



U. S. NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS

CHALLENGER Division/Training Ship COLUMBIA

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Plan of the Month - APRIL 2015

This PLAN OF THE MONTH (POM) is an official document of the CHALLENGER DIVISION/TRAINING SHIP COLUMBIA, UNITED STATES NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS. Its contents reflect current orders of the Commanding Officer and official unit announcements. All Division and Training Ship personnel are responsible for reading and understanding the information contained herein. Parents and guardians of Cadets are encouraged to read the Plan of the Month and to make note of meeting days and special announcements that may affect personal schedules. ALL HANDS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN.

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NSCC EXECUTIVE OFFICER	VACANT	

Drill Items

Date	Command Staff Officers	Division Officers	Sea Cadets	Training Ship Staff Officers	League Cadets
18 Mar 15	dress whites/dress alternate	dress whites/dress alternate	dress white	dress white/dress alternate	summer dress
19 Mar 15	NWU	NWU/Alternate	NWU	NWU/Alternate	BDU

Saturday

Report (0800)*note #4
Orientation (1400)
Dismissed (1530)

Sunday

Report (0730)
Open Office (1345-1445)*note #8
Dismissed (1500)

IMPORTANT ITEMS REGARDING DRILL:

1. Adult volunteers are needed at the unit. If you can assist with paperwork, supply, and any time you can give, it would be greatly appreciated. You will not be required to wear a uniform, just assist with the success of the cadets and unit. Please contact the Commanding Officer if you can volunteer.

2. Cadets are to report drill status up their chain of command (cadet to squad leader, squad leader to LPO, LPO to Operations Officer, OPS > XO > CO) no later than the Sunday before drill 1800.

3. Items to bring to drill:

- WATER!!!
- PT gear in duffel bag

- Dress uniform in garment bag
- Pencil & binder
- Sack lunch

4. **Saturday April 18** we are registered to participate in the Lakeside Western Days Parade. See the attached map and listing for our position in lineup, as well as staging area. Also note that certain roads will be closed at certain times. Please adjust your travel times as needed to get there on time and not get stuck in traffic.

5. **Dress white uniform changeover!** We will be wearing our dress white uniforms at the parade on Saturday the 18th. You should know if your dress whites still fit you or not.

If they do not, you need to contact your chain of command to arrange a meeting time before drill to get the replacement uniform parts you need. **Emails should eventually make it to wferreira@seacadets.org and have myself cc'd.**

If you have any questions, use your chain of command.

6. **PRT will be conducted again** for those who were unable to complete the PRT event last month. Even if you are not planning on attending summer training, **NSCC and NLCC regulations state that you must have a passing PRT on record within 6 months to be eligible for promotion.** It will run **Sunday morning**, be prepared.

7. NLCC Flagship is scheduled for Saturday May 9th only. TS Columbia Cadets, this 1-day event is a fun way to show your team spirit in a friendly competition as well as see the friends you have made at trainings from other units.

****All hands, from Challenger Division and TS Columbia will be asked to attend the awards ceremony at the end of NLCC Flagship regardless of participation. We will want to watch a shipmate receive a very big deal award that afternoon and cheer her on in front of the entire region!**

8. Saturday afternoon, at 2:45 if as many parents as possible could arrive early before dismissal there will be a meeting with Regional Director CDR Bob Rombach about the status of the unit, and its future.

Welcome Aboard

I would like to welcome aboard our newest Navy League Cadet, Kaley Velazquez to the Challenger Division/TS Columbia family!

As a reminder, the "Recruit 3, get 1 Free" program has been reinstated. That is, if you recruit 3 cadets that enroll and stay enrolled for at least 3 months, you have earned yourself a free training of your choice. The cadets you recruit do not have to join your own unit, but National Headquarters must be able to verify that they did in fact enroll and stay in for 3 months.

Sports Gear

Mid February there was a call put out to parents asking if anyone had an old football/basketball/softball gear, etc at home that wasn't getting much use. Any sports gear that you are willing to donate to the unit for use during physical activities will be greatly appreciated. You do not have to go out and buy new stuff; any donation is welcome and the cadets will be grateful.

From the Personnel Department (INST Shannon Ward sward@seacadets.org)

A minimum 2.0 GPA is required for continued participation in cadet related activities. Please either bring a copy of your latest report card to drill or email to sward@seacadets.org as soon as possible. Failure to provide proof may result in cadets being unable to participate in activities, up to dismissal from program.

From the Admin Department (ENS Maria Nungaray maria.nungaray.nsc@gmail.com)

Re-enrollment fees (\$175.00) are due for the following cadets. If your name is listed, please bring a check payable to "USNSCC" to drill in the amount of \$175.00.

Sea Cadets:

Calderon, Moris (Apr)
Jones, Noah (June)
Pisia, Joshua (June)
Jacob, Andre (May)*prorated past May
Plale, Greg (July)

League Cadets:

Monroy, Jada (March)

From the Supply Department (temporarily LTJG Ferreira wferreira@seacadets.org)

If you have any uniform items send an email up the chain of command. Cadets are also strongly encouraged to follow up on supply queries with the staff during drill weekends. If you followed procedure by emailing via the chain that is excellent. Please don't be afraid to ask the adults if your request was routed up the chain of command to the appropriate level.

From the Training Department: WO Scott Crisp scrip@seacadets.org

The following TS Columbia cadets needs to log in via the link sent by WO Crisp, and take their advancement exam:

Castro, Osvaldo Monroy, Jada
Hedberg, Karl Plale, Matthew
Moltz, Marissa

From Parent Ombudsman: Kim Plale tropicalgal@cox.net

If anyone would like to contribute to the uniform exchange please let me know. We currently have dress shoes size 8.5 and 3 and leaguer pants slim size 12 for anyone needing those sizes.

Upcoming events

APRIL

Drill Weekend
18-19 April

Lakeside Annual Western Days Parade

When: Saturday April 18th
Where: staging area, along Industry Road
Time: 0800

(roads will be closed in the area by 0830, please adjust travel time as needed)

Meeting: see attached files for parade map/route

We are in 3rd Division # 41, staging area 3

MAY

Teen Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)

RESCHEDULED due to conflict with other events

NLCC Flagship

When: Saturday May 9th only

Where: Camp Pendleton

Regardless of whether TS Columbia participates or not, All Hands are asked to attend the awards ceremony as Samantha Tyssee will be receiving her national award at the ceremony at the end of the event.

America on Main Street

When: Saturday May 16th

Where: El Cajon

Time: TBD

Meeting: TBD

OIC: INST Ward

Santee Street Fair

When: Saturday May 23rd

Where: Mission Gorge Road at Riverview Parkway, Santee

Time: TBD

OIC: TBD

Graduation Ceremony for Challenger Division's Seniors

When: 24 May (Sunday)

Where: MCRD San Diego

Time: TBA *this is a joint endeavor with Coronado Battalion/TS Bora Bora

Drill Weekend

30-31 May

JUNE

Drill Weekend

13-14

From the Commanding Officer:

The summer training schedule is now online. Please visit homeport.seacadets.org and click on the summer training button to see what it is available. If you find a training that you are interested, please inform the Training Officer, WO Crisp at scrisp@seacadets.org and he will assist in getting you registered. There are some things that he can do online, and some that the cadet/parents must do online. Please follow given directions carefully, we don't want anyone missing out because they did not comply.



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