

What is Sea Cadets?

The Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) is for American youth ages 14-17 who have a desire to learn about the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. Sea Cadets are authorized by the Secretary of the Navy to wear Navy uniforms appropriately marked with the Sea Cadet Corps insignia. The objectives of the Sea Cadet program are to introduce youth to naval life, to develop in them a sense of pride, patriotism, courage, and self-reliance, and to maintain an environment free of drugs and gangs.

Sea Cadet Units

Cadets meet or "drill" at their local unit weekly or monthly throughout the year. A unit is structured along military lines and is headed by a Commanding Officer. Units may drill on military bases, at reserve centers, local schools, or community centers.

Sea Cadet units are organized as either divisions, squadrons, or battalions. Divisions closely reflect the surface Navy, while squadrons are geared toward the field of naval aviation, and battalions meanwhile reflect Navy construction battalions (SeaBees).

Whether a division, squadron, or battalion, the local unit has one main purpose, and that is to foster team work, camaraderie and an understanding of the military command structure.

Cadets are instructed by both Sea Cadet Officers and senior cadets through classroom and applied instruction in subjects such as basic seamanship, military drill, and leadership. And most Sea Cadet regions throughout the country hold weekend competitions where units compete with each other to test their seamanship and military skills.

Local units will often participate in community events such as parades and fairs. They may also tour Navy and Coast Guard ships and shore stations. And participate in community service such as working in Veterans' Hospitals and organizing clothing and food drives.

Training & Advancement

Sea Cadet training consists of Navy Non-Resident Training Courses (NRTC), training evolutions (away from local units), shipboard training, and training arranged locally by units.

All new cadets enter the program at the rate of Seaman Recruit. In order for cadets to move up through the ranks they must complete the following: the NRTC Correspondence Course for that rate, one training evolution, and depending on the rate, the Navy's Military Leadership exam for that rate. NRTC's cover basic military and naval subjects such as naval history, seamanship, leadership, and ship/aircraft familiarization. The cadet rate structure parallels that of the Navy and Coast Guard's enlisted rate structure, with Chief Petty Officer being the highest rate a cadet can achieve.

Training takes place mostly during summer months and occasionally during winter and spring break periods and are generally one to two week evolutions. The first training evolution for all cadets is NSCC Recruit Training, better known as boot camp. It is a scaled down version of the Navy's boot camp. For approximately two-weeks cadets are instructed by active and reserve military personnel and Sea Cadet officers in military drill and discipline, physical fitness, seamanship, shipboard safety, first aid, naval history, and leadership.

After cadets have successfully completed boot camp, they can then participate in advanced training. Sea Cadet advanced training currently consists of the following:

TRAINING SCHOOLS

- AIRMAN TRAINING (BASIC & ADVANCED)
- AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TRAINING
- FAA GROUND SCHOOL
- CULINARY ARTS TRAINING
- MEDICAL TRAINING (HOSPITAL CORPSMAN, FIELD CORPSMAN, EMT, NURSE EXPLORATION, SURGICAL & DENTAL TECH)
- FIREFIGHTING TRAINING
- PHOTO JOURNALISM TRAINING
- CEREMONIAL GUARD
- SUBMARINE SEMINAR
- MARKSMANSHIP TRAINING
- CONSTRUCTION BATTALION (SEABEE) TRAINING (BASIC & ADVANCED)
- MINE WARFARE OPERATIONS TRAINING
- MUSIC SCHOOL
- SEAL TEAM TRAINING
- EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL TRAINING
- AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING
- PETTY OFFICER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
- MASTER-AT-ARMS TRAINING (MILITARY POLICE/LAW)
- JUDGE ADVOCATED GENERAL (JAG) TRAINING
- SAILING SCHOOL
- SCUBA SCHOOL
- SEAMANSHIP TRAINING
- SHIPBOARD TRAINING

LIVE ABOARD NAVY & COAST GUARD SHIPS & SHORE STATIONS FOR TWO-WEEKS

Sea Cadet training is held throughout the continental United States, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Guam on military installations.

In addition to the above, those cadets who exhibit extraordinary initiative and leadership ability may participate in annual exchanges with Sea Cadet Corps' around the world.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE PARTNERS

- AUSTRALIA
- BELGIUM
- BERMUDA
- CANADA
- HONG KONG
- JAPAN
- NETHERLANDS
- RUSSIA
- SOUTH KOREA
- UNITED KINGDOM

Cadets get to meet their foreign counterparts, experience new cultures, and get to see how the navies of the world operate.

Benefits

Depending on the rate achieved in the Naval Sea Cadets, former cadets may be eligible to enlist in the armed forces at an advanced pay grade (E2 or E3). Being a member honorably discharged from the Corps is looked upon favorably by selection boards for military academies and ROTC programs. Also those cadets who are accepted to a four-year university may be eligible for scholarships.

The Naval Sea Cadet Corps provides its cadets the opportunity to develop their leadership skills, build their character and become productive citizens.

Membership Requirements

In order to join the Naval Sea Cadet Corps applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be between the ages of 14 and 17.
- Must be a US Citizen.
- Be a full time student and maintain satisfactory grades (2.00 "C" grade point average).
- Be free of felony convictions and unmarried.

The following are Americans With Disabilities (ADA) compliance requirements:

CADETS:

A medical examination similar to a high school sports physical is required for all cadet applicants to the Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) or Navy League Cadet Corps (NLCC). No one will be denied admission to the NSCC/NLCC due to a medical disability. Where a medical condition precludes full, unlimited participation, a Request for Accommodation (NSCADM 015) may be presented by the parent or guardian for review so the cadet may participate in NSCC activities to the maximum extent possible.