - white hat has been cleaned (not bleached) or black garrison cover (NLCC) has the appropriate NLCC device on it according to the Sea Cadet Uniform Regulations

DATES TO REMEMBER

December

- 09 DEC Army - Navy Football Game
- 10 DEC New Cadet and Parent Webinar: How to Prepare for Winter Training
- 13 DEC National Guard Birthday
- 16 DEC Wreaths Across America
- 17 DEC Regional Directors Submit Of the Year Award Nominations
Senior Leadership Cadet Council Meeting (link above)
- 20 DEC US Space Force Birthday

Brief History of the U.S. National Guard

The Massachusetts General Court in Salem issued an order on Dec. 13, 1636 requiring all able-bodied men between 16 and 60 years old to create a standing army for protection. With that order, what we now know as America's National Guard was born. The idea was simple: Establish an army of citizen-soldiers who could be called upon to fight when needed.

In 1636, that meant defending Massachusetts Bay. Today, it means answering the call of both state and nation, deploying overseas and responding to natural disasters in the assistance of friends and neighbors.

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