



USNSCC Ranks, Ribbons and Medals

USNSCC Ranks

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FIGURE 4-2-3 NSCC CADET CHEVRONS AND RATING BADGES

Select NSCC Cadet Advancement for ages 13-17



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FIGURE 4-2-1 NSCC CADET CHEVRONS AND RATING BADGES

USNSCC Medals



CHAIRMAN'S MEDAL



NLS YOUTH MEDAL



DAR ROTC AWARD



DAR OUTSTANDING CADET AWARD



SAR CITIZENSHIP MEDAL



VPW NSCC MEDAL

USNSCC Ribbons

The USNSCC offers a total of 33 Ribbons, including:

1. NSCC/NLCC Honor Ribbon
2. NSCC/NLCC Distinguished Service Ribbon
3. NSCC/NLCC Meritorious Recognition Ribbon
4. NSCC/NLCC Commendation Ribbon
5. NSCC/NLCC Citation Ribbon
6. NSCC Escort Officer Ribbon
7. Navy League of the United States (NLUS) Youth Medal and Ribbon
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9. NSCC International Exchange Program (IEP) Ribbon
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11. NSCC/NLCC Drug Reduction Service Ribbon
12. Office of Naval Research (ONR) Science Achievement Ribbon
13. NSCC/NLCC STEM Achievement Ribbon
14. NSCC/NLCC Recruiting Incentive Ribbon
15. NSCC/NLCC Executive Director's Unit Citation
16. Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Outstanding Cadet Medal
17. Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Good Citizenship Medal
18. Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Naval Sea Cadet Medal
19. NSCC/NLCC Unit Commendation Ribbon
20. NSCC/NLCC Physical Fitness Ribbon
21. NSCC Staff Cadet Ribbon
22. NSCC/NLCC Color Guard Ribbon
23. NSCC/NLCC Prior Service Ribbon
24. NSCC/NLCC Marksmanship Ribbon
25. International Naval Review (INR)/OpSail Ribbon
26. USNSCC 25th/50th Anniversary Ribbon
27. 25th Year Commissioned Ribbon
28. USCG Bicentennial Unit Commendation Ribbon
29. NSCC/NLCC Service Ribbons



NSCC/NLCC Honor Ribbon

- Awarded to an officer, midshipman, instructor, auxiliarist, Sea Cadet, or League Cadet who, through direct action, saves a human life at the risk of his/her own life.
- Approving Authority: Executive Director



NSSC/NLCC Distinguished Service Ribbon

- Awarded to an officer, midshipman, instructor, auxiliariist, Sea Cadet, or League Cadet who distinguishes himself/herself:
 - a. By extraordinary heroism, but not to the degree justifying award of the NSSC/NLCC Honor Ribbon;
 - b. Through sustained and distinguished service at a national level to the USNSCC in a position of responsibility, such as:
 - 1. Officers who have commanded numerous Advanced Trainings;
 - 2. Volunteers who served on committees or working groups that improved the quality of the USNSCC training program or curriculum;
 - 3. Officers who are retiring after a lengthy career in the USNSCC and whose service included positions of significant responsibility;
 - 4. An end-of-tour award for a Regional Director who has served for no less than five (5) years; or
 - c. By selection as the USNSCC Officer of the Year (Nicholas Brango Award), Instructor of the Year (Robert T.S. Colby Award), Naval Sea Cadet of the Year (Willis E. Reed Award), Navy League Cadet of the Year (Keith T. Weaver Award), Regional Director of the Year (Fred D. Carl Award), or Regional Director Recruiter of the Year (Bruce B. Smith Award).
- Approving Authority: Executive Director



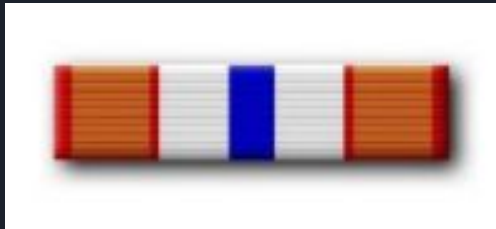
NSSC/NLCC Meritorious Recognition Ribbon

- Awarded to an officer, midshipman, instructor, auxiliariest, Sea Cadet, or League Cadet who distinguishes himself/herself through exceptionally meritorious service to the USNSCC in a position of responsibility, such as:
 - 1. By humanitarian action;
 - 2. Accomplishments which, though significant, do not warrant the Distinguished Service Ribbon but which do warrant higher recognition than the Commendation Ribbon;
 - 3. An end-of-tour award for a Regional Director who has served less than five (5) years;
 - 4. An end-of-tour award for a Unit Commanding Officer who has served no less than three (3) years; or
 - a. By establishing and/or overseeing programs which made a significant contribution to the USNSCC or civic/volunteer groups; or
 - b. By selection as an NHQ Area Officer of the Year, Instructor of the Year, Naval Sea Cadet of the Year, or Navy League Cadet of the Year.
- Approving Authority: NHQ Representative



