



SEA CADETS



2024

ANNUAL REPORT

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SEA CADETS

Dear Sea Cadet Family,

This year, we celebrate a theme that defines who we are: Limitless. Our cadets, volunteers, and supporters continue to push boundaries, proving that there are no limits to what can be achieved with determination, courage, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. Whether it's a cadet assisting in standing watch on a Navy ship for the first time, a volunteer mentoring the next generation of leaders, or a donor fueling the dreams of young minds, we are all part of something greater, an unstoppable force shaping the future of our nation's maritime legacy.

As we reflect on the past year, we see proof that limitations exist only in the mind. Our cadets have soared beyond expectations, mastering skills, embracing challenges, and stepping into leadership roles with confidence. Their journeys remind us that the horizon is not an endpoint, it is a beginning. Together, we will continue to empower, inspire, and unlock the boundless potential within every cadet. The future is limitless, and so are we.

None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our volunteers, families, and donors. Their belief in our mission fuels the ambitions of every cadet who steps into this program, ready to grow, lead, and serve. With their continued dedication, the program will expand opportunities, break new ground, and ensure that every young person who dreams of a future in service, leadership, or maritime excellence has the chance to achieve it. Thank you for being part of this journey.

Together, there is no limit to what we can accomplish.

Sincerely,

Andrew Lennon
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (Retired)
U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Executive Director



ABOUT THE SEA CADETS

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps (Sea Cadets) is the U.S. Navy's youth program helping young people aged 10 to high school graduation develop leadership skills and prepare for adulthood through naval-related education and activities. It emphasizes moral character, life skills, and technical knowledge offering a disciplined environment for cadets to try new things, learn from failures, and celebrate successes. We aim to make our cadets productive citizens and skilled individuals ready for future challenges.

Sea Cadet training immerses young Americans in hands-on experiences that build confidence, teamwork, and real-world skills. From navigating the open water and mastering STEM challenges to responding to emergencies and exploring aviation, cadets engage in dynamic learning alongside experts in the field. These opportunities encourage personal growth, resilience, and a strong sense of responsibility, preparing them for future careers, service, and their next adventure.

For more information, visit seacadets.org

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CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

To the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets,

On behalf of America's Warfighting Navy, I would like to congratulate you on a job well done in 2024! Your achievements this past year are a testament to your hard work, dedication, and unrelenting determination to serve something greater than yourself.

I could not be more proud of the vital partnership you have forged between our United States Navy and the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets, which aims to inspire and prepare future Sailors, like you, for a rewarding career in the sea services. From rigorous drilling and training programs to building strength through unity and our shared purpose, you have truly lived up to the Sea Cadet's core values of Honor, Respect, Commitment, and Service. All of which are reflected by our Navy's core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment.

The skills you have acquired, the friendships you have built, and the experiences you have shared will stay with you for a lifetime, undoubtedly carrying an outsized impact on your future careers - wherever they may take you. What you do in preparation to serve our Nation matters and I hope that you take pride in what you do every day. You are the future of our Navy, and every action you take now brings you one step closer to serving alongside our Warfighters in the Fleet. When I look at this exceptional group of fine young leaders, I am filled with confidence that the future of our Nation is in good hands. I wish you nothing but continued success in 2025.

All Ahead Flank!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa M. Franchetti".

Lisa M. Franchetti
Admiral, U.S. Navy
Chief of Naval Operations



LIMITLESS LEARNING



"BEFORE THE SEA CADETS, I LACKED CONFIDENCE. WITH TRAINING AND SUPPORT, I BUILT STRENGTH, FOCUS, AND RESILIENCE. IN TWO MONTHS, I IMPROVED PUSH-UPS, PLANK TIME, AND MY RUN, PROVING I'M STRONGER THAN I IMAGINED."

