



The Sea Cadet Gouge

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Phoenix Division / Battleship Arizona Newsletter

The essential piece of information needed by members of the United States Navy is called "gouge" and helps to instruct and guide Cadets in their quest to be Navy Sailors.

National Sea Cadets
Website:
www.seacadets.org

Sea Cadet Resources
Website:
resources.seacadets.org

Sea Cadet Training
Website:
compass.seacadets.org

Phoenix Area
Website:
www.phoenixseacadets.org

Winter Trainings Completed

Several cadets completed Winter Training at Naval Base Ventura County, CA. Cadets Steven Cockrill, Jonathan and Alex Bobko, and Bryce Henley all completed Recruit Training. Cadet Chris Stewart completed Navy League Orientation. Cadet Casey Scoular completed NSCC Field Training. Instructors Steve and Dawna Stewart both completed escort duty at Port Hueneme as well. In addition, Seaman Esya Koyenova went to San Diego and attended Petty Officer Leadership Academy aboard the USS Peleliu (LHA-5) in San Diego. We are looking forward to hearing about all their sea stories.



Sea Cadet Recruiting

If you know someone who is interested in joining the Sea Cadets (ages 13-17), or the Navy League Cadets (ages 10-13), bring them with their parents to our recruiting meetings held on **Saturday Jan. 14th at 1:00pm** at Hensley and Company. This is a different time than we usually have our meetings due to how our drill is currently scheduled for January. When they come, have them bring their Social Security Card,

immunization card, recent report card, health insurance information and \$150 to cover enrollment fees, uniforms, and training so they can begin right away. Any cadet you bring in who stays in the program to earn their first year ribbon could earn you a Recruiting Ribbon for your efforts!

Welcome Aboard

In December we welcomed aboard two new cadets into the program. Cadet Kamryn Henley joined the Navy League cadets and Cadet Nick Kaster joined the Naval Sea Cadet ranks. We have also officially enrolled some new staff as well. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Instructors Steve Stewart and Laurence Humrich. We also have the pleasure of having an active duty Navy petty officer come and work with us as well. PS1 (AW/SW) Danielle Johnson is currently assigned to the Phoenix MEPS Station and he has taken the time to come work with us. Take some time to get to know your new shipmates and staff.

What's on the Calendar?

January 14th - Staff Training (**No drill Sat. for E-2T and below and NLCC**)
January 15th - Regular Drill at Hensley and Company (**All Hands**)
February 11th - 12th - Arizona 100th Celebration Activities
February 18th - 20th - Possible Regional Training (more info coming soon)
March 10th - 11th - Monthly Drill at Hensley and Company
March 24th - 25th - Navy League Campout at Lake Pleasant

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Tips for Drill:

- Don't forget to bring a small notepad you can keep in your pocket and a pen to write with...

- Complete your coursework and bring it to drill to turn in.

- Fill out all permission slips and paperwork given to you and plan on turning them in first thing Saturday morning.

Here are the three most important words you will hear at drill:

Hydrate!

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Please make sure you bring a canteen, camelback or water bottle that has your name on it so it doesn't get lost.

Dining-In / Inspection Rescheduled

Due to scheduling conflicts, we will be rescheduling the Dining-In to March drill at the earliest. In addition, we will also be rescheduling our unit inspection. The annual inspection will likely also take place in March, however it may be possible to complete the cadet's part of the inspection in February during the Arizona Centennial Festival Activities. The most important part of the annual inspection for the cadets is making sure they have a perfect looking dress uniform for the uniform inspection and have excellent marching skills as we test them during a unit pass-in-review for the Regional Director. We will be taking time during January drill to go over some basic items to make sure everyone can be prepared when the annual inspection comes.

Community Service good for everyone

As a non-profit youth organization, the Sea Cadets receive help from many different sources throughout the community to make this program work. Hensley and Company, the Fleet Reserve Association, The Navy League, the Valley of the Sun United Way, and other organizations contribute and support our program. What can we do as a unit to return the favor? The answer is providing community service.

Community service projects allow us to give back something to the community that has been so gracious in providing us with good homes, schools, and the best Sea Cadet unit around. In addition, by working 40 hours of documented community service, you earn the NSCC Community Service ribbon.

We will continue to serve this community and ask that all of you, both parents and cadets, support our efforts in making this community better for everyone. If you have suggestions for community service projects, bring them to the attention of the Commanding Officer and we will plan events for them. We will be trying to setup a unit group project soon. Check the Flash Traffic page on the unit website for details.

Learning about Leadership

Leadership: Motivating people to work as a team toward a common purpose. Leaders are developed not born. Let's look at one leadership principal:

Know yourself and seek self-improvement.

Look at your thoughts, achievements, actions, and responses to various situations and make a list of strengths and weaknesses. Then talk with two people who really know you and that you really respect, ask them to sincerely identify what you do well and what you need to improve. We all have strengths and we all have weaknesses. Take the strengths to be thankful for and possibly identify an environment where you can be especially confident. Then look at your list of weaknesses. So that you are not overwhelmed, take one or two that you would most like to improve. Then have one of those trusted people work with you through ways to improve yourself. Then actually implement that plan, maybe within the environment where you are most confident.

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ATTENTION PARENTS!!!

WE NEED YOU!!!

We are looking for parents who can help support the Sea Cadets. If you can help, please contact the Commanding Officer.

Parents Association meetings are held every Sunday of Drill at 2:00pm. Come Join us and see how you can help.

Comments regarding this newsletter may be addressed to the editor:

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News from National Headquarters

National Headquarters is having a photography contest. Send in your best Sea Cadet photos and you could win up to \$150.00! The NSCC Internet Development Group is now accepting entries for the 2011 National Photography Contest. The purpose of the contest is to encourage the capturing of NSCC/NLCC personnel "in action" through means of photography for reasons of posterity, national promotion of morale, recruiting, and public affairs. Many of the photos submitted will become part of the upcoming redesign of the recruiting website and recruiting materials.

Entries will be accepted from now until March 2nd, 2012. For all of the contest rules go online to the National Sea Cadet Facebook page located at: <http://www.facebook.com/usnsc>

Naval Academy Summer Seminar Info



UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

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On January 3rd 2012, the United States Naval Academy will open its' online application for current high school juniors (going into senior year fall 2012) to apply for the Naval Academy Summer Seminar (NASS) Program. If not familiar with the NASS Program, it is a six day immersion program that runs throughout June in three sessions:

Session 1 6/2 – 6/7

Session 2 6/9- 6/14

Session 3 6/16-6/21

If you're thinking about the Academy, this is a great opportunity to visit and participate in academy activities and find out if it's really what you want...and hopefully become a midshipman at USNA. By applying to the 2012 Summer Seminar, you are also applying for admission to the Naval Academy class of 2017. There is no need to submit a preliminary application when it becomes available on January 3rd 2012. Interested cadets can find the online application for NASS at:

<http://www.usna.edu/admissions/nass.htm>

AND... although not yet official, NHQ will likely reimburse the tuition fee (last year it was \$300) to each Sea Cadet who is accepted to and successfully completes NASS. Cadets from all over the country have visited the Academy. Do you want to be the next one?

Parents Please Come and Join Us

All parents are invited to come and attend our Parents Auxiliary meeting on the Sunday afternoon of drill (Jan 15th) at 2:00 p.m. at Hensley & Company. We need your support to come and help make our program a success. If you ever have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact our staff anytime, you don't have to wait for a meeting.