



## MISSION

**The mission of the Sea Cadets is to build leaders of character.** The culture stresses self-discipline, service to others, accountability, and patriotism. At young ages, Cadets are given leadership opportunities by staffing summer training events, planning unit drill sessions, and teaching others.

Sea Cadets gain unique and valuable experiences that incorporate hands on learning and teamwork. This diverse program includes seamanship, sailing, aviation, security, building robots, medical, STEM, SCUBA, submarines, photography, culinary, special forces training, and an International Exchange Program.



## BACKGROUND

The USNSCC was formed in 1958 by the Navy League to create a favorable image of the US Navy with America's youth. In 1962 USNSCC gained their federal charter and that was amended in 1976 to allow women to enroll in the program. USNSCC consists of hundreds of local units across the United States, Hawaii, Alaska and U.S. Territories. Florida consists of 40 Units in 7 Regions.

During the 103RD Convention The Department of American Legion voted to accept the USNSCC as a program under the Children and Youth Pillar. This is to build the relationships between our Posts and the Sea Cadet Units in the State of Florida in order to mentor the future leaders of our state and nation.

To participate in this program contact:

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CHOOSE ADVENTURE

AN AMERICAN LEGION CHALLENGE



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## BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

- Invite neighboring Sea Cadet Units to march in veteran and patriotic parades
- Work with a Sea Cadet Unit for flag disposal ceremonies
- Encourage Legionnaires to be adult volunteers in the local Sea Cadet Unit
- Allow Sea Cadet Units to use Post facilities for meetings or fundraising events
- Donate equipment directly to Sea Cadet Units
- Donate funds to the local Sea Cadet Unit
- Present medals and scholarships to individual Sea Cadets
- Ask a Sea Cadet Unit to assist with the Four Chaplains Memorial
- Sea Cadets can act as escorts, ushers, or guides at Legion activities
- Request a Sea Cadet unit to assist in



## SPONSORING VERSES SUPPORTING A UNIT

Sponsoring a Sea Cadet Unit is a formal agreement between the American Legion Post and the local Sea Cadet Unit. This relationship begins with a formal letter to the Regional Sea Cadet Director who will assist the Post with all the requirements.

As a Sponsor, your Post's mission is to help the Sea Cadet Unit fulfill its mission while leaving direct supervisory authority and daily operations to Unit staff. The Post's duties may include:

- Providing financial assistance
- Facilitate contact with military, veteran, & community organizations
- Assist in finding training locations, materials, and storage facilities
- Recommend volunteer leadership
- Serve as a neutral reviewer for Unit finances

Supporting a Sea Cadet Unit is a less formal relationship. It often involves donating money, providing opportunities to earn money, allowing Post property to be used for activities, service projects or meetings without the formal agreement that being a Sponsor entails. Posts can provide this type of support to as many Sea Cadet Units as it can reasonably handle.



## ELIGIBILITY

There are four types of Sea Cadet units, each one tailored to a different training program the unit will focus on and the youth age group.

## SEA CADET UNIT TYPES

PROGRAM TYPE	AGES	FOCUS
Division	13-18	Sea Services
Squadron	13-18	USN/USCG Aviation
Battalion	13-18	USN Construction
Training Ship	10-13	League Cadets

**Note:** You must have either a Division, Squadron, or Battalion to have a Training Ship.

The Sea Cadet program opened its membership to all children ages 10 to 18 regardless of gender or race. Adult leaders can be ages 18 and older. USNSCC does follow ADA laws with disabilities of its cadets and adult volunteers.