NSCC/NLCC Commendation Ribbon

- Awarded to an officer, midshipman, instructor, auxiliarist, Sea Cadet, or League Cadet who distinguishes himself/herself through superior service, at a level exceeding that of the Citation Ribbon, but of lesser degree than the Meritorious Recognition Ribbon:
 - a. By performing specific project(s) or complex task(s) in a manner that greatly exceeds what is typically expected, considering the member's grade or rate, training, and experience.
 - b. By a period of sustained service that warrants recognition of the individual's achievements, such as:
 - 1. Making significant contributions to the USNSCC, the unit, region or training contingent;
 - 2. An end-of-tour award for a Unit Commanding Officer who has served less than three (3) years, or whose accomplishments do not warrant the Meritorious Recognition Ribbon; or
 - c. By selection as a Region's Officer of the Year, Instructor of the Year, Naval Sea Cadet of the Year, or Navy League Cadet of the Year.
- Approving Authority: NHQ Representative



NSCC/NLCC Citation Ribbon

- Awarded to an officer, midshipman, instructor, auxiliariist, Sea Cadet, or League Cadet for commendable service, based on sustained performance or specific achievement of a superlative nature. Qualifying service must clearly exceed that which is normally required or expected, considering the member's grade or rate, training, and experience.
- Cadets:
 - a. Demonstrate the virtues of the USNSCC's Core Values and Cadet Code of Conduct. Examples must be specifically described in the citation accompanying the recommendation, and may include:
 - 1. Consistently exceed minimum USNSCC attendance, advancement, and training requirements;
 - 2. Perform successfully in assigned leadership positions or other responsibilities within the unit or training contingent;
 - 3. Lead by example in areas such as personal appearance, respect for others, enthusiasm, character, and grit.
 - b. Have been selected as:
 - 1. A Company or Division Honor Cadet of any Recruit or Advanced Training;
 - 2. The overall Honor Graduate of any Recruit or Advanced Training having 100 or more initial cadets, excluding staff cadets and staff. In this situation, the Ribbon will be worn with Large (5/16") Gold Star; or
 - 3. His/her unit's Sea Cadet of the Year or League Cadet of the Year—except that the cadet cannot receive both the Citation Ribbon and the Navy League Youth Medal for the same honor.
- Approving Authority: Regional Director or COTC



NSCC Escort Officer Ribbon

- Awarded to an USNSCC officer, midshipman, instructor, or auxiliarist who successfully serves in a leadership role at an in-person, NHQ-approved NSCC Recruit Training, NLCC Orientation, or NSCC/NLCC Advanced Training which qualifies for cadet advancement credit.
 - An USNSCC officer serving as COTC of a training contingent (or combined training contingents) of 100 or more student cadets (excluding staff cadets and escorts), is authorized to wear the Escort Officer Ribbon with Large (5/16") Gold Star.
- Approving Authority: COTC



Navy League of the United States (NLUS) Youth Medal and Ribbon

- Awarded to a Sea Cadet or League Cadet based upon the criteria established by the Navy League of the United States (NLUS). The NLUS Youth Medal enables sponsoring councils to annually recognize excellence on the part of young people participating in NSCC and NLCC programs. It serves to emphasize the importance placed on education and training of American youth and recognize the importance of NSCC and NLCC as NLUS youth programs in attaining established goals and objectives.
- **Cadet of the Year:**
 - a. A Unit's or Training Ship's Sea Cadet of the Year or League Cadet of the Year is eligible to receive the NLUS Youth Medal/Ribbon only once as a League Cadet and only once as a Sea Cadet.
 - b. The NLUS Youth Medal and Ribbon with a Large (5/16") Silver Star affixed to the center of the Ribbon may be awarded annually to a NSCC Unit's Sea Cadet of the Year.
 - c. The NLUS Youth Ribbon with the Gold Boot affixed to the center of the ribbon may be awarded annually to a NLCC Training Ship's League Cadet of the Year. (But not the Medal)
- **Approving Authority:** NLUS Regional President or Local Council