- Sea Cadet Seaman Apprentice John Kistler, NSCC from Pennsylvania

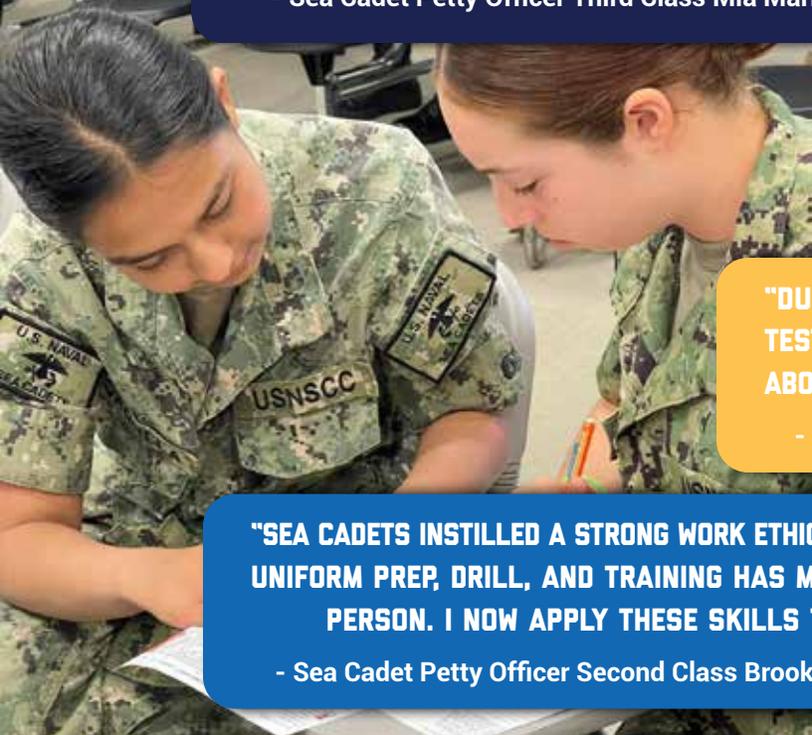


"I ENJOY THE SEA CADETS BECAUSE IT HAS HELPED ME FIND MY LOVE FOR FLYING AND THINGS TO DO WITH AVIATION. SEA CADETS HAS HELPED ME TO WANT TO PURSUE A CAREER IN NAVAL AVIATION."

- Sea Cadet Petty Officer Second Class Stone Turbeville, NSCC from Florida

"AT MY LOWEST, I FELT LOST, BUT THE SEA CADETS GAVE ME PURPOSE, BELONGING, TRUE FRIENDS, AND A CONFIDENCE I NEVER KNEW I HAD."

- Sea Cadet Petty Officer Third Class Mia Marin, NSCC from Florida



"DURING SUMMER TRAINING, WE MARCHED IN FORMATION, TESTING ENDURANCE, SPEED, AND FOCUS. IT WASN'T JUST ABOUT ORDERS BUT STAYING SHARP AND PUSHING OUR LIMITS."

- League Cadet Tanisha Tamilarasan, NLCC from Washington

"SEA CADETS INSTILLED A STRONG WORK ETHIC IN ME. BALANCING COURSEWORK, UNIFORM PREP, DRILL, AND TRAINING HAS MADE ME A BETTER STUDENT AND PERSON. I NOW APPLY THESE SKILLS TO ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE."

- Sea Cadet Petty Officer Second Class Brooklyn Kohlleppel, NSCC from Texas



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20593-7000

To the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps,

I extend my warmest congratulations to the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps on another outstanding year. Your dedication to leadership, service, and knowledge continues to set you apart from your peers.

The skills, discipline, and teamwork you develop as Sea Cadets are invaluable— not only to your personal growth but also to the future of our nation’s maritime services. The Coast Guard recognizes the unlimited potential within each Cadet and the exceptional foundation you receive through this program which will be invaluable.

Whether you choose to pursue a career in the Coast Guard, the maritime industry, or another path of service, know that your training has prepared you to navigate any challenge and seize every opportunity. Your future is limitless.

Congratulations once again on a remarkable year—may your journey ahead be filled with even greater success.

Sincerely,

Kevin E. Lunday
Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard
Acting Commandant of the Coast Guard



LIMITLESS INNOVATION

FROM CADET TO POLAR EXPLORER

Sea Cadet Midshipman Andrej Klema, NSCC, from Maryland personifies the boundless spirit of innovation that defines the next generation of maritime pioneers. His journey began with a simple curiosity about military and civilian careers in the armed services, but it quickly became a relentless pursuit of excellence. During his time as a young Sea Cadet, he learned from the best, stood shoulder to shoulder with the nation's high-caliber youth, and carved a path that would take him to the farthest reaches of the planet. From nuclear submarines to cutting-edge navigation technology, his experiences prepared him for a mission unlike any other. Deploying with the U.S. Coast Guard on a five-month icebreaking operation to Antarctica, he transformed an arctic research training into a career-defining expedition, proving that limits exist only to be shattered.



A FUTURE FORGED AT SEA

Andrej's journey is not just about personal achievement, it is a testament to the limitless opportunities unlocked through the Sea Cadets. His early exposure to the Navy and Coast Guard as a Sea Cadet made his transition into active-duty operations seamless, allowing him to integrate into high-stakes missions with confidence. Now, he stands at the threshold of an extraordinary career, whether as a Coast Guard Officer, Navy Officer, or a DoD civilian innovating the future of maritime navigation. With a coveted DoD SMART Scholarship in hand and his sights set on the Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate program, his path is set toward a future where the oceans become his laboratory and the polar frontiers his proving ground. By 2026, he will graduate with a degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, ready to take on the world's toughest challenges at sea. His story is not just one of ambition; it is a limitless story, a beacon for every cadet who dares to dream without limits.





A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

On behalf of all Marines, I want to thank the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps for another outstanding year of developing exceptional young leaders. For 67 years, this program has provided young Americans with the skills, discipline, and character to become outstanding citizens and leaders.

