



The Third Wire

Volume 1, Issue 3

3rd Quarter 2007

2007 Summer Training Season Ends

Corsairs continue tradition of excellence across the country

Once again, this summer saw Corsairs attending summer trainings all over the country. And, as in years past, our Cadets represented the Squadron with pride and demonstrated a standard of excellence that is the trademark of a Corsair.

A total of 13 Corsairs attended NSCC Recruit Training or NLCC Orientation to receive their first taste of what the summer training program has to offer. Cadets traveled to Camp Pendleton, VA, Columbia, SC, and Cape Cod, MA. Five other Cadets showed their leadership skills by serving as Staff Cadets at these basic-level training events.

Two Cadets also completed the Petty Officer Leadership Academy curriculum as part of their duties as Staff Cadet.

Other trainings attended include SCUBA training, Port Operations, Mine Operations, Field Training, Fire Fighting, SeaBee Training, and Surface Warfare. Cadets traveled as far as New Mexico to participate in these training opportunities.

In addition to the trainings around the country, Cadets also took advantage of local training opportunities. Medical Training at NAF Washington and Coast Guard Training at the station in Washington,



SA Wilkins gives instruction at NLCC Orientation training in Cape Cod, MA

DC are just two examples that were available to our Cadets.

As the Corsairs recover from a busy summer, it is never too early to start planning for advanced trainings this winter and the upcoming spring season. The 2008 summer training season promises to be just as impressive as this year's.

Inside this issue:

Parents Group	2
Joint Color Guard	3
Promotions	3
Recent Awards	3
Hail and Farewell	4
2007 JSOH	4
Gitmo Sea Cadets	5

Upcoming Events:

- ♦ 23 September—Navy 5-Miler Run
- ♦ 29-30 September—Corsairs Drill @ Andrews AFB
- ♦ 27-28 October—Corsairs Drill @ Andrews AFB
- ♦ 17-18 November—Corsairs Drill @ Andrews AFB

The Corsairs Find a New Home

Over the last year, the Corsairs have been somewhat transient on NAF Washington. This has been a result of the increased number of drilling units due to recent BRAC recommendations. We are grateful to the NAF command for their continued support of our Squadron.

Recently, things have settled down and we have been able to reassess our drilling location. The NAF Supply Department has made space available in their building for our Squadron to use during drill weekends. We now have an office space to use for our administrative func-

tions as well as an indoor drill area in the event of inclement weather. Although the space is reduced, we still have use of several classrooms in the training building. With these facilities, the Corsairs will continue to meet the training needs of our Cadets on base.

Commanding Officer's Corner -LCDR Nathan Rolfe, NSCC



Another training year has begun. With this new year come new expectations. Before the summer training season started, I issued a challenge to all of our Cadets. This challenge was to aspire not to be the best unit in the Sea Cadet Program, but to be the best Cadets that they could be. Period. The Squadron will become great only because the Cadets that comprise it are great. And our Cadets are indeed great!

At summer training this year, two Corsairs earned Honor Cadet of

their respective training; four Unit Commendation Ribbons were awarded to Corsairs that were members of honor companies at Boot Camp; three Staff Cadets provided vital instruction to new Cadets just entering the program.

The Cadets are meeting the challenge and then some.

This challenge was also extended to the adult volunteers. This July, while we did not have a normal drill weekend, the adult volunteers gathered to plan the coming year and establish higher standards for our-

selves to better ensure the success of our Cadets.

The 2007-2008 training year WILL be the best this Squadron has ever had. This will only be possible through the combined efforts of the Cadets and adults that make up the best Squadron around! I am personally looking forward to the many accomplishments and successes that are in store for the Corsairs this year.

Parents' Group to Form the Backbone of the Squadron

One of the most vital aspects of any Sea Cadet unit is the Parents' Support Group, sometimes known as the Parents' Auxiliary. The Corsairs Parents' Auxiliary is up and running and off to a great start.

