

Will cadets be required to serve in the Armed Forces? No. However, cadets who decide to enlist after high school into any of the Armed Forces may be permitted entry at a higher pay grade due to their Sea Cadet experience. Service academies and ROTC selection boards look favorably upon Sea Cadet service.

Contact Us. Go to [www.SeaCadetsTwinCities.org](http://www.SeaCadetsTwinCities.org) if you want to meet with us or want more information, and click *Contact Us*. We conduct a "prospective cadet" briefing for interested youth and their parents each month. Because we drill in a secure military area, no walk-ins are permitted.



Morning muster at Camp Ripley, MN

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After an Air Force C-130 sortie with the 934 AW, USAFRes

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Our Color Guard at an Independence Day parade

*Sea Cadets -  
Test your Limits!*

What are the Sea Cadets? The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps (USNSCC) is the youth organization of the Navy for young men and women ages 13 through 18. A junior "league cadet" program is also available for boys and girls ages 11 and 12.

Our cadets develop skills in leadership, seamanship, courage, self-reliance, and military discipline. The program provides a good way to experience the Navy without having to make a commitment.

About the Twin Cities Squadron. Our Squadron is oriented towards naval aviation, which means we conduct naval aviation related training in addition to general seamanship training.



Navy Pilot wings

We drill one weekend a month at the Navy Operational Support Center at Fort Snelling. A cadet is expected to attend every drill unless he or she has an approved absence.

Do cadets pay dues? Yes. Dues for initial enrollment and annual renewal cover costs of required uniforms, insignia and basic group insurance coverage, as well as administrative and training related costs. Most families find the dues quite affordable, with costs similar to some high school sports participation fees.

Cadet uniforms. The Secretary of the Navy authorized cadets to wear Navy enlisted uniforms with distinctive Sea Cadet insignia. To outsiders, we represent the U.S. Navy and, when in uniform, we must behave accordingly. When a cadet outgrows a uniform, he or she simply exchanges it for a larger size without any additional cost. All uniforms remain property of the Navy and must be returned once a cadet leaves the program.

About cadet training. Every cadet is required to attend a minimum of one training contingent each year. A cadet's first training is Recruit Training (RT), usually conducted in June by Navy personnel at Great Lakes Naval Training Command, IL. Thereafter, cadets attend one Advanced Training (AT) of their choice annually. Many cadets choose to attend multiple trainings and consider these events the highlight of their USNSCC

career. Trainings typically run 10 to 12 days and are held throughout the nation and cover a wide range of Naval specialties, such as music, SEAL, submarine or surface seamanship, military law enforcement, naval aviation, leadership academy, rifle marksmanship, STEM, cyber security, and many more. Cadets also have the opportunity to apply for the USNSCC International Exchange program with several maritime nations.

We also conduct training during the monthly drills. New "inducs" learn how to wear the uniform and how to conduct themselves in a military environment. Thereafter, typical training consists of naval aviation, customs and courtesies and similar military subjects, including introductions to the service academies, ROTC and enlisted service, as well as physical training (PT), annual swim qualifications, drill and ceremonies, field operations, Cyber Patriot, and more.

Our website shows the Plan of the Month (POM), which outlines the training scheduled for forthcoming monthly drills.



Soldiers instruct cadets how to fire the M-4 at Camp Ripley, MN

Who instructs cadets? We have a wide range of instructors including active, reserve, or retired military personnel, qualified Sea Cadet Corps officers and senior cadets.

USNSCC Officers. We welcome adults over 21 (or in certain cases over 18) to serve as uniformed officers, or as non-uniformed auxiliary members. No military experience is required. Like cadets, uniformed officers are expected to attend drill regularly and must pass a number of professional

development courses. Officers start as "Instructor" and may later be promoted from Ensign (O-1) to Lieutenant Commander (O-4), the highest rank available in the Sea Cadet Corps. Our officers wear Navy officer uniforms with distinctive Sea Cadet insignias. Active duty, reserve, or retired officers of all services may continue to wear the uniform and rank of their service.



Boot camp inspection by USNSCC officers at the Navy's Great Lakes Training Command, IL

Sea Cadet rank structure. Cadets may advance from Airman Recruit (E-1) to Chief Petty Officer (E-7). Advancement is subject to completing a list of requirements, including completing trainings and coursework, passing online tests (the same as those administered to active duty sailors), meeting attendance requirements, and spending a minimum amount of time at each rank or "grade". As cadets advance, they are given ever increasing command challenges allowing them to develop their leadership potential.

About medical exams. A medical examination similar to a high school sports physical is required for all cadets. If a medical condition precludes full, unlimited participation, the parent or guardian may present a *Request for Accommodation* for review so the cadet may participate in activities to the maximum extent possible.

Community Service. Our Squadron has helped with sandbagging during local floods, worked with the Marines during their *Toys 4 Tots* campaign, assisted the Flying Cloud Airport Air Expo, and participated in many other civic endeavors. Our color guard performed countless times for many ceremonies of active and reserve Naval units, schools, and civic organizations.