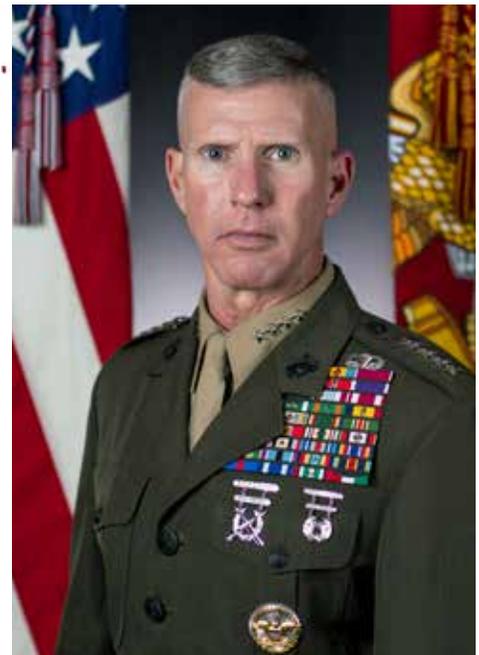
This year's theme, "Limitless," is a fitting reflection of what the Sea Cadets represents. Cadets have unlimited potential, and the Marine Corps offers unlimited opportunities to those who are ready to rise to the challenge. Through rigorous training, mentorship, and exposure to the Sea Services, the Sea Cadets ensures that young men and women are prepared not only for military service but for leadership in every walk of life.

Marines are grateful for this enduring partnership. The Sea Cadets continue to play a vital role in helping us recruit and develop the next generation of warfighters-young Americans who arrive at boot camp better prepared, more disciplined, and ready to lead.

Thank you to the Sea Cadets for nearly seven decades of shaping strong, capable, and committed young leaders. The future is unlimited, and we look forward to seeing where these cadets go next.

Semper Fidelis,

Eric M. Smith
General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps



LIMITLESS GRIT

BREAKING THE MOLD

Sea Cadet Chief Petty Officer Brianna Cutler, NSCC, from Virginia

embodies relentless grit. Her journey was not easy. During Sea Cadet Recruit Training, she was hunched over a bush, throwing up, questioning everything. "This is insane. How will this ever make me better?" But after graduating the training, she realized the value of pushing through discomfort. Every challenge since then felt easier because she had already proven to herself that she could endure. She sought out the toughest trainings, not only because they were easy, but also because they shaped her into a stronger person. The Sea Cadets became her proving ground that transformed her doubts into confidence and her struggle into strength.



BECOMING A LEADER

Leadership was not given to Brianna, it was earned. Brianna did not wait for a rank to lead, she acted like a Sea Cadet chief long before she wore the anchors. One of the hardest lessons she learned was that leadership is not just about setting an example but making tough decisions that affect others. As a leader on the Sea Cadet Chief Petty Officer Boards, she was responsible for deciding which first class petty officers had the experience and skills to become chiefs. Leadership was not just about proving herself, it was about making the right choices even when they were difficult. When her own chief pinning day arrived, it did not feel like a major shift in identity because the journey had already made her who she was. Now as she moves forward, she carries the Sea Cadets in her heart, knowing the lessons, challenges, and leadership experiences have shaped her future in ways she never imagined.

LIMITLESS INSPIRATION



"VOLUNTEERING IS MORE THAN SUPPORTING MY CHILD. IT'S ABOUT EMPOWERING ALL CADETS, HELPING THEM GROW INTO CONFIDENT LEADERS. SEEING THEIR TRANSFORMATION HAS BEEN A TRULY REWARDING EXPERIENCE."

- Sea Cadet Ensign Evangeline Andrews, NSCC from Georgia



"I VOLUNTEER TO GIVE KIDS THE GUIDANCE I ONCE NEEDED. WITH PATIENCE, EVEN THE 'UNTEACHABLE' CAN LEARN AND THRIVE."

- Sea Cadet Instructor Samuel Colón-Andujar, NSCC from North Carolina

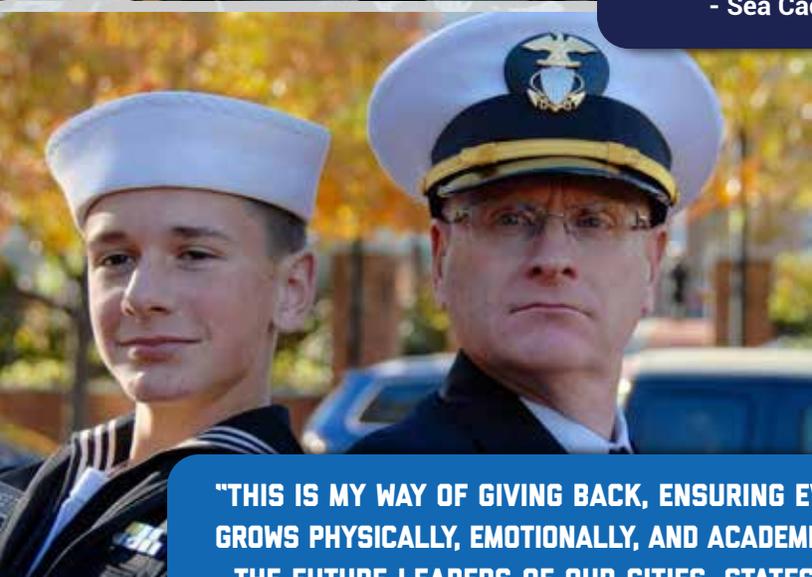


"I JOINED TO SHARE THE EXPERIENCE WITH MY SON AND STAY BECAUSE IT'S REWARDING. I'VE BUILT FRIENDSHIPS, ENJOY MENTORING CADETS, AND VALUE GIVING MY TIME TO SEA CADETS IN RETIREMENT."

