



U.S. NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS

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News and Info for Parents & Cadets

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*See below for news and information from Sea Cadets National Headquarters!
This information is posted on Quarterdeck under News & Info.*

Cadet-led Training Opportunity this Sunday!

This is an exciting opportunity open to ALL cadets to learn how to support recruiting efforts at the unit and/or region level. Led by a team of cadets who recently conducted a national recruiting campaign, members will hear strategies and learn about resources for recruiting. Members will also learn ways to earn the recruiting ribbon and the "Three for Free" free training for recruiting opportunity. Join via Zoom this **Sunday, 16 OCT 22 from 2 – 3 PM EST**. Can't make it? We'll share the recording after.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87386297339?pwd=emVWY1hvUFJKdUEzTytNdVIPbFRXdz09>

Meeting ID: 873 8629 7339; Passcode: 924962

Cadet Survey

We'd love to hear from our cadets about ideas for making unit drill activities challenging, fun and engaging! Please respond to this brief, anonymous [survey](#) by 31 OCT 22. Thanks!

Planning for Winter Training Participation

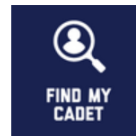
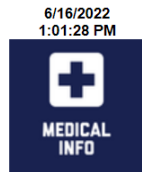
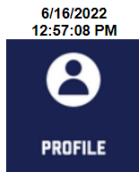
To learn about how to sign up for winter training, training fees, and other requirements, please review the ***Winter Training Guidance*** (sent to parents via email on 03 OCT 22, also available at Homeport>Training>Training Guidance). The section for parents is at the very beginning (pages 1-4, and the COVID-19 waivers at the very end).

To view actual winter training opportunities (and to register for winter training), parents and cadets can log into the Quarterdeck (seacadets.org) and click on the "Find Trainings" icon (see screenshot below). Note that trainings will continue to be added over the next month or two, so you can check back regularly. Also, your Unit can also help give cadets guidance on upcoming trainings they are eligible for.

NEWS AND INFO



MY OPTIONS



New Cadets: Are you new to the Sea Cadet program and have not yet attended Recruit Training (RT)? Talk to your unit's chain of command to find out if you can participate with your unit in our new Recruit Orientation program. This is a set of resources provided to Sea Cadet units to help them orient new cadets to our program, prepare for RT, and set up new cadets for success. You can also talk to your Unit about upcoming winter RT opportunities.

Liberty Ship Seamanship Training – Veteran's Day Weekend

What are your cadets doing this Veteran's Day weekend? Why not spend it on a living, breathing piece of history? A condensed version of the summer Liberty Ship Seamanship training will be conducted over that weekend on the SS JOHN W BROWN in Baltimore, MD. Cadets will arrive late on Thursday, 10 Nov 22 and training ends on Friday, 13 Nov 22. Training will include a day underway! There will also be a virtual session held on Wednesday, 05 Nov 22 to handle some classroom topics before the training. The session will run from 1500 - 2100 on Wednesday 05 Nov 22). The training code is ON-MD-2202.



Reminders

Teen Mental Health Courses

Two new teen mental health courses, one for League Cadets and one for Sea Cadets, have been added to our learning management system (Polaris) and are available for all cadets and adult volunteers. An informational webinar for adult volunteers and parents was held last week to provide context and information on these courses. That recording is available [here](#) by entering the passcode 7^*pFXgV (it works best to enter it, not copy/paste).

VFW Essay Contest and Scholarship Awards

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) invites Sea Cadets in both middle school and high school to participate in their annual essay contest. The high school winner receives a \$35,000 scholarship, and the middle school winner receives \$5,000. “Why is the veteran important?” is this year’s theme. The deadline for submission is **31 OCT 22**. Details are available here [Youth Scholarships - VFW](#).

Resources

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Navy Mile October 14-31: Participants can join virtually by signing up to run a mile before 31 OCT 22. Sea Cadets receive a discounted registration! All participants will receive a commemorative Navy Mile T-shirt and medal mailed directly to them. Register [here](#).

Cybersecurity Awareness month is October. [Here](#) is an article on online gaming safety for kids and parents. Learn more about staying safe online [here](#).

National Bullying Prevention month is also October. For resources, videos, and other helpful tools to prevent bullying, visit [stopbullying.gov](#).

Alcohol and Drug Awareness: Over 160 cadets are participating in this fall’s USNSCC drug education virtual training, *The Truth About Drugs*. This course features experts in the field from law enforcement, NCIS, FBI, USCG, etc.

Red Ribbon Drug Awareness Week is Oct. 23-31. The Red Ribbon Campaign is the oldest and largest drug prevention non-profit in the nation. Visit [redribbon.org](#) to learn more.

Operation Prevention (operationprevention.com): The DEA and Discovery Education joined forces to provide free tools on drug prevention. Available in English and Spanish at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

Get Smart About Drugs: A DEA resource for parents, educators, and caregivers (getsmartaboutdrugs.gov). The **Consequences** tab has powerful videos on a variety of drug-related topics.