The Parents' Auxiliary provides support to the Squadron by keeping the staff updated on concerns of the parents as well as providing support necessary to successful operations.

The support provided by the Auxiliary comes in the form of input from three separate committees. The Fundraising Committee reviews

the many possible fundraising opportunities and recommends a number to the command for the Squadron to participate in. The Social Committee is responsible for planning any social events for the Squadron, to include the holiday party in December and Squadron Picnic in June. The Community Relations Committee looks for ways to give back to our community by finding opportunities for the Corsairs to participate in various activities and events.

All parents are encouraged to

actively participate in the Parents' Auxiliary to maximize support to the Corsairs. For more information on how you can participate, contact the Squadron OMBUDSMAN, INST Joyce Conyers at ombudsman@cmcorsairs.com

"Even the best Cadets will fail to meet their complete potential in this program without support from their parents." - LCDR Rolfe

Adult Enrollments Increase—New Positions Announced

During the last several months, several new adult volunteers have come onboard to help the Squadron. Some are active duty military, others are civilians, but all volunteers are of the highest quality and have a great deal to contribute to the Corsairs.

With these new additions to the Squadron, there have been some new assignments in our adult staff to streamline our operations.

The first major move is the assignment of ENS Diana White as

our new Executive Officer. ENS White served as our Administrative Department Head for over a year and will continue to provide excellent support in her new position. Other assignments are:

LTjg Alex Van Arsdall—Black Aces Division Officer

INST Bryan Horanburg—Ghost Riders Division Officer

INST Paul Bane—Sundowners Division Officer

MIDN Tyler Schultz—Starfighters Division Officer

INST Patricia White—Admin Department Head

INST Phyllis Thibodeaux—Supply Department

INST Yolanda Dowe—Recruiting Officer

INST Denise Rhea—Sponsorship Officer

YN1 Datrice Peterson—Ghost Riders Drill Instructor

AE1 Chelsea Cooper—Sundowners Drill Instructor

Joint Color Guard Event with Alexandria Division

Earlier this summer, the Corsairs were contacted by one of our neighboring units, the Alexandria Division. The Division was asked to provide a color guard for the Patrol Craft Association's reunion. However, much like the Corsairs, most of that Division's Cadets were away at summer training. This is where the Corsairs became involved.

The only way for the Alexandria Division to support the color guard request was to plus up their numbers. The Corsairs were able to provide three personnel from our own color guard to help fill the request. The event was very successful and

opened the door for more possible joint events with that Division.

Discussions with the Executive Officer of the Alexandria Division,



The joint Corsairs-Alexandria color guard prepares for the ceremony

ENS Allan Jordan, and all of the Cadets involved revealed a desire of all concerned to continue working together in the future. Plans are already underway for the two units to form a permanent, joint color guard in order to better respond to the many requests that often come our way from the Washington, DC area.

Joint events such as color guards and other ceremonial activities show the best side of the Sea Cadet program as a whole and provide excellent teamwork skills for our Cadets.

Recent Awards Within the Squadron

Andrew Simenauer—Cadet of the Quarter, 2nd Quarter FY07

Jonathan Mattingly—Cadet of the Quarter, 3rd Quarter FY07

Andrew Simenauer—NSCC Citation Ribbon

Jonathan Mattingly—NSCC Citation Ribbon

Maranda Franklin—NSCC Citation Ribbon

Daniel Leach—NSCC Citation Ribbon

Joyce Conyers—Escort Officer Ribbon

Rolanda Franklin—Escort Officer Ribbon

Romelo Dowe—Community Service Ribbon

Daniel Leach—Community Service Ribbon

Romelo Dowe—Academic Achievement Ribbon

Patrick King—Academic Achievement Ribbon

Jonathan Mattingly—Academic Achievement Ribbon

Jake Rotter—Recruiting Incentive Ribbon

Anthony Robinson—Recruiting Incentive Ribbon

Michelle Rhea—Staff Cadet Ribbon

Maranda Franklin—Staff Cadet Ribbon

Christopher Hudson—Staff Cadet Ribbon

Marcus Wilkins—Staff Cadet Ribbon

Anthony Robinson—Staff Cadet Ribbon

And finally....