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



NSCC International Exchange Program (IEP) Ribbon

- Awarded to an officer, midshipman, instructor, or Sea Cadet who is selected for and successfully completes an authorized exchange as part of the International Exchange Program (IEP).
- Notes:
 - a. Volunteers receiving the IEP Ribbon will not also receive the Escort Officer Ribbon.
- Approving Authority: Executive Director



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:
 - a. A cadet enrolled in an accredited school (including an accredited home school program) is eligible when he/she:
 - 1. Is officially declared on his/her school's Honor Roll for a semester or school year;
 - 2. Makes no grade below B;
 - 3. Is a full-time student at the school; and
 - 4. Provides his/her unit CO with a letter from the school verifying the Honor Roll status.
 - b. A cadet that is home schooled, but not enrolled in an accredited home school program, is eligible when he/she:
 - 1. Carries the required courses to be considered a full-time student;
 - 2. Makes no grade below B;
 - 3. Provides his/her unit CO with a letter from the person conducting the home schooling verifying his/her course enrollments and grades; and
 - 4. Provides his/her unit CO with a copy of a standardized test showing that he/she has been tested during the school year and is placed in the 75th or higher percentile of tested students in all areas of achievement. Acceptable standardized tests include:
 - (i) State-designated standardized testing meeting the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act;
 - (ii) The Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS);
 - (iii) The California Achievement Test (CAT); or
 - (iv) The Stanford Achievement Test.
 - c. Notes:
 - 1. Subsequent awards can be earned for each semester a cadet meets the award criteria, using the appurtenance star system, with a maximum of two (2) awards per school year.
 - 2. Former League Cadets may transfer the ribbon, but not any earned star appurtenances, when the League Cadet becomes a Sea Cadet.
 - 3. To assist cadets in obtaining the required documentation for this Ribbon, a unit CO may use a form letter which is available on Homeport.
- Approving Authority: Unit CO



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.
- Notes:
 - a. The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) distinguishing device may be awarded to any member who distinguishes himself or herself by presenting (2) one-hour or (4) thirty-minute presentations to any of the aforementioned community organizations. b. All activities should be tracked in Magellan.
- Approving Authority: NHQ Representative



Office of Naval Research (ONR) Science Achievement Ribbon

- This Ribbon was awarded to Sea Cadets who competed in certain regional or national STEM competitions. No further awards of this Ribbon are authorized; however, any cadets who have already received authorization to wear this Ribbon may continue to do so.



NSCC/NLCC STEM Achievement Ribbon

- Awarded to a Sea Cadet or League Cadet who participates in a regional or national science, robotics, drone, or other STEM competition, and who receives a placement award or other special award.
- Notes:
 - a. One award per competition is authorized.
 - b. Cadets who serve as a member of a Science, Technology, 29 Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) team that placed first in a national STEM competition may be awarded the “E” appurtenance.
 - c. Subsequent awards will be recognized using the appurtenance star system.
- Approving Authority: NHQ Representative



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) auxiliaries 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



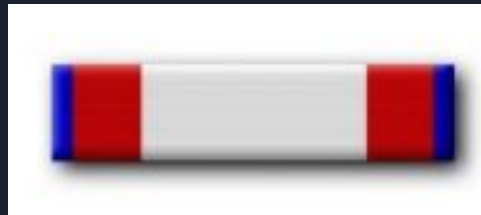
NSCC/NLCC Executive Director's Unit Citation

- Awarded to an officer, midshipman, instructor, Sea Cadet, or League Cadet who is a member of a unit which:
 - a. On or after January 1, 2022, is awarded the:
 - 1. John J. Bergen Trophy;
 - 2. Morgan L. Fitch Trophy;
 - 3. George S. Halas Trophy; or
 - b. On or after January 1, 2022, is recognized by National Headquarters as one of the Top Ten Sea Cadet units or Top Five League Cadet training ships in the nation; or
 - c. Distinguishes itself by exceptionally meritorious service to the USNSCC, its Region or Area, or the community in a manner that clearly exceeds the criteria necessary to justify award of the Unit Commendation.
- Approving Authority: Executive Director



Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Outstanding Cadet Medal

- Awarded to a Sea Cadet or League Cadet who has distinguished himself/herself through outstanding leadership, honor, service, courage, and patriotism.
 - a. The Unit CO may nominate a prospective recipient of this award to the local DAR Chapter Regent, who will normally make the presentation.
 - b. Each unit may only receive one award per year.
- Notes:
 - a. As of March 2014, the DAR has stopped issuing the ROTC award to non-ROTC, military affiliated cadet programs. They established the DAR Outstanding Cadet Award in its place. Those that were awarded the DAR/ROTC award prior to March 2014 may continue to wear that award.
 - b. No cadet may receive more than one of the Navy League Youth Medal, DAR Outstanding Cadet Medal, SAR Good Citizenship Award, or the VFW Naval Sea Cadet Award for any calendar year.
- Approving Authority: Local DAR Chapter.



Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Good Citizenship Medal

- Awarded to a Sea Cadet or League Cadet in the rate of Petty Officer Second Class or above, who meets the following requirements:
 - a. Maintains good standing scholastically at the time of selection and presentation;
 - b. Demonstrates a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing, and excellence in the performance of duties; and
 - c. Has the potential for greater leadership responsibilities.
- Notes:
 - a. The unit CO will select and nominate the prospective recipient of the award to the local SAR Chapter President, who will normally make the award.
 - b. The award consists of a bronze medal and accompanying ribbon bar (NSCC only) and a certificate of recognition (NSCC/NLCC).
 - c. No cadet may receive more than one of the Navy League Youth 31 Medal, DAR Outstanding Cadet Medal, SAR Good Citizenship Award, or the VFW Naval Sea Cadet Award for any calendar year.
- Approving Authority: Local SAR Chapter



Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Naval Sea Cadet Medal

- Awarded to a midshipman or Sea Cadet serving in the rate of Petty Officer Third Class or above, who meets the following requirements:
 - a. Be in good standing academically;
 - b. Progressing satisfactorily in the Sea Cadet program;
 - c. Is a member of the unit's Color Guard or Drill Team or has been awarded the Color Guard Ribbon;
 - d. Demonstrated outstanding achievement in:
 - 1. Community Service; and
 - 2. NSCC Naval Education (required Polaris Advancement Courses);
 - e. Demonstrated outstanding leadership in the NSCC;
 - f. Must be of high moral character;
 - g. Displays outstanding military bearing and conduct both in and out of uniform;
 - h. Actively promotes patriotism and Americanism; and i. Demonstrates growth potential (assumes higher levels of responsibility).
- Notes:
 - a. A representative of the local VFW Council should be invited to present this award.
 - b. No person may receive this award more than once.
 - c. Submit nominations via business letter, with justifications for the award, either to the local VFW Council, or to VFW Headquarters, Department of Youth Development, Scholarship and Recognition Programs, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64111.
 - d. No cadet may receive more than one of the Navy League Youth Medal, DAR Outstanding Cadet Medal, SAR Good Citizenship Award, or the VFW Naval Sea Cadet Award for any calendar year.
- Approving Authority: VFW



NSCC/NLCC Unit Commendation Ribbon

- Awarded to officers, midshipmen, instructors, Sea Cadets or League Cadets who, as a group of either fifteen (15) or more, or 80% of unit enrollees, meet one of the following requirements:
 - a. Acts which render the unit outstanding compared to other units performing similar service. Normal duty, by itself, does not justify this award;
 - b. Participate in at least two community events that bring great credit upon the USNSCC;
 - c. Participate in humanitarian actions; or
 - d. Be recognized as the Honor Division cadets of a NSCC Recruit Training or NLCC Orientation.
- Notes
 - a. The unit CO must document the events for which this award is being submitted, and must enclose a roster of all of the unit personnel participating in the event should be made part of the request.
 - b. Only those unit members participating in the two events are eligible to wear this award.
 - c. Color Guards performing color guard duties are not eligible for this award.
 - d. If a unit participates in an event that lasts over eight (8) hours, the Authorizing Authority can consider each time period as a separate event. Subsequent awards will be recognized using the appurtenance star system.
- Approving Authority: NHQ Representative or COTC



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” 33 appurtenance.
- Officers/Midshipmen/Instructors:
 - a. An officer, midshipman, instructor who meets the appropriate standards on the PRT is eligible for the Physical Fitness Ribbon.
- Notes:
 - a. Subsequent awards will be recognized using the appurtenance star system, up to a maximum of two (2) awards per year.
 - b. Only one (1) “E” can be affixed to the ribbon.
 - c. The Ribbon is worn with the color BLUE inboard and YELLOW outboard.
- Approving Authority: Unit CO