- Sea Cadet Ensign Sean Bridgett, NSCC from California

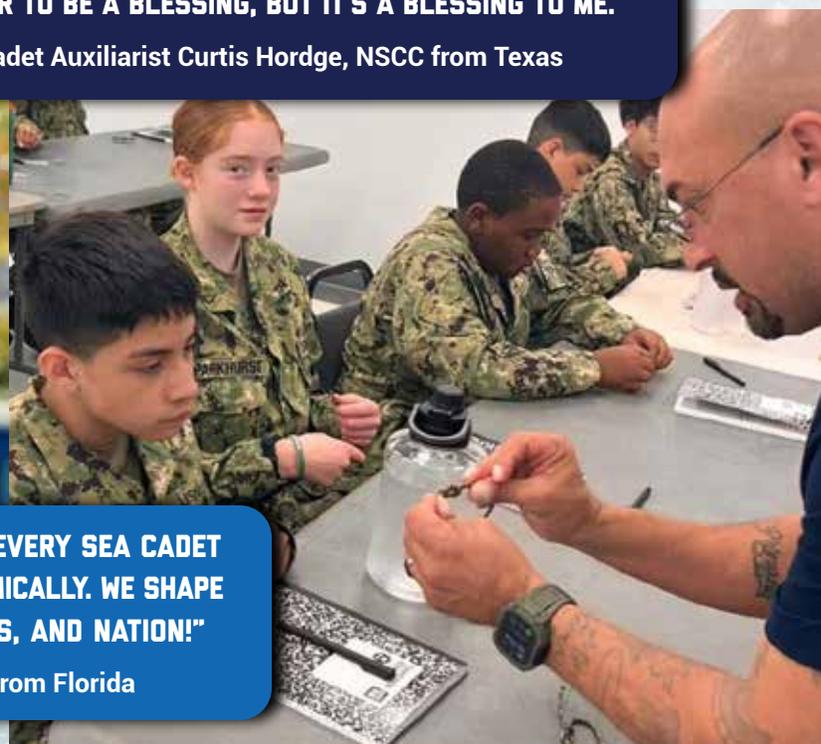
"I VOLUNTEER TO BE A BLESSING, BUT IT'S A BLESSING TO ME."

- Sea Cadet Auxiliarist Curtis Hordge, NSCC from Texas



"THIS IS MY WAY OF GIVING BACK, ENSURING EVERY SEA CADET GROWS PHYSICALLY, EMOTIONALLY, AND ACADEMICALLY. WE SHAPE THE FUTURE LEADERS OF OUR CITIES, STATES, AND NATION!"

- Sea Cadet Instructor Andy Machcinski from Florida



LIMITLESS DEDICATION

COMMANDING THEIR OWN SHIP

CAPT Luke Clyburn, USN (Retired) from Michigan

represents boundless dedication, transforming a simple youth program into an extraordinary voyage of leadership, science, and adventure. With unwavering resolve, he secured a vessel, The Pride of Michigan, for the Sea Cadets, an unprecedented feat in the Sea Cadet program, ensuring that young minds didn't just study seamanship, they lived it. Under his command, cadets didn't just train; they became mariners, standing watch under starlit skies, steering into uncharted futures. Every knot tied, every maneuver executed, and every decision made on the Pride of Michigan forged resilience and leadership in those who dared to dream beyond the shoreline. His relentless pursuit of opportunity turned the unknown into possibility providing cadets not just a taste of maritime life, but the confidence to take the helm of their own destinies.



DIVING FOR DISCOVERY

From the depths of the Great Lakes, CAPT Clyburn and his cadets unearthed secrets hidden for millennia, redefining what it means to explore. Not content with ordinary training, he shattered limitations, turning cadets into underwater archaeologists, scientists, and storytellers of the deep. With each dive, they touched history; 7,000-year-old forests, shipwrecks frozen in time, lost civilizations beneath the waves. Their hands uncovered the past, their eyes witnessed the unseen, and their hearts carried the responsibility of preserving what others had forgotten. Clyburn's limitless dedication has made the Pride of Michigan more than a ship; it is a vessel of discovery, proving that curiosity, courage, and commitment can break through any boundary, even those set by time itself.



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF FEMALE SEA CADETS



LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES

BREAKING BARRIERS, SHAPING THE FUTURE

Linda Schaefer Calderin, Sea Cadet Alumni, 1979

proved that boundaries were meant to be pushed and possibilities were limitless. As one of the early young women in the program at the Philadelphia Olympia Division, she stepped into a world that had yet to fully embrace female cadets. With resilience forged in the tides of tradition, she trained alongside her male counterparts, refusing to let outdated norms dictate her potential. From the rigorous drills at Naval Station Great Lakes to the international exchange with the Canadian Navy at Cornwallis, she embraced every challenge with unwavering determination. In an era when limitations still loomed, she stood firm, knowing that her presence was a promise of change.



