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### HISTORY OF THE NAVAL SEA CADET PROGRAM

Since 1958 the Naval Sea Cadet Corps has been committed to providing American youth with a drug and alcohol free environment to foster their leadership abilities, broaden their horizons through hands-on training and guide them to becoming mature young adults.

Sea Cadet organizations exist in most of the maritime nations of the world. Recognizing the value of these organizations in educating youth in maritime matters, the Department of the Navy requested the Navy League of the United States to establish a similar program for American youth. The Navy League agreed to do so and formally established the Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) and Navy League Cadet Corps (NLCC) in 1958. Recognizing the importance and benefits of the NSCC, Congress on September 10, 1962 federally incorporated the Naval Sea Cadet Corps under Public Law 87-655 (36 USC 1541) as a non-profit military youth program.

Today, the NSCC has formed partnerships with organizations such as the Foundation for Teaching Economics and the Flying Midshipman Association to offer cadets broader opportunities in areas of leadership and aviation. The NSCC also took an active part in the creation of the International Sea Cadet Association (ISCA). The ISCA is an association of Sea Cadet Corps' from around the world, whose main objective is to facilitate exchanges of cadets between member countries.

#### **What is Sea Cadets?**

The Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) is for American youth ages 14-17 that 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.

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Cadets meet or "drill" at their local division monthly throughout the year. A division is structured along military lines and is headed by a Commanding Officer. Cadets may drill on military bases, at reserve centers, local schools, community centers, as in our case aboard the Battleship IOWA, fostering team work, camaraderie and an understanding of the military command structure.

Our 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.

Local divisions can 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 events.

As the commanding officer, CDR Rodriguez had a difficult time with finding a permanent home for his Sea Cadets. Headquarters and training facilities has ranged from the Hubbard Division, to the S.S. Lane Victory Division and as of early 2017 the USS Iowa have stepped up and provided their ship as the new home for CDR Rodriguez and his Sea Cadets. The unique history and incredible stories about the ship and its crew will certainly enrich the experiences of all current and future Sea Cadets. We salute the USS Iowa!

### Two of Our Successes



Former Lane Victory **Cadet Park** receiving his commission as an Ensign in the United States Coast Guard from President Donald Trump at the US Coast Guard Academy, 2017.



Former Lane Victory **Cadet Waldo**, now Midshipman and his family pictured at the U.S. Naval Academy, during his plebe summer, 2016.



## JOIN US

### **The Navy League Cadet Corps (NLCC)**

Is for boys and girls, at least 11 but not yet 13 years old, who are interested in the sea and ships, and about our nation's seagoing services. The Navy League program is designed to introduce young people to maritime and military life, and to prepare them for later entrance into the Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

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### **Navy League Unit: Battleship IOWA Division**

Cadets meet or "drill" at the Battleship IOWA Division monthly throughout the year. Our Division is structured along military lines and is headed and supervised by our Commanding Officer, CDR Rodriguiz.

The Battleship IOWA Division has one main purpose: to foster team work, camaraderie and an understanding of the military command structure among cadets. Cadets are instructed by both Sea Cadet Officers and senior Sea Cadets through classroom and applied instruction in subjects such as basic seamanship, military drill, and leadership.

### **Training & Advancement**

Navy League cadets are trained in nautical skills such as knot tying and splicing, signaling, water safety, first aid, and even firefighting. Cadets are instructed in military drill and discipline and are taught from a syllabus covering naval history to ship nomenclature. Navy League cadets may also tour ships and bases and participate in community events such as parades and fairs, while taking part in the pride and honor of wearing the Navy uniform and being a part of a fine organization gives the NLCC and NSCC cadets a sense of service with honor.

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### Membership Requirements - Navy League Cadet Corps (NLCC)

In order to join, the applicant must be:

- Between the ages of 11 and 13
- A U.S. Citizen
- A full time student
- History of good behavior

### Membership Requirements - Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC)

In order to join, the applicant must be:

- Between the ages of 14 and 17
- A U.S. Citizen
- A full time student
- Free of felony convictions

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON JOINING OUR DIVISION, OR SCHEDULING AN INTERVIEW  
PLEASE CONTACT OUR DIVISION RECRUITING OFFICER:**

LTJG. Richard Covington, NSCC  
Email: [RKCovington@seacadets.org](mailto:RKCovington@seacadets.org)  
Cell: 310-339-8890

**Please be sure to bring the following documents with you for the interview:**

- **Social Security Card**
- **Vaccination Record**
- **School Report Card**
- **Medical Insurance Card (if available)**

Visit us at our drill site aboard the USS Iowa, Berth 87, San Pedro, California every 2nd Saturday of the month 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and every 4th weekend of the month (Saturday 8:00 AM to Sunday 4:00 PM).

