

**UNITED STATES NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS**  
**HUDSON VALLEY SQUADRON, NSCC**  
Newburgh, New York



**Hudson Valley Squadron Sponsorship Letter**

The Naval Sea Cadet and League Cadet Corps are for American youth ages 10-17 that have a desire to learn about the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. 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, alcohol and gangs.

Sea Cadets are authorized by the Secretary of the Navy to wear Navy uniforms appropriately marked with the Sea Cadet Corps insignia. Our cadets meet or "drill" one weekend per month in Newburgh, NY. We also host drills at nearby military bases, operational support centers and with other NSCC/NLCC units. Our cadets also have the privilege of participating in underway cruises aboard the USS MAHAN (DDG72), USS Iwo Jima (LHD-7), USS WASP (LHD1) USS NEW YORK (LPD21).

Our unit is organized as a squadron, which is geared towards the field of naval aviation. Some units are organized as Divisions, which closely reflects the surface Navy, and battalions, which reflect Navy construction battalions (Seabees). Whether a division, squadron, or battalion, our local unit has one main purpose: to foster teamwork, camaraderie and an understanding of the military command structure.

Our cadets are instructed by both Sea Cadet Officers, active duty military and senior cadets through classroom and applied instruction in subjects such as basic seamanship, military drill, and leadership. Our unit also participates in Sea Cadet regional weekend competitions where units compete with each other to test their seamanship and military skills. Community events such as parades, fairs and air shows are venues in which The Hudson Valley Squadron also involves itself.

The Sea Cadet training program consists of Navy Non-Resident Training Courses (NRTC), two-week training schools, shipboard training, and training arranged locally by units. NRTC cover basic military and naval subjects such as naval history, seamanship, leadership, and ship/aircraft familiarization.

Two-week training (TWT) mostly takes place during summer months and occasionally during winter and spring break. The first TWT for all cadets is NSCC/NLCC Recruit Training, better known as boot camp. It is a scaled down version of the Navy's boot camp. For the two-week period, 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 (GENERAL, FIELD, 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

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

**Costs:** It typically costs a family up to \$1,000 to have a cadet in the program per year which includes uniform costs, annual membership and travel expenses along with basic and advanced training costs. The Hudson Valley Squadron currently has over 30 cadets with a charter to grow to 75 plus cadets, and maintains an annual operating expense of over \$10,000 per year with costs increasing with each new enrollment. The majority of these fees currently are being paid from the Cadet's family directly.

**Sponsorship Commitments**

Platinum Sponsorship	\$1,000	Cadet will receive two (2-TWT) summer training free of cost.
Gold Sponsorship	\$500	Cadet will receive one (1-TWT) summer training free of cost.
Sliver Sponsorship	\$200	Cadet will receive next year's annual membership free of cost.
Bronze Sponsorship	\$100	Cadets Minimum Annual Commitment

Sponsorship Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cadet Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cadet ID#: \_\_\_\_\_