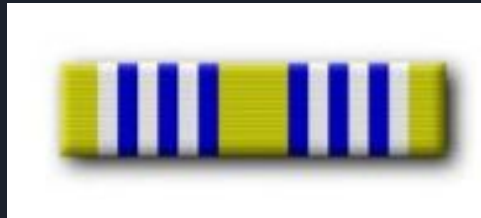
NSCC Staff Cadet Ribbon

- 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



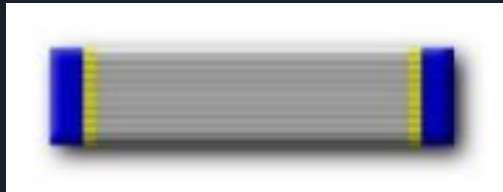
NSCC/NLCC Color Guard Ribbon

- 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.
 - b. Evolutions at unit drills, including annual inspections, do not qualify. Nor does the daily raising or lowering of colors aboard a ship or military installation.
 - c. Color guard evolutions at parades qualify when the color guard marches separately from the rest of the unit. Evolutions such as military retirement ceremonies, changes of commands, formal dinners, and similar events also qualify when the color guard performs as a unit.
 - d. A cadet who has earned this Ribbon is authorized to wear the Compass Rose appurtenance upon successful completion of an Honor Guard Training.
 - e. Subsequent awards will be recognized using the appurtenance star system.
- Approving Authority: Unit CO



NSCC/NLCC Prior Service Ribbon

- Awarded to an officer, midshipman, instructor, or Sea Cadet who meets the following requirements:
- Sea Cadet:
 - a. Served as a League Cadet for at least twelve (12) months prior to transferring to the NSCC;
 - b. Transfers to the NSCC without any break in enrollment; and
 - c. Attained, as a League Cadet, the rate of Petty Officer Third Class (PO3) or higher.
- Officer, Midshipman, or Instructor:
 - a. Served as a League Cadet or Sea Cadet for at least twelve (12) months prior to being appointed as an officer, midshipman or instructor; and
 - b. Attained, as a League Cadet or Sea Cadet, the rate of Seaman/Airman (SN/AN) or higher. If the officer, midshipman, or instructor is a former Sea Cadet Chief Petty Officer (CPO), the Ribbon will be worn with Large (5/16") Gold Star.
- Notes:
 - a. A Sea Cadet may wear any three of the appurtenances earned as a League Cadet on this Ribbon. An officer, midshipman, or instructor will not wear any previously earned appurtenances.
 - b. An officer, midshipman, instructor, or Sea Cadet will wear the Ribbon with the Bronze Boot appurtenance if he/she attended NLCC Orientation as a League Cadet.
 - c. An officer, midshipman, or instructor will wear the Ribbon with Large (5/16") Silver Star if he/she received this Ribbon while a Sea Cadet for prior service as a League Cadet.
- Approving Authority: Unit CO



NSCC/NLCC Marksmanship Ribbon

- Awarded to an officer, midshipman, instructor, Sea Cadet, or League Cadet who meets the following requirements:
 - a. Qualifies on either a pistol or rifle according to the USNSCC Marksmanship Program training standards which are in effect on the date of qualification.
 - 1. A member who qualifies as “Expert” according to the range’s standards will wear this Ribbon with “E” appurtenance.
 - 2. A member who qualifies as “Sharpshooter” according to the range’s standards will wear this Ribbon with “S” appurtenance.
 - 3. A member who earns an “E” or “S” on a pistol and also earns an “E” or “S” on a rifle may wear both appurtenances.
- Notes:
 - a. The USNSCC Marksmanship Program training standards are available to units via Magellan, in the internal library.
- Approving Authority: Unit CO



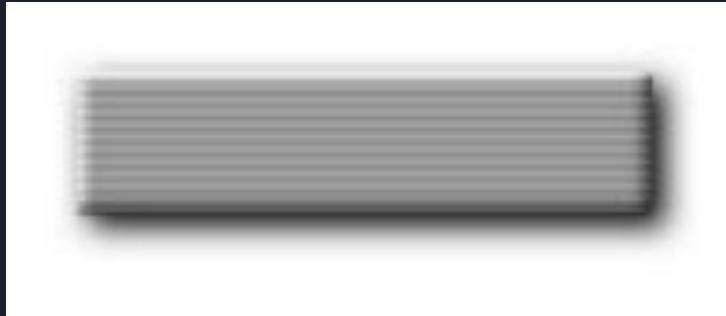
International Naval Review (INR)/OpSail Ribbon

- Awarded to an officer, midshipman, instructor, Sea Cadet, or League Cadet who participates in any large civic maritime event, such as International Naval Review, OpSail, or similar events.
 - Note: This Ribbon is worn with BLUE on the inboard side and RED on the outboard side.
- Approving Authority: Executive Director



