

Ribbons of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps

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Homeport – Policy – NSCC/NLCC Awards Manual

Ribbons



CHAIRMAN'S MEDAL



HONOR



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE



MERITORIOUS RECOGNITION



COMMENDATION



CITATION



NSCC ESCORT OFFICER



NAVY LEAUGE YOUTH MEDAL



COMMUNITY SERVICE



INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT



DRUG REDUCTION SERVICE



ONR SCIENCE ACHIEVEMENT



STEM ACHIEVEMENT



RECRUITING INCENTIVE



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UNIT CITATION



DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION OUTSTANDING CADET



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION GOOD CITIZENSHIP



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS ACHIEVEMENT



UNIT COMMENDATION



PHYSICAL FITNESS



NSCC STAFF CADET



COLOR GUARD



PRIOR SERVICE



MARKSMANSHIP



INT'L NAVAL REVIEW/OPSAIL



25TH/50TH ANNIVERSARY



25TH YEAR COMMISSIONED UNIT



USCG BICENTENNIAL UNIT COMMENDATION



FIFTH



FOURTH



THIRD



SECOND



FIRST

These can be easily earned- all you!



10. NSCC/NLCC Academic Achievement Ribbon



Awarded to a Sea Cadet or League Cadet who distinguishes himself/herself at school or accredited home school program meeting the following requirements:

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8. NSCC/NLCC Community Service Ribbon



Awarded to an officer, midshipman, instructor, Sea Cadet, or League Cadet who performs 30 hours of community service work, accurately documented in Magellan.

a. "Community service" is defined as voluntary work which is done to benefit the community or particular groups of people in need. Examples include volunteering at a soup kitchen, visiting a local nursing or veterans' home, completing projects to benefit the environment, or coordinating a care package drive for deployed troops.

b. Public events, such as parades, color guards, recruiting drives, or other activities that only benefit the USNSCC or the unit do not constitute "community service."

Approving Authority: Unit CO

14. NSCC/NLCC Recruiting Incentive Ribbon



Awarded to an officer, midshipman, instructor, Sea Cadet, or League Cadet who meets the following requirements:

Cadet. Recruits an officer, midshipman, instructor, Sea Cadet, League Cadet, or two (2) auxiliarists into any unit. One award for each person enrolled.

Officer/Midshipman/Instructor. Recruits two officers, midshipmen, instructors, Sea Cadets, and/or League Cadets into any unit. One award is made for every two (2) members recruited.

Notes:

a. Recruited members must remain a member of the program for at least 3 months to get credit for the recruitment/enrollment.

b. Subsequent awards will be recognized using the appurtenance star system.

c. Units will update Magellan with records of which cadet(s) were recruited by the cadet to whom the award is made.

Approving Authority: Unit CO

20. NSCC/NLCC Physical Fitness Ribbon



Awarded to an officer, midshipman, instructor, Sea Cadet, or League Cadet who meets the following requirements:

Cadets:

a. A cadet who meets or exceeds the "Good" standard on the Physical Readiness Test (PRT) is eligible to wear the Physical Fitness Ribbon.

b. A cadet who meets or exceeds the "Excellent" standard on the PRT is eligible to wear the Physical Fitness Ribbon with silver "E"

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11. NSCC/NLCC Drug Reduction Service Ribbon



Awarded to an officer, midshipman, instructor, Sea Cadet or League Cadet who displays outstanding leadership by example in the community as a drug-free role model, and who meets one of the following requirements:

a. Attends four (4) prescribed substance abuse, anti-drug awareness lectures given by local law enforcement; State Police; Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE); Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD); or trained military personnel in the area of substance abuse and anti-drug awareness counselling. The lectures can be four (4) one-hour or eight (8) thirty-minute lectures;

b. Performs one (1) one-hour or two (2) thirty-minute substance abuse, anti-drug awareness lecture(s) to a school, civic, church, youth group, or other community-based audience; or

c. Successfully provides substance abuse and anti-drug awareness to the community, school, church, or other youth-related organizations by way of newspaper articles, radio or television, social media, displays, or participation with other youth organizations.

These require a bit more.....

21. NSCC Staff Cadet Ribbon



Awarded to a Sea Cadet who successfully serves as a staff cadet for a nationally-approved NSCC Recruit Training, Advanced Training, or NLCC Orientation.

Notes:

a. The cadet's orders must reflect participation as a staff cadet.

b. Staff cadets serving at "locally arranged NLCC Orientation and NSCC Recruit Trainings" authorized by NHQ, can receive credit for serving as a staff cadet.

c. Subsequent awards will be recognized using the appurtenance star system.

Approving Authority: COTC

22. NSCC/NLCC Color Guard Ribbon



Awarded to a Sea Cadet or League Cadet who, as a member of a color guard, exhibition drill team, or ceremonial rifle squad, meets the following requirements:

a. Performs as a member of the team for at least six (6) months;

b. Performs in at least five (5) evolutions at a public event;

c. Is smart and neat in appearance, and wears the uniform with pride; and

d. Always acts in the highest traditions of the USNSCC.

Notes:

a. Each event must be documented in the cadet's Magellan Record Book.

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Appurtenances



“A” Attendance- Bronze Appurtenance

Awarded to Officers, Midshipmen,

Instructors, NSCC/NLCC Cadets who maintain perfect attendance at 100% of all mandatory drill, without a single absence (except when attending authorized USNSCC training), during a calendar year. Worn on the appropriate Service Ribbon.

DEA DEVICE – SILVER Appurtenance

- Affixed to the center of the Drug Reduction Service Ribbon to signify giving four or more CDF presentations p. 41

Read the Awards Manual!

Ultimately, it is your responsibility to make sure if you qualify for a ribbon or appurtenance that ***you*** remind an officer. We will do our best, but you are accountable!