

# News and Info from National Headquarters 10 FEB 2023

See below for news and information from Sea Cadets National Headquarters!
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#### **NEW**

## International Exchange Program (IEP)

The International Exchange Program (IEP) is returning for Summer 2023! The window for applications to the IEP for both Sea Cadets and adult volunteers **will open on Monday, 6 March 2023**. More information is forthcoming; but if you're interested in going on an exchange out of the country, apply for or renew your passport **now** as passports are required for your application. For more information on the IEP and its eligibility requirements, please read the IEP FAQs document available at seacadets.org/iep.

#### **REMINDERS**

# **U.S. Naval Academy Webinar – Save the Date**

Thursday evening, 23 FEB 2023, 8:00 – 9:00 PM EST, cadets and parents are invited to join a virtual U.S. Naval Academy admissions webinar. See Zoom link below.

Topic: U.S. Naval Academy Admissions Information Session Time: Feb 23, 2023 08:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86819996894?pwd=b20rSzFablVRQkNNajRjV1VmK2Q2QT09

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## **Calling All Writers**

Please encourage your cadets to submit articles about their recent winter training experiences, their community service or unit activities, or how the Sea Cadets have influenced their lives.

We'd also like to hear from Sea Cadet alumni and adult volunteers.

If there are any current or former service members who are adult volunteers in the program, we'd love to hear from them about how the Sea Cadets have impacted their lives.

Just submit a 2-paragraph story about your Sea Cadet experience, include a few, clear photos highlighting the subject (cadet, adult volunteer, alumni, service members...) and the subject matter, we'll see that your story's well taken care of. Please submit articles to <a href="mailto:lwright@seacadets.org">lwright@seacadets.org</a>.

## **Service Academy Summer Training Opportunities**

There are several training opportunities available this summer at military academies. Summarized below is a chart with the application dates, fees, etc. (Please confirm these details directly with each academy, as these may change). Attached also are instructions for registering for these camps as a Sea Cadet.

The USNA Office of Admissions began accepting applications on 04 JAN 2023 for their competitive Summer STEM camps. This program is designed for rising 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> graders to reenforce a range of STEM topics, including robotics, computer programming, aerodynamics, and meteorology. Qualifying Sea Cadets, *especially* if they are interested in attending the USNA, are encouraged to apply.

Academy	Program Name	Applications Open	Deadline to Apply	202	23 Fees	AT Credit	Who Can Apply?
USNA	Summer Seminar (NASS)	12/01/22	03/31/23	\$	550.00	YES	Current HS Juniors
USNA	Summer STEM Seminar	1/04/23	04/15/23	\$	800.00	YES	Rising 9th - 11th Graders
USCGA	Academy Information Mission (AIM)	02/08/23	04/15/23	\$	750.00	YES	Current HS Juniors
USAFA	Summer Seminar	12/01/22	01/15/23	\$	300.00	YES	Current HS Juniors
USMA	West Point Summer Leaders Experience (SLE)	02/01/23		\$	625.00	YES	Current HS Juniors

## **High School Essay Contest – USS Constitution Museum**

As the USS *Constitution*, the oldest warship afloat, celebrates its 225<sup>th</sup> birthday (wow!), the museum is having a high school essay contest. Visit the museum's website via this <u>link</u> for more information on how to participate. It's open to high school students ages 9-12, and there are monetary prizes. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2023.

#### **UNIT RESOURCES**

## **Celebrating Black History Month**

February is Black History Month. Included below are several resources about the incredible patriots who have served our country.



Chief Yeoman Edna Young (center) became the first enlisted woman, and also the first black enlisted woman, to be sworn into the regular Navy in 1948 (instead of the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service [WAVES] or Women's Naval Reserve).

She later became the first black woman promoted to chief petty officer. She retired from the Navy as a chief.

(https://www.navy.mil/Women-In-the-Navy/Past/Display-Past-Woman-Bio/Article/2959249/chief-yeoman-edna-young/)

The film *Devotion* is based on the true story of ENS Jesse Brown, the Navy's first black fighter pilot who became best friends with fellow pilot LTJG Thomas Hudner, Jr. while fighting in the Korean war.

"Off in the distance flying "wing" for Ensign Jesse Brown was Lieutenant (j.g.) Thomas Hudner. Hudner was senior to Brown, but the Ensign had more experience. In the perilous skies over North Korea, rank didn't matter. It was experience that counted. The two pilots were good friends, though they had little more in common than a boyhood fascination with airplanes and a determination to someday soar above the clouds. Their dream had come true. That dream had also become a nightmare of death and destruction..."



(https://homeofheroes.com/heroes-stories/korean-war/jesse-l-brown/)

<u>Military.com</u> has several resources on black history as well as the thrilling story of ENS Brown and LTJG Hudner.

The Naval History and Heritage Command also has several excellent resources on black history.

## **Uniform Tips**

Dixie Cups can be washed on the top rack of the dishwasher!

- 1. Unfold the Dixie Cup and inspect for any spots or stains.
- 2. Make a paste with dishwasher soap and water, scrub and rinse spots, stains, or smudges using a toothbrush.
- 3. Place Dixie Cup on the upper rack of an empty dishwasher, like how a glass is placed.
- 4. Run the dishwasher cycle and allow Dixie Cup to air dry on a flat, toweled surface once the dishwasher cycle is complete.

#### **Dates to Remember**

February 19 – U.S. Coast Guard Reserve birthday. Learn about their history <u>here</u>. February 20 – President's Day

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