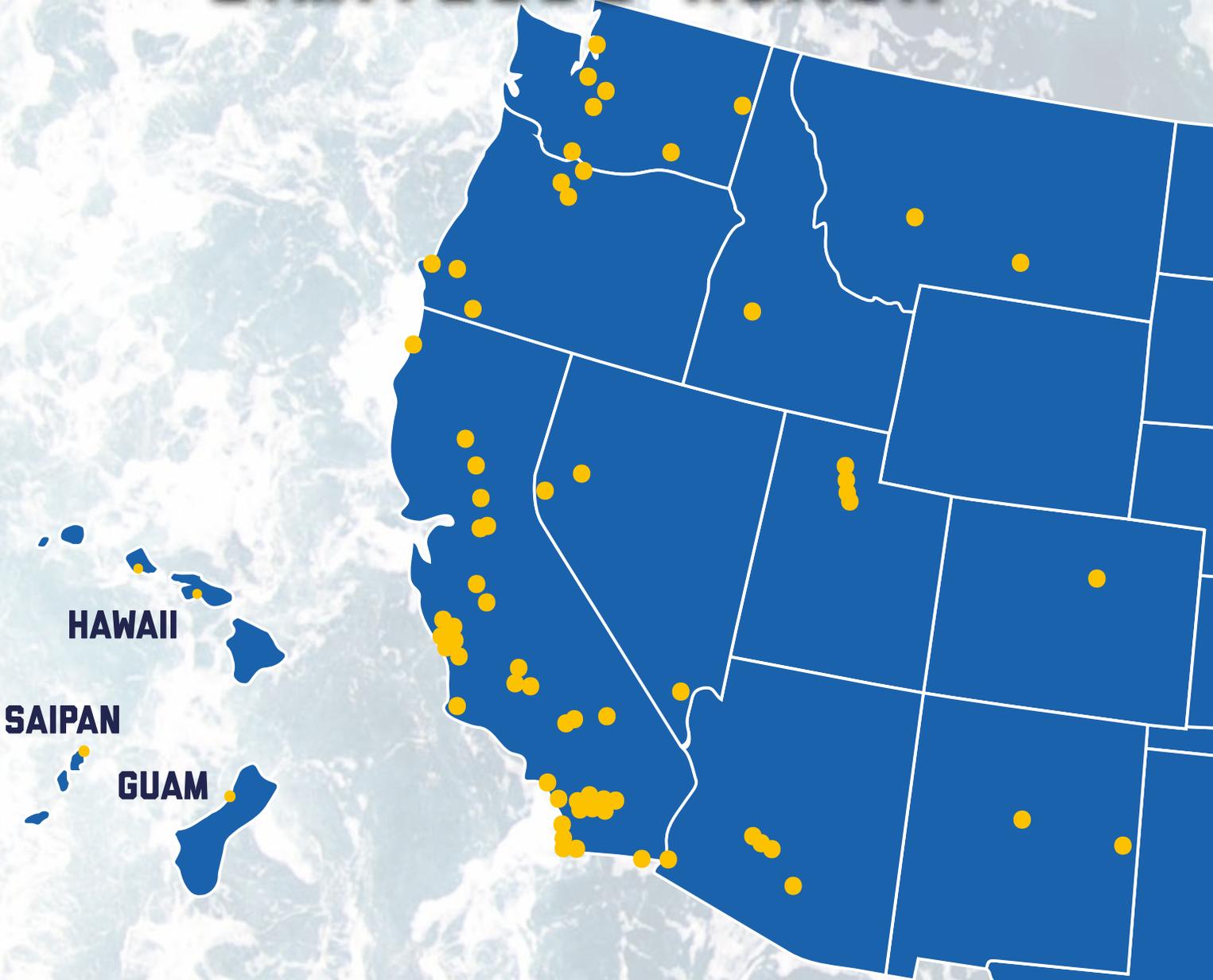
A LEGACY OF STRENGTH AND SERVICE

The Sea Cadet experience didn't just shape Linda, it launched her into a lifetime of confidence, leadership, and service. Her time in the program made her stand out in college interviews with her stories of boot camp and damage control training, leaving a lasting impression on her audience. More than just a Sea Cadet, she became a trailblazer that proved young women belonged in every facet of military training. Her journey is a testament to the power of perseverance and the boundless impact of programs that cultivate patriotism, discipline, and an unshakable love for country. Today, she watches with pride as young women step into roles once out of reach knowing that the path she helped forge is now wide open for them and for generations of women to come.