ALL Corsairs enrolled during the time period of January 2007—June 2007 are awarded the Unit Commendation Ribbon.



The NSCC Citation Ribbon



The Staff Cadet Ribbon

Recent Promotions Within the Squadron

Charles Merrill—Petty Officer First Class

Theodore Jeremenko—Petty Officer First Class

Maranda Franklin—Petty Officer First Class

Romelo Dowe—Petty Officer Third Class

Daniel Leach—Seaman

Jonathan Mattingly—Seaman

Marcus Wilkins—Airman

Zachary Wolff—Airman



NSCC Petty Officer First Class



Squadron Chief's Corner

-PO1 Theodore Jeremenko, NSCC

First, I would like to congratulate all of the awardees and those promoted at the August award ceremony. That was by far the largest award ceremony in which I have participated in my Sea Cadet career and was one of the largest that the CM Corsairs has held. You did a great job this last Sea Cadet year. Let's try to keep that effort going. I have been pleased with the efforts of most of the cadets in the squadron. We had a nice relaxed year and the fact that it resulted

in what we now have is awesome.

However, there are still some problems. As was evident at the August drill cadet attendance is down. At that drill, only around 25 of the 40 plus cadets in the squadron were present. For those who were not at the August drill in the coming year the officers, LPO's, and I will be placing strict attention to the rules. We will not hesitate to drop a cadet who is not willing to spend one weekend of the month at drill. The Sea Cadets have a 75% drill attendance policy, if you don't meet that requirement you are out

of the program. In addition, cadets have been slacking on their military bearing.

You need to realize that to the civilian population you ARE the U.S. Navy and when you look bad not only does it reflect on you it also reflects on the squadron, its staff, and the Sea Cadet program. Cadets need to shape up or ship out. Let's try to make this the best year yet. Remember our motto, "Commitment now, Excellence always!"

Hail and Farewell

Welcome to the following new Corsairs:

-
- Taima Gomez, NSCC
 - Bryan Horanburg, NSCC
 - Denise Rhea, NSCC
 - Ladois Thibodeaux, NLCC
 - Phyllis Thibodeaux, NSCC
 - Patricia White, NSCC
 - Mark Williams, NSCC

Farewell and thank you to the following Corsairs:

-
- LTjg Michael Quigley, NSCC
 - PO1 Charles Merrill, NSCC
 - PO3 Preston Stoney, NSCC
 - SN Tramel Peterson, NSCC

Joint Effort Makes 2007 JSOH a Success

As we have done the last several years, the Corsairs participated in the 2007 Joint Services Open House on Andrews Air Force Base this last May. The air show and static displays offer the general public an unique look at our nation's armed forces and their equipment.

The Corsairs participated in several respects this year. The primary focus was on the recruiting booth.

We were positioned almost dead center in the middle of one the most heavily visited hangars; a great position for visibility. The Corsairs participated in several other activities around the show. Because of these obligations, we were forced to take our Cadets off of the recruiting booth for segments of time during the weekend.

Four other Sea Cadet units

(Mooberry Division, Ft. McHenry Division, Pathfinders, and Charette Battalion) were present at various times throughout the weekend. These units stepped up to help the Corsairs man the recruiting booth when we couldn't be there. Their efforts helped make the entire weekend a success. Our thanks to the Cadets and adults of these neighboring units!

Andrews AFB Main Gate Reopens

Construction at the main gate on Andrews AFB has completed. The new main gate has only one checkpoint for ID cards with several entrance lanes. This should help with some of the confusion and obstacles we have faced in the past with security.

The visitors center is still open near the entrance to the base. As such, our standard practice of

meeting new arrivals and visitors at the visitors center at 0745 each drill morning.

With the reopening of the main gate, the north gate is once again closed on weekends.

