

HQ News and Info for Cadets and Families 29 MAR 24

****ANNOUNCEMENT****

To better accommodate our units, HQ is shifting its weekly news to Mondays. This will begin with our next newsletter on Monday, 08 APR 24.

IEP

NEW IEP Application Information

Application information is now available for our summer International Exchange Program. The countries participating in the 2024 Summer Exchanges are South Korea, Canada, Japan, and the United States. Details regarding exchange dates, application dates, procedures, and more are available in the attached summary document.

LAST CALL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Federal Service Academies: Service academy summer events are now open for applications. For more information, please see the summary document on your Quarterdeck's News and Info tile.

- US Coast Guard Academy Applications open until this Monday, 01 APR 24
- US Naval Academy Applications open until Monday, 15 APR 24

Art and Essay Contests

Please visit the Quarterdeck News and Info tile for details on the U.S. Coast Guard Art contest (due Friday, 03 MAY 2024) and the Naval Horizons Essay contest (due Friday, 10 JUN 2024).

SCHOLARSHIPS

Sea Cadet Scholarships

A separate announcement was sent out regarding the National Sea Cadet Scholarships. Over 30 awards worth \$150,000+ dollars are available. Cadets must carefully read through the application process and ensure they meet all requirements before starting their applications. Scholarships are available for vocational school and college-bound cadets. Please see attached.

College Scholarships opened 06 MAR 24 and will close Sunday, 07 APR 24 Vocational Scholarships opened 06 MAR 24 and close Sunday, 30 JUN 24

Various Scholarship Opportunities

Review previous News and Info newsletters for links to scholarship opportunities from various supporting organizations.

WEBINARS

New Cadet Family Orientation Webinar

Join us for a new family webinar to learn what to expect in the Sea Cadet program and at your home units.

Webinar link here.

Topic: New Family Orientation

Sunday, 14 APR 24, 7:00 PM Eastern Time/4:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Meeting ID: 815 8803 5209 Passcode: 21970

New Cadet Family Summer Training Preparation Webinar

Join us as we walk new families through best practices for getting ready for their first summer training experience.

Topic: New Family Summer Training Preparation

Time: 05 MAY 24 8:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Webinar link here.

Meeting ID: 818 9219 6769 Passcode: 505448

SUMMER TRAINING INFORMATION

REMINDER

Summer training fees are non-refundable. Plan accordingly and only pay once you have been "APPROVED" for the training in the system. Should a cadet have a medical emergency prior to training, please reach out to their chain of command for details.

ACADEMY TRAININGS

If you have been accepted to one of the military academy trainings this summer, please wait until the training goes live; upload your Proof of Acceptance and Proof of Payment to the training when you register.

UPDATE - National Flight Academy and Space Camp

Unfortunately, due to budgetary constraints, we will not be able to fund the tuition to the National Flight Academy or Space Camp this summer. We hope to resume offering these opportunities next summer. If a cadet is still able to attend and would like AT credit, please have them reach out to their chain of command.

Best practice for summer training sign up: Please be cautious about requesting multiple trainings for your cadet that have overlapping dates or do not leave enough time for cadets to rest in between trainings. We understand the desire for cadets to sign up for multiple trainings to ensure they get into their desired location; however, this creates heavy burdens on our volunteers at the unit and training locations.

The **2024 Summer Training Guidance** was sent to the field on 02 FEB 24 and made available at Homeport>Advancement Training>Training Guidance. This is also available on the Quarterdeck under the News & Info tile. All cadets, parents, and volunteers should read it carefully to plan and prepare for a successful training season.

Staff Cadet Application Process - If you are a petty officer first class looking for a RT/NLO staff cadet position with a leadership role (to meet the CPO qualification), you will need to let your chain of command know. This will need to be noted in the staffing request. Some trainings may have a separate process for these roles, so read the details carefully for each training. Leadership roles are limited at each training.

Sea Cadet Family Handbook

Find the Family Handbook at Homeport>Advancement Training>Family Handbook.

KEY POINTS

3 for Free Training Credit

When a cadet recruits three cadets or a combination of 3 cadets/volunteers into the Sea Cadets, who then remain in the program for a minimum of 90 days, that recruiting cadet becomes eligible to receive the 3 for Free training credit. This credit allows a cadet to attend a training for free. The dollar value of these credits is capped at the cost of a standard two-week training, which is currently up to \$350 dollars. Remind your chain of command that you want to utilize this credit when you are applying for a training.

CADET ACTIVITIES

Celebrate National Volunteer Week

April 21-27 is National Volunteer Week. As you know, Sea Cadet units are 100% operated by adult volunteers who dedicate their time, energy, and passion to helping our cadets become the best version of themselves. Cadets and parents, this is a great opportunity to thank the volunteers who run your home unit!

VANGUARD CORNER

Parents, if you are ordering items from <u>Vanguard Industries</u>, we encourage you to work with your home unit to order items for your cadet's needs. (Sea Cadet units typically have a wholesale account and can receive wholesale pricing.) Tips and tricks for ordering items:

- Summer training items should be ordered by early May to ensure on-time delivery.
- PT shorts are on the Vanguard clearance rack; get them while you can at only \$8.00.

DATES TO REMEMBER (Viewable on Quarterdeck at the Calendar tile)

Women's History Month

- 31 MAR Last Day of Annual Inspection
- 01 APR CPO Advancement Board Process Begins USCGA Summer AIM application deadline
- 03 APR USCG Art Contest deadline
- 07 APR College Scholarship applications close (2400 PDT) Navy League's STEM Expo
- 14 APR Summer Training Webinar for New Families
- 15 APR USNA Summer STEM and Summer Seminar application deadline
- 25 APR ABF Scholarship deadline
- 05 MAR New Family Summer Training Prep Webinar
- 21-27 APR National Volunteer Week

On This Day in U.S. Naval History

29 MAR1844

Uriah P. Levy, the Navy's first Jewish flag officer, is promoted to the rank of captain. He also becomes the first of the Jewish faith promoted to commodore and is instrumental in persuading Congress to abolish flogging in the Navy.

https://www.history.navy.mil/

Uriah P. Levy was born in Philadelphia on April 22, 1792, to Michael and Rachel Phillips Levy. His love of the sea was evident from an early age. [At the age of 17], Levy completed a four-year apprenticeship under Philadelphia ship owner John Coulter and attended two years of marine navigation school. Just one year into his new position as captain and one third owner of the schooner "George Washington," Levy voluntarily joined the U.S. Navy at the outbreak of the War of

On This Day in U.S. Naval History (Continued)

1812.

The story of Levy's career in the U.S. Navy from 1812 to his death in 1862 has been well documented. So too has his great admiration of Thomas Jefferson and his decision to purchase and restore Jefferson's home at Monticello – the latter of which being the subject of the 2022 documentary film "The Levys of Monticello."

In 1861, Levy used his new position on the Court Martial Board in Washington to produce a "Manual of Internal Rules and Regulations for Men of War." The manuscript, which was provided free of charge to anyone who asked, included more humane alternatives to corporal punishment. In the wake of the civil war, Congress ended its regulation of the naval services and flogging was officially outlawed in the Navy on July 24th, 1862. Though he died just a few months earlier on March 26, Uriah P. Levy was able to count this triumph among his many notable accomplishments.

