



# U.S. NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS

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## **HQ News and Updates for Adult Volunteers**

**12 JAN 24**

### **NEW**

#### **Annual Inspection Has Begun (UPDATED)**

Units are encouraged to begin preparing their staff and cadets for the personnel inspection in addition to the Magellan Inspection component. We have updated the Annual Inspection Guidance (attached), on pages A7-A10, to align section 6. (a-e) with the steps in Magellan. Those updates are marked in **RED**.

#### **National Recruiting Webinar**

Join our National Recruiting Webinar hosted by Sea Cadets from around the country along with members of our HQ team.

Who: All potential cadets (10-18 yrs.) and their families.

What: Enrollment information and the Sea Cadet Experience.

When and Where: Tuesday, 23 JAN 2024, 7pm EST. [Join us here](#) via ZOOM.

Why: Attend this session to learn all about the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps. This session, conducted by Sea Cadet youth program leaders, will explain the benefits of the program and how to join. Learn about the amazing variety of training and leadership opportunities available through the Sea Cadets. Please share this information on your website, social media sites, as well as sending it to all new referrals in your system.

#### **Please Update Your Contact Information**

The new year is a great time to check in with your home unit to be sure your contact information is current. Has anything changed, such as your home address, cell phone number, email address, or emergency contact information? Please update your information now so you continue to receive timely updates, as well as regular favorites like our quarterly magazine, Seafarer, delivered to your home address.

#### **Sea Cadet Family Handbook**

The Parent Handbook has been rebranded as the Family Handbook so that we're able to include all members of each cadet's family involved in the Sea Cadet Experience. The Family Handbook can be found at Homeport under Unit Resources>Family Resources. The Family Handbook is a guide with checklists, action items, as well as resources for cadets and their families. We are pleased to have this handbook to start off the new year with Sea Cadet goal setting in mind.

## Sea Cadet Family Handbook (Continued)

Review the **FAMILY ACTION ITEMS** throughout the handbook. Cadets and their families should work together to create a schedule that builds successful steps towards each goal.

Talk to your cadets about setting individual goals using the **Cadet Goal Planning** section (page 9-10). Cadets and their families should understand the importance of meeting small goals as steps in their Sea Cadet experience.

**Supplemental Resources** are included in the back of the handbook. Also included are links for national use as well as a list of home unit resources that are commonly available to cadets and their families upon enrollment. If your unit does not have some of these resources, work with your chain of command to determine what is needed and how to create them or how to access available resources from another unit.

### USNA Sea Cadet Informational Webinar

Join staff from the US Naval Academy in a webinar to gain insight on their summer programs (Summer STEM and Summer Seminar) as well as the academy application process.

Time: Feb 7, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)


Meeting ID: 861 1977 5865 & Passcode: 835655

Phone Dial In: Find your [local number](#)

## REMINDERS

### Newly Enrolled Cadets

With new cadets enrolling, we have made accessing the cadet Quarterdeck and the Parent Portal easier for families and more functional for home units. As of 01 JAN 2024, all newly enrolling cadets and their primary parent will receive an email from HQ with their cadet ID number and instructions to create their online accounts. HQ video instruction is included in the email.



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Welcome aboard to our newest *home unit name* family. In starting this new adventure, the Cadet ID number *here* is your key to many of our activities. In the next few days, the tasks below will need to be completed in order to take the first steps of being a part of the Sea Cadets.

Cadet *name* you will need to create your Quarterdeck account and start your first Polaris course with your ID number. *Parent Name* you will use the cadet ID number to create your Parent Portal. This Parent Portal is the location that houses your cadet's personal information. The same information provided in the cadet application is needed when moving through the login process. Here are some short videos from our HQ team that will help you login and create those accounts.

Find in Login location - <https://youtu.be/AjszrbWK7BI>  
Create your account - <https://youtu.be/SPwnArDXWq0>

Again, welcome aboard and we look forward to many adventures with you.

Sincerely,

The National Headquarters Team

## Training Groups Action Memo

The Action Memo #8 (found in Quarterdeck under the News and Info tab) and the Plan for Transitioning to Training Groups document explains the purpose, timing, and actions for the field as we continue our transition to training groups. Webinars will be forthcoming to the field. Watch the News and Info for future dates and times.