Anyone having issues gaining access to base on drill weekends should call the Corsairs duty phone at 443-535-3763.



Subscribe to *The Third Wire* online. Simply send an email to thirdwire@cmcorsairs.com to receive the newsletter via email. Include your name and full mailing address if you want to receive a hard copy.

If you want an email copy only, write your name and "EMAIL ONLY" in the body of the email. Help us reduce our postage costs by receiving *The Third Wire* online.

The Corsairs Recruiting Booth at this year's Joint Services Open House.

Former Corsairs Breaks New Ground for USNSCC

In May 2006, Corsairs Executive Officer, LTjg Michael Quigley, was activated by the U.S. Navy Reserve. Originally, he was scheduled to deploy to Iraq after a short training program. As often happens in the military, plans changed. Instead of going to Iraq, LTjg Quigley was sent to the Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

While stationed in Cuba, LTjg Quigley made contact with several other Sailors on the base and began to spread the word about the Sea Cadet program. Interest took hold quickly.

After recruiting several adult volunteers and even more anxious Cadets, the Guantanamo Bay Division was formed. And just in time to send the new Cadets off to Recruit Training this year.

The units in Puerto Rico opened up their doors to these Cadets for training, an opportunity normally reserved for local Cadets. Other Cadets attended training on the mainland, to include Camp Pendleton where they trained alongside Corsairs Cadets.

The new unit on Cuba is the first one to be formed at that Naval Base

and is one of only very few units ever to be formed outside of the United States in the history of the Sea Cadet program.

As the first Commanding Officer of this new unit, LTjg Quigley has agreed to form a constant relationship between our unit and his. With this agreement, the Corsairs will become a sponsoring unit for the new Guantanamo Bay Division.

We are looking forward to working with this new unit as it grows and prospers in the future.

Commanding Officer:
LCDR Nathan Rolfe, NSCC
co@cmcorsairs.com

Executive Officer:
ENS Diana White, NSCC
xo@cmcorsairs.com

Squadron Chief:
PO1 Theodore Jeremenko, NSCC
chief@cmcorsairs.com

OMBUDSMAN:
INST Joyce Conyers, NSCC
ombudsman@cmcorsairs.com

Black Aces LPO:
PO1 Maranda Franklin, NSCC

Ghost Riders LPO:
PO3 Romelo Dowe, NLCC

Starfighters LPO:
PO3 Andrew Simenauer, NSCC

Sundowners LPO:
PO3 Justin Strohl, NSCC

Squadron MAA:
PO3 Michelle Rhea, NSCC

Squadron Phone Numbers:
Command: 443-306-4681
Duty Phone: 443-535-3763
Recruiting: 443-535-3764

Corsairs History

Squadron Commanding Officers

<i>ENS Nicholas Marziani, NSCC</i>	<i>(SEP 1987—OCT 1989)</i>
<i>LCDR Wayne Yoshino, NSCC</i>	<i>(OCT 1989—FEB1995)</i>
<i>LT Mark Phillips, NSCC</i>	<i>(FEB 1995—MAR 1996)</i>
<i>LTjg Alex Cobern, NSCC</i>	<i>(MAR 1996—MAR 1999)</i>
<i>LTjg Richard Bartlett, NSCC</i>	<i>(MAR 1999—FEB 2000)</i>
<i>LCDR David Atchison, NSCC</i>	<i>(FEB 2000—SEP 2001)</i>
<i>LTjg Guillermo Vega, NSCC</i>	<i>(SEP 2001—JAN 2002)</i>
<i>LCDR Alan Bodle, NSCC</i>	<i>(JAN 2002—JAN 2003)</i>
<i>LCDR Nathan Rolfe, NSCC</i>	<i>(JAN 2003—PRESENT)</i>

Central Maryland Corsairs Squadron
Naval Air Facility, Code 70
ATTN: Sea Cadets
1 San Diego Loop, Bldg 3086
Andrews AFB, MD 20762-5518