

HQ News and Info for Cadets and Parents 21 APR 2023

NEW

HQ Policy Update & Polaris Course

Attached please find a summary of policy updates occurring in 2023 (May and October) and early 2024. A brief Polaris course (which takes about 15 minutes) is available for cadets and volunteers to familiarize themselves with these updates.

Training Highlight: Recruit Training and Navy League Orientation

Each week, we'll highlight a different type of training, and share that information with cadets and parents. This week, our focus is on Recruit Training (RT) and Navy League Orientation (see attached). New cadets have exciting adventures ahead of them!

Share Your Great Ideas!

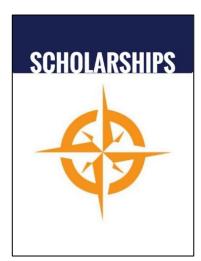
We're excited to announce a monthly call-out for great ideas from the field. Each month, we'll focus on a particular topic. This month, we're asking cadets to share great ideas for unit drills. Please send us your sample PODs/POMs, field trip lists, and any other great ideas you have for making unit drills exciting and rewarding for your shipmates. Send them to ideas@seacadets.org.

Cadet Graduation Plans

As senior cadets prepare to graduate, your Chain of Command will:

- ✓ Collect a current email and physical mailing address.
- ✓ Ask you to share your graduation plans post-high school.
- ✓ Encourage seniors to visit seacadets.org/alumni and join our alumni association.

REMINDERS



Several Scholarship Opportunities Available

Sea Cadets are offering several scholarship opportunities for both college and vocational schools. We've had very few cadets apply! Don't miss this opportunity to help fund your college or vocational experience.

Please refer to Homeport>Policy>Standing Guidance>Scholarships.

The college scholarship deadline is Sunday, 23 APR 2023. Vocational scholarship applications are due 07 MAY 2023.

USCG Eagle (WIX 327) Training Application Open

Are you thinking about attending the USCG Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, or other maritime options after high school? Want to experience life underway on a three-masted sailing ship? You can now apply for this once in a lifetime sailing opportunity aboard U.S. Coast Guard Eagle (WIX 327). Watch this <u>video</u> to learn more. Applications are due <u>01 MAY 2023</u>.

Training Code: GC-CT-2301 Training Dates: August 5 – 11

Billets available: 4 Sea Cadets and 1 Escort Officer

Location: Portland, ME to New London, CT

To learn how to apply, log into the Quarterdeck, click on "Find Trainings" and under the category of Coast Guard, locate GC-CT-2301. Click on "Details" then "Event Notes" to view the list of application requirements. Note: Cadets must be a minimum age of sixteen and the rank of PO2 or higher. Cadets may NOT have any dietary restrictions and must be fully vaccinated with no waivers/exceptions.

Summer Training Registration Open and Training Guidance Available

We're excited to share that many of our summer training opportunities are ready for registration! Please log into the Quarterdeck and select the "Find Trainings" tile to start planning your Sea Cadet summer adventures. We'll continue to add trainings over the next month as they become available. Summer Training guidance was sent on 03 APR 2023 and can also be found on the Quarterdeck under the "News and Info" tile.

Summer Uniform Shift Dates

https://www.cnic.navy.mil/About/Regional-Uniform-Shifts-Summer/

League Cadet STEM Opportunity

The U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) has invited League Cadets to attend its middle school STEM Day on Tuesday, 06 JUN 2023, from 9 am to 3 pm. Participating League Cadets will be led by USNA midshipmen in hands-on activities at the biotechnology lab, rockets lab, and robotics lab. They will also have lunch with the midshipmen in the historic King Hall.

Sea Cadets will select 50 League Cadets and 8-10 adult volunteers to attend this free event. To request a slot, fill out the form linked here by 01 MAY 2023: https://forms.gle/bygtaTjUxStz7vh57

UNIT RESOURCES

Dates to Remember

APRIL

16-22 National Volunteer Week

23 Army Reserve <u>birthday</u>Deadline to apply for Sea Cadet **college** scholarships

MAY

01 Deadline to apply for USCG Tall Ship training

07 Deadline to apply for Sea Cadet **vocational** scholarships