### Save the Date

The [Navy League's STEM Expo](#) will take place in the Washington, D.C. area on Sunday, 07 APR 2024, from noon to 4:00 PM EST. Registration for this free event will open in a few weeks.

### Unit Planning

As you plan unit activities for 2024, be sure to use the helpful tools posted on Homeport>Unit Resources>Calendar and Training Plan Templates.

### Training Fee Increase Effective 01 FEB 2024

As part of our commitment to providing top-notch cadet trainings, we want to inform you of an upcoming adjustment to our training fees. Over the past two years, we have experienced the rising costs of doing business due to the impact of inflation. These external factors have led to increased expenses in various aspects of our cadet training operations, including but not limited to venue rentals, rental vehicles, lodging, food, training supplies, etc. In order to maintain the high quality standards you expect from Sea Cadet training programs, we find it necessary to implement a cadet training fee increase. This adjustment will take effect on 01 FEB 2024.

We understand that changes in pricing may raise questions, and we want to assure you that this decision was made after careful consideration. Our priority remains delivering value-driven training that equips cadets with the skills and knowledge needed for success. We look forward to serving you with excellence in the upcoming training season. Typically, cadet training fees will follow the schedule below; however, specialty training may have a higher cadet training fee.

Number of Days	Fees
1 Days	\$ 30.00
2 Days	\$ 60.00
3-4 Days	\$ 100.00
5-7 Days	\$ 250.00
8-9 Days	\$ 300.00
10+ Plus Days	\$ 350.00

Generally, trainings of 5+ days are overnight and necessary for promotion credit; thus, training fees correspond with the length of training.

Note: High-cost trainings like SCUBA, sailing, or aviation programs will typically charge a higher fee than those outlined above.

## Senior Leadership Cadet Council

The January meeting for the Senior Leadership Cadet Council will be held Sunday, 21 JAN 2024. This a monthly meeting for cadets nominated as leaders by their chain of command. Contact Joe Weggen for more information at [joe.weggen@seacadets.org](mailto:joe.weggen@seacadets.org).

## Uniforms

**Last notice of this update:** We have new guidance for adult volunteer uniform wear that began Monday, 01 JAN 2024. The recently issued Action Memo #7 provided instruction and explanation for the update. This document can be found on Homeport under the Recent Updates heading. Vanguard has the alternate uniform wear at [Vanguard Adult Alternate Uniform Collection](#).

## Chief Advancement Boards

In our Spring 2023 Policy update, Sea Cadet Chief Petty Officer Advancement Boards were to begin nationwide on 01 JAN 2024; but to better prepare cadets and home units with this process, the start date has been pushed back to Friday, 01 MAR 2024. HQ will issue guidance and further instructions in early 2024.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### January

- 15 JAN [USAF Summer Seminar Submissions Close](#)
- 21 JAN Senior Leadership Cadet Council Meeting
- 23 JAN [National Recruiting Webinar](#)
- 29 JAN Award Selection Committee Submits Recommendations to Executive Director and Board Chair
- 01 FEB Training Fee increase goes into effect for 2024
- 07 FEB [USNA Sea Cadets Webinar](#)

## Today in Naval History

January 12

1953 - Aircraft landings begin operational tests, day and night, onboard USS Antietam (CVA-36), the first angled flight deck carrier.

[www.history.navy.mil](http://www.history.navy.mil)

USS Antietam (CV/CVA/CVS-36) was one of 24 Essex-class aircraft carriers built during and shortly after World War II for the United States Navy. The ship was the second US Navy ship to bear the name, and was named for the American Civil War Battle of Antietam (Maryland). Antietam was commissioned in January 1945, too late to serve actively in World War II. After serving a short time in the Far East, she was decommissioned in 1949. She was soon recommissioned for Korean War service, and in that conflict earned two battle stars. In the early 1950s, she was redesignated an attack carrier (CVA) and then an antisubmarine warfare carrier (CVS). After the Korean War she spent the rest of her career operating in the Atlantic, Caribbean, and Mediterranean. From 1957 until her deactivation, she was the Navy's training carrier, operating out of Florida.

## Today in Naval History (Continued)

Antietam was fitted with a port sponson in 1952 to make her the world's first true angled-deck aircraft carrier. However, she received no major modernizations other than this, and thus throughout her career largely retained the classic appearance of a World War II Essex-class ship. She was decommissioned in 1963, and sold for scrap in 1974.

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