LIMITLESS REACH



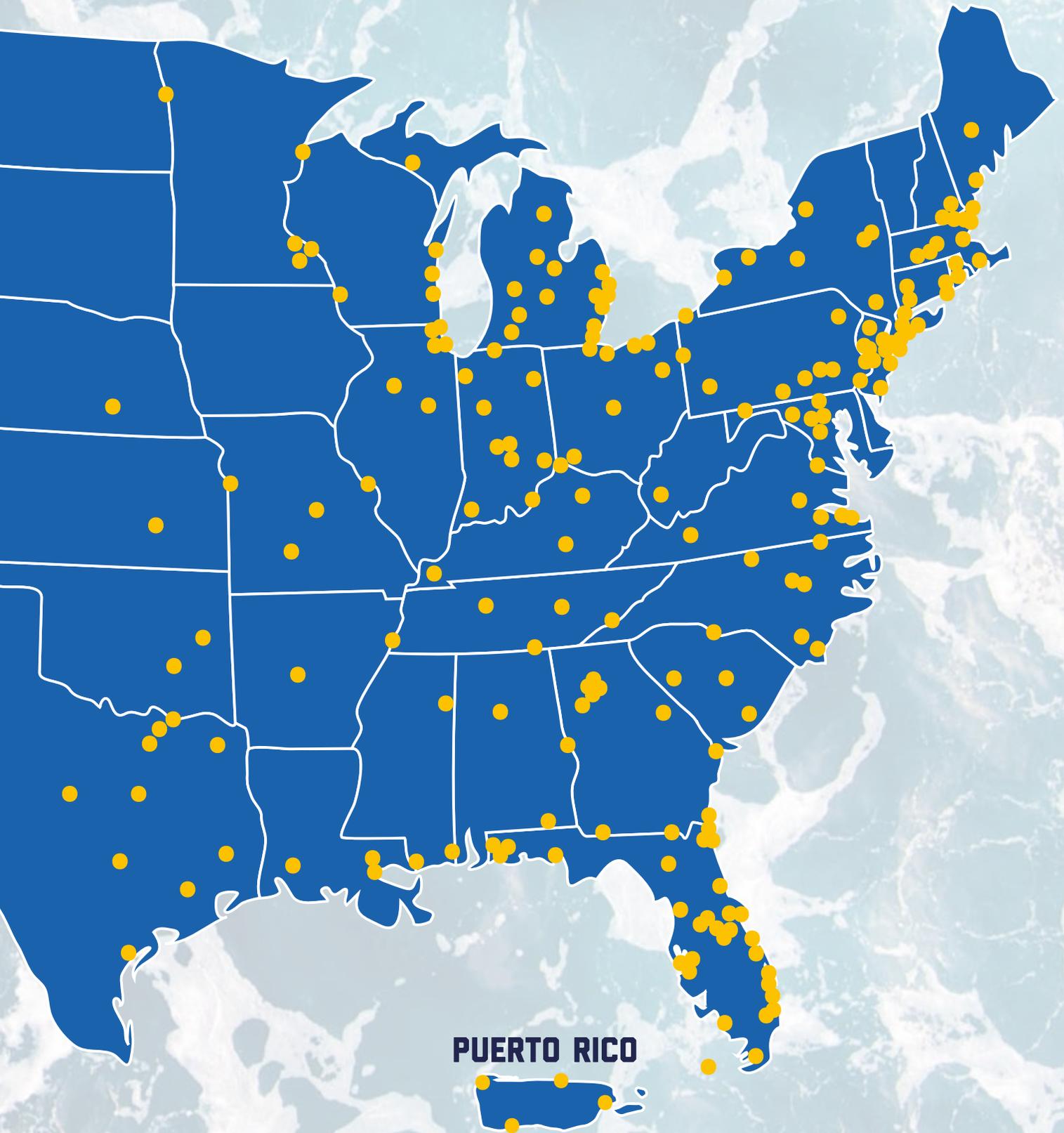
2024 TRAINING BY THE NUMBERS

482 cadet and volunteer training events

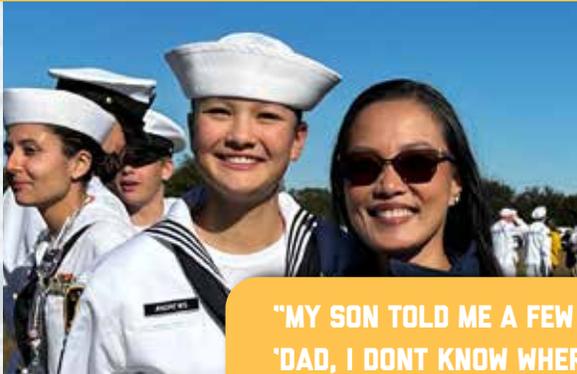
6,387 cadets training graduations

1,850 volunteer training supervision assignments

336 units in **45** states plus Guam, Saipan and Puerto Rico
Serving **8,240** cadets in 2024.



LIMITLESS SUPPORT



"MY SON TOLD ME A FEW MONTHS AGO: 'DAD, I DON'T KNOW WHERE I WOULD BE WITHOUT THE SEA CADETS.'"

- Fernando Sanchez from Washington



"I HAVE TWO SONS. BOTH HAVE LEARNED LEADERSHIP SKILLS, LIFE SKILLS, HONOR, INTEGRITY AND RESPECT. THE SEA CADETS PREPARED MY OLDER SON FOR HIS MILITARY CAREER AS A SUBMARINER AND MY YOUNGEST HOPES OF SAILING ON A SUBMARINE TENDER WITH SEALIFT COMMAND."

- Chris Page from Connecticut



"LOOKING BACK, THE BEST DECISION WE COULD HAVE MADE FOR HIM WAS TO JOIN THE SEA CADETS."

- Jamie Graves from Massachusetts

"THE SEA CADETS GIVES MY SON PUNCTUALITY AND A STRONG WORK ETHIC, HELPING HIM IMPROVE TIME MANAGEMENT, RAISE HIS GPA, COMPLETE CHORES WITHOUT REMINDERS, AND CONTRIBUTE MEANINGFULLY TO HIS COMMUNITY."