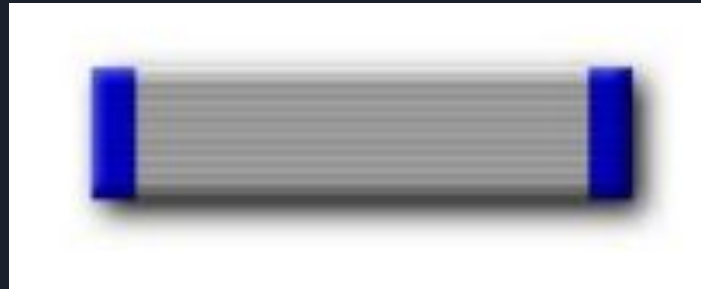
USNSCC 25th/50th Anniversary Ribbon

- Awarded to an officer, midshipman, instructor, Sea Cadet, or League Cadet who was enrolled in the USNSCC on the date of its 25th Anniversary (September 10, 1987) or its 50th Anniversary (September 10, 2012).
 - a. Personnel who attended the 25th anniversary ceremonies in Washington, D.C., on August 15, 1987, will wear this Ribbon with Large (5/16") Silver Star appurtenance.
 - b. Personnel who attended the 50th anniversary ceremonies in Washington, D.C., on September 29, 2012 or in San Diego, California, on October 6, 2012, will wear this Ribbon with Large (5/16") Gold Star appurtenance.
- Approving Authority: Unit CO



25th Year Commissioned Ribbon

- Awarded to an officer, midshipman, instructor, Sea Cadet, or League Cadet who meets the following requirements:
 - a. Has been enrolled in a unit that National Headquarters recognizes as being commissioned for at least twenty-five (25) continuous years;
 - 1. If the unit has been commissioned for at least fifty (50) continuous years, this Ribbon will be worn with Large (5/16") Silver Star appurtenance; and
 - b. Has been a member of that unit for at least one (1) year.
- Notes:
 - a. The unit CO should ensure that a copy of the unit's commissioning warrant is on file both locally and at National Headquarters, to confirm the correct commissioning date.
- Approving Authority: Unit CO



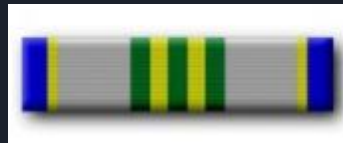
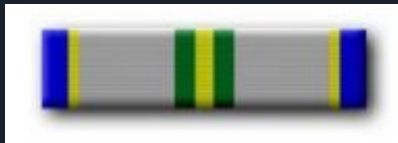
USCG Bicentennial Unit Commendation Ribbon

- Awarded to an officer, midshipman, instructor, Sea Cadet, or League Cadet who served at least one day with the Coast Guard during the period 6 June 1989 through 4 August 1990. U.S. Coast Guard personnel (active duty, reserve, or retired) who are active volunteers will wear this Ribbon in accordance with USCG instructions.
- Approving Authority: Unit CO



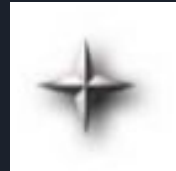
NSCC/NLCC Service Ribbons

- Awarded to an officer, midshipman, instructor, Sea Cadet, or League Cadet who completes the following periods of service as a member in good standing:
- Cadet:
 - a. 1st Service Ribbon: Upon completion of 90 days of service.
 - b. 2nd Service Ribbon: Upon completion of 1 year of service.
 - c. 3rd Service Ribbon: Upon completion of 2 years of service.
 - d. 4th Service Ribbon: Upon completion of 3 years of service.
 - e. 5th Service Ribbon: Upon completion of 4 years of service.
 - f. Additional years of service will be recognized using the appurtenance star system
- Officer/Midshipman/Instructor:
 - a. 1st Service Ribbon: Upon completion of 1 year of service.
 - b. 2nd Service Ribbon: Upon completion of 2 years of service.
 - c. 3rd Service Ribbon: Upon completion of 3 years of service.
 - d. 4th Service Ribbon: Upon completion of 4 years of service.
 - e. 5th Service Ribbon: Upon completion of 5 years of service.
 - f. Additional years of service will be recognized using the appurtenance star system, up to a maximum of 25 years.
- Notes:
 - a. League Cadets may not transfer service ribbons to the NSCC.
 - b. Sea Cadets may not transfer service ribbons upon enrolling as a midshipman, instructor, or officer.
 - c. The appointment of a midshipman or instructor to the USNSCC officer corps does not interrupt the earning of service ribbons.
 - d. USNSCC Officers, midshipmen, and instructors may elect to wear either all earned service ribbons, or the highest earned service ribbon.
- Approving Authority: Unit CO