**Battleship IOWA Museum  
250 South Harbor Blvd.  
San Pedro, CA 90731**

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### DRILL SCHEDULE FOR 2018

13 JAN (0800-1600)	27 JAN (0800-1600)
10 FEB (0800-1600)	24 FEB (0800-1600)
10 MAR (0800-1600)	24 MAR (0800-1600)
14 APR (0800-1600)	28 APR (0800-1600)
12 MAY (0800-1600)	26 MAY (0800-1600)
09 JUN (0800-1600)	23 JUN (0800-1600)
14 JUL (0800-1600)	28 JUL (0800-1600)
11 AUG (0800-1600)	25 AUG (0800-1600)
08 SEP (0800-1600)	22 SEP (0800-1600)
13 OCT (0800-1600)	27 OCT (0800-1600)
10 NOV (0800-1600)	24 NOV (0800-1600)
08 DEC (0800-1600)	22 DEC (0800-1600)

Drill dates are subject to change and based on the availability of the USS Iowa museum and work schedule of division officers. It is the cadet's responsibility to stay up to date on any drill date changes via their chain-of-command. Prospective members please contact the divisions Public Information Officer/Recruiting Officer (LTJG. Richard Covington, NSCC).

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## DONATIONS AND SUPPORT

### Contribute to the NSCC

The NSCC is always looking for individual and corporate donors. Contributing to the Sea Cadets is making an investment in the youth and future of this country. As a non-profit charitable organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

### How to become an individual donor:

You can send your donation directly to:

LTJG. Richard Covington, NSCC  
P.O. Box 1005  
Redondo Beach, CA 90278

Make checks/money orders payable to: **USNSCC** and write **"DONATION"** on the check.

Can't donate money? How about your time? The NSCC Officer Corps is an all-volunteer corps of officers made up of parents to active military. Check out Adult Leadership for more information.

**\*\*You should consult your tax advisor regarding any questions about your donation\*\***

### National Support

At the national level the Naval Sea Cadet Corps receives financial support from the Navy League of the United States and individual contributors from the Combined Federal Campaign. In addition the NSCC receives various grants from the government and private foundations to help offset the costs of training for cadets. The Sea Cadet program is also made possible through the countless hours that volunteer Sea Cadet officers put into the program.



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The armed services provide invaluable support the NSCC. They support the program to the extent permitted by available resources, providing the support does not interfere with military missions.

Support includes use of bases and ships for cadet training, textbooks, training aids, berthing and messing facilities under certain circumstances, airlifts and surplus uniforms. Also each service provides a valuable asset of personnel, who volunteer to instruct cadets in their area of expertise at Sea Cadet summer training and as members of the NSCC Officer Corps. Official support of the NSCC by the Navy is promulgated in OPNAVINST 5760.5 (Series). The Chief of Naval Operations has delegated the Commander, Naval Recruiting Command responsibility for coordinating Navy support of the NSCC. The Recruiting Command's Youth Programs Organization helps ensure Navy facilities and resources are made available for Sea Cadet training.

The Coast Guard has designated the Naval Sea Cadet Corps as the primary youth program that it supports. Official support of the NSCC is outlined in the USCG Public Affairs Manual (COMDTINST M5728.2C).

### **Local Support**

Local NSCC and NLCC units are normally sponsored by a local Navy League Council. In certain instances, other patriotic organizations such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and the Fleet Reserve Association sponsor Cadet Corps units. The sponsoring organization, through a standing NSCC Committee, is charged with the continuing responsibility of providing moral and financial support without which their unit would have difficulty in maintaining routine operations.

The NSCC Committee is responsible to the sponsoring organization for all phases of unit operation. In forming a unit, the Committee's primary functions are to conduct liaison with persons and groups willing to assist in forming the unit and in identifying adult leadership. When the unit is in full operation, the NSCC Committee continues to provide the unit Commanding Officer with assistance in administration and cadet training. While the NSCC Committee is responsible for ensuring that a training program of the highest possible caliber is established and maintained, ultimate responsibility for internal administration and operation of the unit is vested in its Commanding Officer. Sponsorship of either a NSCC or NLCC unit provides Navy League Councils and other patriotic organizations with a meaningful opportunity to contribute to the development of American youth and to provide a unique service to our maritime services.

The Battleship Iowa Division is sponsored by the Beverly Hills Council of the Navy League of the United States. (<http://www.bevhillsnavyleague.org>)