- Ngan Nguyen from California



"MY SON IS A DIFFERENT PERSON. HE HAS GROWN SO MUCH IN UNDERSTANDING HIMSELF. HE HAS GROWN INTO A FINE YOUNG MAN WITH LEADERSHIP ABILITIES."

- Amanda Chase from Florida



"THE SEA CADETS INSTILLED IN MY SON A SENSE OF DISCIPLINE, RESPONSIBILITY, AND LEADERSHIP THAT EXTENDS BEYOND THE YOUTH PROGRAM. HE HAS DEVELOPED VALUABLE SKILLS AND A STRONG WORK ETHIC THROUGH HANDS-ON TRAINING AND TEAMWORK."

- Patrick Watson from North Carolina

LIMITLESS CAMARADERIE

TRAINING BEYOND BORDERS

Since 1999, Sea Cadets have traveled worldwide for hands-on maritime training with international peers. More than 190 cadets have joined these exchanges learning new skills in countries like Bermuda, India, and Sweden. In 2024, 17 cadets and 8 volunteers trained in Canada, Japan, and South Korea.

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS IN ACTION

Sea Cadets don't just travel abroad, they also host cadets from Australia, Canada, and the Cayman Islands to the USA. These exchanges blend teamwork, adventure, and unique maritime experiences. Cadets train together, explore national landmarks, and gain skills they can't get at home.

"FROM THE MOMENT WE ARRIVED, WE KNEW THE NEXT TEN DAYS WOULD BE AN UNSTOPPABLE ADVENTURE—TRAINING WITH THE KOREA COAST GUARD, DIVING INTO MARINE LIFE AT AQUA PLANET, AND FORGING MEMORIES IN THE MUDFLATS."

- Sea Cadet Petty Officer First Class Alessandra Siever, NSCC from Maryland



"STANDING ON THE DECK OF A JAPAN COAST GUARD VESSEL, SURROUNDED BY CUTTING-EDGE SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING FACILITIES, I SAW FIRSTHAND THE GLOBAL POWER OF MARITIME DEFENSE—AN EXPERIENCE THAT WILL SHAPE MY FUTURE IN THE SEA CADETS AND BEYOND."

- Sea Cadet Chief Petty Officer Nicholas Yagnik, NSCC from New Jersey

INTERNATIONAL SEA CADET ASSOCIATION MEMBER SINCE 1999, CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

CADETS BY ETHNICITY

17%
ASIAN, PACIFIC ISLANDER OR
NATIVE AMERICAN

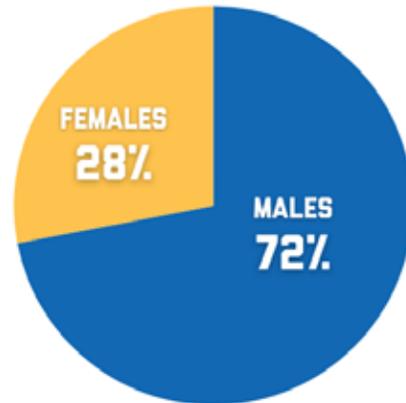
8%
BLACK (NON-HISPANIC)

15%
HISPANIC

53%
WHITE (NON-HISPANIC)

7%
OTHER OR PREFER NOT TO STATE

CADETS BY GENDER



COMMUNITY PROFILE

23%
URBAN

17%
RURAL

52%
SUBURBAN

8%
OTHER OR DECLINED TO STATE

2024 GRADUATING CADETS*

SERVICE ACADEMIES & MILITARY COLLEGES **14%**

ROTC SCHOLARSHIP **20%**

ENLIST IN THE ARMED FORCES **27%**

CIVILIAN COLLEGE **26%**

JOIN WORKFORCE **13%**

* Voluntary self-reporting of where cadets went after high-school graduation in 2024.

LIMITLESS GRATITUDE

EARLY LIFE AND CAREER

Joe Purcell grew up in upstate New York.

He was in the ROTC program at Holy Cross College, served in the Navy on active duty for 9 years, and worked as an investment banker at JPMorgan and Morgan Stanley for 30 years before recently retiring. Education was always important to Joe, saying, "Education can provide a pathway to success for young people in some of the most challenging situations." Bridgeport is the largest city in Connecticut, but the population is underserved. "It can be a very challenging environment for people trying to create opportunities for themselves and their families" Joe said.



Award ceremony in Bridgeport CT

FOUNDING A SEA CADET UNIT

A chance meeting with the Sea Cadets Executive Director Andy Lennon gave Joe the idea to start a unit in Bridgeport. He felt the Sea Cadets were a great intersection of training and education. He took initiative to reduce barriers for youth to join the unit by recruiting donors, securing a drill location, and engaging community leaders to raise awareness of the Sea Cadets. His philanthropic support and outreach efforts led to the establishment of the Commander William F. Bundy Division in Bridgeport. Having attended a drill recently, Joe felt the cadets "were so proud of their work and seemed to have found real purpose with their unit." Joe is an inspiration and an embodiment of how positive change can happen when people support our future leaders of character.



Cadets from CDR William F. Bundy Division, Bridgeport visit the USS Nautilus Museum in Groton, CT

If you've been able to see a color guard before an event, you just know. If you've been able to see the face of Sea Cadets when they first walk onto a ship, you just know. If you've seen the volunteers helping cadets go through a Sea Cadet training, you just know.