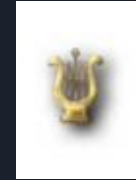
NSCC/NLCC Appurtenances

- AIRCRAFT - GOLD. Awarded to NSCC/NLCC Cadets for satisfactory completion of aviation - oriented advanced training programs.
- ANCHOR - GOLD. Awarded to NSCC/NLCC Cadets for satisfactory completion of seamanship - oriented advanced training.
- BOOT - BRONZE. Awarded to a League Cadet who has successfully completed NLCC Basic Orientation (LB) or Sea Cadet who has successfully completed a NSCC Recruit Training (RT).
- BOOT - GOLD. Awarded to a League Cadet who is the recipient of the NLUS Youth Award as the unit "NLCC Cadet of the Year" and is affixed to the NLUS Youth Ribbon. Both the ribbon and the gold boot transfer to the NSCC.
- CADUCEUS - SILVER. Awarded to NSCC/NLCC Cadets for satisfactory completion of Hospital Corpsman or Medical Training at a Navy or other military or civilian medical facility.
- COMPASS ROSE - SILVER. Awarded to NSCC/NLCC Cadets who attend a career or professional - oriented advanced training program. For Cadets who have earned the NSCC/NLCC Color Guard Ribbon, and have completed Ceremonial Honor Guard Advanced Training will wear the Compass Rose appurtenance on the Color Guard Ribbon.



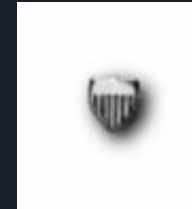
NSCC/NLCC Appurtenances

- **DEA DEVICE - SILVER.** Affixed to the center of the Drug Reduction Service Ribbon to signify giving four or more CDF presentations.
- **HAMMER - BRONZE.** Awarded to NSCC/NLCC Cadets for satisfactory completion of construction - orientated advanced training programs.
- **LYRE - GOLD.** Awarded to NSCC/NLCC Cadets for satisfactory completion of advanced training at a DoD School of Music or Band (Basic Band/Music, Advanced Band/Music).
- **MAA SHIELD - GOLD.** Awarded to NSCC/NLCC Cadets for satisfactory completion of justice - oriented advanced training program (Maritime Interdiction, NLCC Master-At-Arms and Police Sciences Training, Hazardous Materials, JAG/Legal, Police/Master-At-Arms, Search and Rescue, Homeland Security, Naval Intelligence).
- **MAPLE LEAF - GOLD.** Awarded to Officers, Midshipmen, Instructors or NSCC/NLCC Cadets for satisfactory completion of the U.S./Canada Sea Cadet Exchange Program. The Maple Leaf is affixed to the NSCC/NLCC Citation Ribbon.
- **PROPELLER - GOLD.** Awarded to Officers, Midshipmen, Instructors, and NSCC/NLCC Cadets for satisfactory completion of the Coast Guard Safe Boating Program or other safe boating course approved by National Headquarters.
- **SUBMARINE - GOLD.** Awarded to NSCC/NLCC Cadets for satisfactory completion of a submarine seminar / orientation program.



NSCC/NLCC Appurtenances

- TORCH - BRONZE. Awarded to NSCC/NLCC Cadets for satisfactory completion of a leadership training - orientated advanced training programs: NLCC Leadership Academy, NLCC Fitness and Lifestyle, NLCC SEAL Orientation and Challenge Training, Medical Fitness/Fitness Lifestyle Training, Junior Professional Development (ND), Petty Officer Leadership Academy (POLA), or Leadership, Other as designated by NHQ, SEAL Orientation/Challenge. Awarded to an Officer, Midshipman, or Instructor upon completion of all Officer Professional Development Courses (currently OPD 101, 201 and 301).
- TRIDENT - BRONZE. Awarded to NSCC/NLCC Cadets for satisfactory completion of underwater - oriented advanced training programs (Scuba Certification, Advanced, Scuba Certification, Basic, EOD/Diving Operations, Underwater Research, or Dive, Other as placed in this training code by NHQ.
- USCG SHIELD - SILVER. Awarded to NSCC/NLCC Cadets for satisfactory completion of basic and/or advanced training with the US Coast Guard (NLCC Coast Guard Training, Coast Guard shipboard/cutter operations, Coast Guard, Locally Arranged Trainings, Coast Guard Shore/Boat Station, or Coast Guard, Other as placed in this training code by NHQ.
- "A" ATTENDANCE - BRONZE. 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.



