



# U.S. NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS

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### REMINDERS

Policy update reminder: As announced this past spring, the following policies will go into effect this October.

Effective 01 OCT 2023:

- **Recruit Training length** is standardized to 9 days (curriculum forthcoming).
- **Recruit Orientation (RO)** is required (quarterdeck>homeport>advancement training>recruit orientation). The RO requirement accompanies the removal of the E2-T rank.

Effective 15 OCT 2023:

- **PRT Standards:** The standards for satisfactory, good, and excellent remain unchanged. We have added a category, "Progressing," for below satisfactory performance to account for cadets who are not quite fit enough to pass the PRT but who still may be eligible to participate in our program. Details and charts will be published next week. Note: The Spring Policy Update outlined 5 categories. At this time, we are adding only the one for a total of four categories. A fifth category is still under consideration.
- **Program Age Requirements:** These requirements are slightly modified from the Spring Policy Update to allow flexibility for current League Cadets and to allow new Sea Cadets to attend RT during their first summer.

To join the NLCC, one must be 10 years old and have started fifth grade. League Cadets may remain in the NLCC through the end of eighth grade regardless of age.

To join the NSCC, one must be 13 and have reached 01 MAR of their eighth-grade year. This allows cadets time at the end of their eighth-grade year to complete RO and attend an RT in their first summer as a Sea Cadet.

Grandfather clause: League Cadets who joined prior to September 2022 may transition to Sea Cadets at age 13 regardless of academic grade. They may remain as League Cadets through the end of eighth grade if they prefer.

Cadets may remain in the program throughout their high school years. When a cadet turns 19 years old yet is still in high school, a waiver will be required and sent through the chain of command for approval. Once the approved cadet graduates high school, they have the option of becoming an adult volunteer (midshipman) in order to attend trainings. If a cadet graduates high school yet is younger than 18 years old, they may request a waiver to remain in the program

until they turn 18 years old.

## **Navy Mile Registration**

Cadets and their units are eligible to start registration for the 2023 Navy Mile. The Navy Mile is a virtual event celebrating the U.S. Navy's birthday on October 13th. The event allows runners from any location to participate between Oct 1-20.

All participants will receive a commemorative Navy Mile t-shirt, medal, and bib to be mailed to them directly. This year, there will be prizes for the top 3 Sea Cadet units with the most participants. Let's get cadets and volunteers ready and register online at [The Navy Mile Run](#). Share the Navy Mile with your friends and family and get them involved with the Sea Cadets!

## **Summer Training Experience**

We have a [survey](#) regarding your experience at summer training 2023. Parents and cadets, there are a few days left to fill out your survey. Please assist us with your feedback, we look forward to your input.

[Parent Survey](#)

[Cadet Training Survey](#)

[Staff Cadet Survey](#)

[Cadet Not Attending Training Survey](#)

## **Dates to Remember**

### SEPTEMBER

24 Gold Star Mother & Families Day

### OCTOBER

13 Navy's Birthday  
2023 Navy Mile

## **Gold Star Moms**



When the United States entered World War I in 1917, George Vaughn Seibold, 23, volunteered, requesting assignment in aviation. Deployed to England, he was assigned to the British Royal Flying Corps, 148th Aero Squadron. With his squadron, he left for combat duty in France. He corresponded with his family regularly. His mother, Grace Darling Seibold, began to do community service by visiting

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returning servicemen in the hospitals.

The mail from George stopped.

Since all aviators were under British control and authority, the United States could not help the Seibold family with any information about their son. On October 11, 1918, George's wife received a box marked "Effects of deceased Officer 1st Lt. George Vaughn Seibold."

The Seibold's also received confirmation of George's death on November 4th through a family member in Paris.

George's body was never identified.

Grace, realizing that self-contained grief is self-destructive, devoted her time and efforts to not only working in the hospital but extending the hand of friendship to other mothers whose sons had lost their lives in military service. She organized a group consisting solely of these special mothers with the purpose of not only comforting each other, but giving loving care to hospitalized veterans confined in government hospitals far from home.

The organization was named after the gold star that families hung in their windows in honor of the deceased veteran.



After years of planning, June 4, 1928, twenty-five mothers met in Washington, DC to establish the national organization, American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. (Excerpted from goldstarmoms.com)