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From: Director, International Exchange Program, U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC)
To: Distribution

Subj: UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL SEA CADET CORPS EXCHANGE

Encl: (1) International Exchange Program Release Form (NSC-23C)

1. **General: dates and quotas.** The United States sponsored International Sea Cadet Exchange for 2009 will be held from Sunday 28 June through Saturday 11 July, 2009 at one of the places identified as a birthplace of the U.S. Navy – Narragansett Bay and the city of Providence, Rhode Island. **All arrivals and departures should be scheduled into and out of T. F. Green Airport, Providence, RI.** As with all international travel, **fully refundable airline tickets are recommended** to preclude loss of monies in the event of any unexpected cancellation or any other unforeseen event that might preclude the conduct of this training. Interested countries are invited to send contingents of four cadets and one escort.

a. **Personnel information.** Cadets selected to participate should be 15-18 years old. They should have a reasonable command of the English language, show sound judgment and be reasonably comfortable in social events. Escorts should have a strong command of the English language and be comfortable in high profile social activities and events. Due to the demanding physical nature of planned activities during their visit, Cadets must be in good physical condition. Cadets with medical problems such as asthma, severe allergies or on prescribed medication cannot be accepted. Escort officers must ensure that cadets complete enclosure (1) prior to arrival. Additional forms that are specifically required by the U.S. Naval Station, Newport, Rhode Island, will be emailed. These additional forms must be downloaded and completed in order for the USNSCC to use the Naval Station facilities. All forms must be available upon arrival. Special dietary requests may be made but there is no guarantee we can provide special meals.

b. **Dates: arrivals/departures.** All participants should schedule arrivals for Sunday 28 June 2009 at T. F. Green airport in Providence, Rhode Island. Departure flights should be scheduled leaving Saturday 11 July 2009. **For this exchange, all arrivals and departures are to be scheduled into and out of T. F. Green Airport in Providence, Rhode Island. T.F. Green is served by many airlines that provide numerous connecting flights at reasonable rates from most major US cities; Baltimore, New York, Chicago, Detroit, and Washington, D.C. Go to: www.pvdairport.com for further information on T.F. Green Airport in Providence.**

c. **Logistics.** Berthing and messing in Rhode Island will be at Officer Training Command facilities located at Naval Station Newport, in the city of Newport, Rhode Island. Cadets and escorts will be met at T.F. Green Airport, Providence, Rhode Island and all transportation will be provided. Internet access will be available, supporting wireless connectivity and US standard 120V electrical power.

Countries desiring to participate are requested to advise LCDR Mike Campbell, email mcampbell@seacadets.org (860) 930-5882, and copy NSCC National Headquarters Captain (Ret) Henry Nyland (703) 243-6910, fax (703) 243-3985, e-mail HNYLAND@navyleague.org of participation intentions and quotas as soon as reasonably possible. Numbers and quotas can be adjusted to meet your desires. Additionally, participating countries are requested to submit a list of those attending to include rank/rate, full name, address, passport number and telephone number (in case of emergency) for each cadet and escort officer. This information is requested as early as possible, the earlier the better, but at the latest not later than 1 June. Lists must be forwarded so that final berthing, messing, and security arrangements can be made well in advance for all participants. It is recommended that we have direct communication with escort officers to provide detailed exchange information. Please provide contact information, when selected, to LCDR Campbell at mcampbell@seacadets.org

2. **Uniforms/clothing requirements are as follow:**
Please see enclosure (2)

3. **Activities.** After arrivals on 28 June 2009, activities will include administrative time for initial briefings and explanations of upcoming activities for cadets, as well as time to recover from their travels. The program includes a mix of military and “off duty” activities for the cadets. Anticipated military and regional activities include:

- Ship visits and tours
- Shipboard damage control training
- Ship bridge simulator exercise
- Submarine Base
- Tours of regional U.S. military activities
- Regional attractions, city visits, and tours

Schedules will be subject to modification based on operational commitments and security demands. Accordingly we ask all participants to be flexible and understanding with regard to scheduling and schedule changes. Every attempt will be made to give cadets exposure to cultural and historic locations in the New England region. Anticipated off duty activities will include:

- City visits to Boston and Newport. Possible trip to New York City.
- Historic sites, maritime heritage
- Sports to include kayaking, bowling, etc.
- Shopping

A farewell dinner will be scheduled for one evening, close to departure date. The “full kit” uniform prescribed as your summer dress uniform is not recommended as Newport can be very hot during the time of this exchange. An alternate uniform (more comfortable) is recommended. There will be no need for a formal uniform. Laundry facilities are available.

4. **Costs.** The fee for the U.S. 2009 International Exchange will be \$225.00 (U.S. dollars) per person. Countries hosting US cadets in their home nations at no cost will not be assessed a fee. Escort officers are responsible for collecting monies from their cadets. Please ensure that payment is in cash, traveler’s checks or U.S. money orders. The U.S. senior escort officer will be collecting the fee upon your arrival. The fee covers messing/berthing and entrance costs. It is also recommended that each cadet bring about US\$350.00 in spending money for various meals, souvenirs and miscellaneous expenses during their stay.

5. **Points of contact.** If you have any questions, please call the NSCC Director for our International Exchange Program, LCDR Mike Campbell, at mcampbell@seacadets.org (860) 930-5882. CAPT Nyland may be reached at: (703) 243-6910 or fax (703) 243-3985 or e-mail; hnyland@navyleague.org.

6. **Website.** The United States exchange will have a website up by 31 March with complete information to guide escort officers with their preparations. Please forward to your Escort officer. Go to: <http://iep.seacadets.org/usa.htm>

M.L. Campbell
LCDR (NSCC)

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USA INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM RELEASE FORM

(Date)

I, _____, the parent/guardian of _____, in consideration of his/her participation in the international exchange program of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, do hereby release from any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action, due to death, injury or illness, the government of the host Corps and all its officers, representatives, and agents acting officially or otherwise, and also the officers and officials of the sponsoring Navy League, or other sponsoring organization.

I further consent to the treatment of _____, my son/daughter/ward by the medical facilities of the host Corps' government, or civilian physicians/medical facilities as might be required in the event of any illness or accident arising while aboard the vessels, shore activities, cadet training facilities of the host government/Corps. This consent includes any medical, anesthesia or surgical treatment or hospital services rendered under the general and special instructions of the attending physician or other physicians assigned to his/her care.

Permission is also granted by me for _____, my son/daughter/ward to be transported as a passenger in U.S. Department of Defense vehicles, aircraft, or watercraft, or the vehicles, aircraft, or watercraft of the host government or Corps, or civilian vehicles or watercraft under the control of the host Corps officers and/or officials while participating in the Foreign Exchange Program.

(Signature of parent/guardian)

(Address)

(Area Code/Telephone Number)

(Name of Unit)

(Signature of Unit Commander)

Kit list for Officers:

Kit list for Cadets:

*The Kit Lists (packing lists)
for our International guests
have been revised subsequent
to the release of this
invitation letter.*

*Kindly refer to the separate
Kit Lists elsewhere on the
USA Exchange webpage.*

*This original enclosure (2) is
obsolete (MAY 2009).*