NSSC/NLCC Appurtenances

- “E” EXCELLENCE - GOLD. Awarded to all Officers, Midshipmen, Instructors, NSSC/NLCC Cadets attached to a unit or training ship which received a Certificate of Honor on its Annual Inspection. Individuals must have been attached to the unit during the year of the inspection for which the award was earned, worn on the Service Ribbon.
- “E” EXPERT - SILVER. Awarded as follows: Affixed to the NSSC/NLCC Marksmanship Ribbon when awarded to Officers, Midshipmen, Instructors, and NSSC/NLCC Cadets who qualify as expert with pistol and/or rifle. Affixed to the NSSC/NLCC Physical Fitness Ribbon when awarded to NSSC Officers, Midshipmen, Instructors, and NSSC/NLCC Cadets who qualify at the Excellent Physical Fitness Level. Affixed to the NSSC/NLCC STEM Achievement Ribbon when awarded to Sea Cadets or League Cadets serve as a member of a Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) team that placed first place in a national STEM competition.
- “R” RECRUITER - SILVER. Awarded to NSSC/NLCC Cadets for satisfactory completion of advanced training in a Navy or Coast Guard Recruiting Office or Station.
- “S” STEM - BRONZE. Awarded to NSSC/NLCC Cadets for satisfactory completion of approved advanced training in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) – oriented advanced training programs, including but not limited to:
 - SeaPerch. Participation in locally arranged SeaPerch training approved by NHQ for training credit towards advancement, as well as nationally advertised SeaPerch training establishes qualification.
 - CyberPatriot. Participation as a team member of a team registered for CyberPatriot competition establishes qualification.
- “S” SHARPSHOOTER - SILVER. Affixed to the NSSC/NLCC Marksmanship Ribbon when awarded to an Officer, Midshipman, Instructor, or NSSC/NLCC Cadet who qualifies as sharpshooter with pistol and/or rifle.

A gold-colored metal letter 'E' appurtenance.A silver-colored metal letter 'E' appurtenance.A silver-colored metal letter 'R' appurtenance.A bronze-colored metal letter 'S' appurtenance.A silver-colored metal letter 'S' appurtenance.

NSSC/NLCC Appurtenances

- **LARGE (5/16") GOLD STAR:** Awarded as follows: Affixed to the Executive Director's Unit Citation Ribbon when awarded to an Officer, Midshipman, Instructor, or NSSC/NLCC Cadet who is enrolled in a unit which was awarded the John J. Bergen Trophy, the Morgan L. Finch Trophy, or the George S. Halas Trophy. Only those enrolled in the unit for at least six months during the annual inspection period for which the trophy was awarded are eligible. Affixed to the NSSC/NLCC Citation Ribbon when awarded to the Honor Graduate of a large school having 100 or more initial cadets (excluding staff cadets and staff) such as an RT (e.g., the Battalion Honor Graduate). Affixed to the Escort Officer Ribbon for an officer serving as COTC of a training contingent (or combined training contingents) of 100 or more student cadets (excluding staff cadets and escorts). Affixed to the NSSC/NLCC Prior Service Ribbon when awarded to a Sea Cadet Chief Petty Officer who becomes a volunteer. Affixed to the NSSC 25th/50th Anniversary Ribbon when awarded to a member who attended the 50th Anniversary ceremonies in Washington, DC, on 29 September 2012 or San Diego, CA, on 06 October 2012, respectively while actively serving in the USNSCC on that date. Only one award may be earned regardless of the number of events attended.
- **LARGE (5/16") SILVER STAR.** Awarded as follows: Affixed to the NSSC/NLCC Prior Service Ribbon for Officers, Midshipman, or Instructors who were both former NLCC and NSSC Cadets. Affixed to the NSSC 25th/50th Anniversary Ribbon for those NSSC Officer, Midshipmen, Instructors, and NSSC/NLCC Cadets who attended the ceremonies in Washington, DC, on 15 August 1987. Affixed to the NLUS Youth Medal and accompanying Ribbon when awarded to a Sea Cadets as his/her unit's Sea Cadet of the Year. Affixed to the NSSC/NLCC Fifth Service Ribbon for Officers or Instructors who have twenty-five (25) years of consecutive active service with the USNSCC.
- **SMALL (3/16") BRONZE STAR.** Awarded as follows: Denotes subsequent awards of certain ribbons in conjunction with silver stars. On the Fifth Service Ribbon, denotes 6th year enrollment as an Officer, Midshipman, Instructor or NSSC Cadet.
- **SMALL (3/16") SILVER STAR.** Denotes five (5) additional awards and multiples thereof.