You know, as an alumni, as a family member of an alum, as a sponsor, or simply as a friend to the Sea Cadet community, that this youth organization is special in a way that can't be easily defined. It's evident in the ways our cadets put down cell phones and dive into drills and advanced training.

Thanks to your support, our Sea Cadets gain valuable hands-on learning experiences that promote teamwork and leadership. Your generosity also provides essential training for our volunteers, enabling them to guide and inspire our cadets with core values of honor, respect, commitment, and service. We are deeply grateful for your contributions, which have made a profound impact over the past year. Your belief in our cadets and mission helps us continue shaping future leaders of character.

LIMITLESS IMPACT

THANK YOU TO OUR CURRENT LEADERSHIP SOCIETY MEMBERS*

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*Leadership Society members as of January 1, 2024 – December 9, 2024

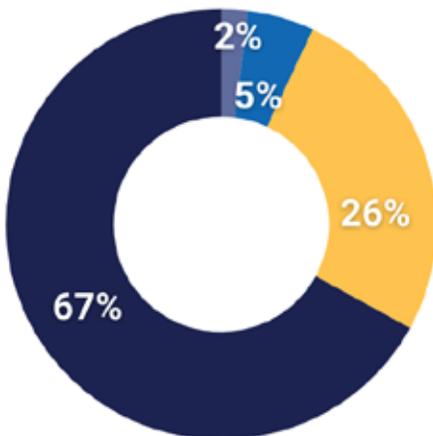
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2024 FINANCIALS

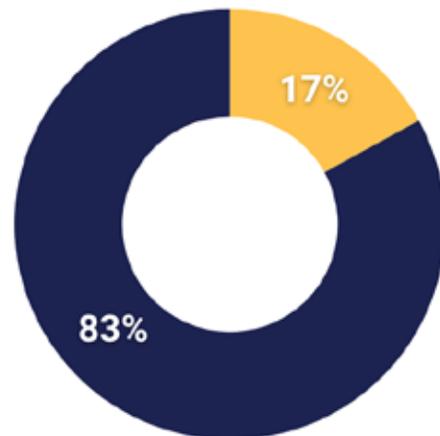
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	
(As of December 31, 2024)	
ASSETS	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$6,819,993
TOTAL LONG-TERM FIXED ASSETS	\$486,132
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	(\$469,249)
TOTAL ASSETS	\$6,836,876
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
TOTAL CURRENT AND LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	\$1,128,408
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$5,708,467
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$6,836,875

INCOME



- U.S. NAVY GRANT
- OTHER REVENUE
- GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS
- IN-KIND REVENUE

EXPENSES



- PROGRAMMATIC EXPENSES
- OPERATING EXPENSES

* Financial data is unaudited



SEA CADETS

A Letter from our Chair, U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Board of Directors

The year 2024 was an exceptional year for the Sea Cadets with a 4.5% increase in enrollment, new units in underserved areas, and expanded training opportunities in the maritime industry. We continue to develop young leaders through hands-on training, peer mentoring, and instilling core values of honor, respect, commitment, and service.

The Sea Cadets program significantly influences its participants, guiding them toward successful careers and leadership roles. Our graduates are well-prepared for various future paths: military service (14% in academies, 27% enlisted), ROTC scholarships (20%), higher education (26%), and the civilian workforce (13%). Over 55% engage with the military. The Sea Cadet program is critical to the future of our military.

Our Board of Directors oversees and supports the Sea Cadets organization, ensuring our financial strength and acting as ambassadors. Our aim for 2025 is to educate more cadets about career options and raise national awareness of our impact on youth. Working with these exceptional individuals is a joy as we guide young men and women to become tomorrow's leaders. We appreciate your continued support of our mission.

Sincerely,

Lynn L. Atkinson, M. D.
Chair

U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Board of Directors



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Dear Sea Cadets, Volunteers, and Supporters,

The Sea Cadet program is more than an organization—it is a transformative journey that shapes young individuals into future leaders. It instills the values of honor, respect, commitment, and service, which are essential in both military and civilian careers. Cadets gain leadership skills, build character, and develop teamwork through unique training experiences. These competencies prepare them for success in any path they choose.

This program stands out for its ability to attract a diverse group of young individuals, each bringing unique talents and aspirations. Through shared experiences, cadets form lifelong friendships and valuable networks. They learn from instructors, peers, and challenges, growing into confident and capable adults. Whether in leadership training, maritime education, or community service, every moment contributes to their development.

I want to express my gratitude to the volunteers who dedicate countless hours to mentoring and guiding these cadets. Your commitment exemplifies the spirit of service that defines our Navy and nation. You are not just instructors but role models who inspire excellence and dedication. Your passion and mentorship play a vital role in shaping future generations.

The Navy League remains a steadfast supporter of the Sea Cadets, providing resources, mentorship, and financial assistance. Our shared vision is to foster patriotism, leadership, and service among America's youth. To our cadets, thank you for your dedication; to our volunteers and supporters, your contributions are deeply appreciated. Together, we are shaping the leaders of tomorrow.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Stevens".

Michael D. Stevens

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