



United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps Winter Training 2013-2014



The Training Times

“Behind the Cadets”

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“#TEAMOWYN - The DETERMINATION and COURAGE of one will always CHANGE the LIVES of many”

Owyn Report:



Owyn has been released from the hospital. All the bacterial meningitis “bugs” are gone, and now all that is left is for him to open his eyes. We hope this will happen soon. He will continue physical therapy at San Diego’s Rady Children’s Hospital and with the

positive thoughts and prayers of many will soon be home.

In the same way that our cadets display DETERMINATION and COURAGE during their training evolution, Little Owyn did the same in his fight to recover. Although his road to recovery is not over, he has been a living example for many that while positive outcomes requires hard work, anything is possible if you put your mind to it. In the process, the lives of many people have been changed by and because of him. One cadet left a note that read, “Keep on fighting Owyn, we know you can do it. You will always be part of the Sea Cadet family so you have to get better so we can play together.”

Keep Owyn in your thoughts and prayers; you can follow his progress on Facebook at “#Team Owyn.”

Navy League Orientation and Exploration Graduation Day

ORIENTATION

It is the final day of the Winter Navy League Orientation. It has been a long week for the cadets in Orientation.



Throughout the week they perfected the art of marching, memorized the Navy

11 General Orders of a Sentry, familiarized themselves with the Chain of Command and learned about personnel hygiene. Each day the league cadets took a quiz to measure their knowledge on what they were being taught. When the leaguers first arrived they were a normal group of individual kids with normal kid attitudes, some more than others. As the week progressed, hours of learning in the classroom and marching on the parade deck transformed the League Cadets into a motivated well- trained team. Both companies were in intense competition to win the prestigious recognition of being Honor Company. Yesterday the League Cadets had a field day of extensive cleaning of their barracks. They cleaned their bathroom, vacuumed the carpet, and mopped the hard floors in their barracks. Graduation and dismissal is important to the league cadets, everything must be perfect. This morning as the league cadets formed up into their different companies, all were in their dress blues. Several league cadets earned Honor Cadet and Top

Academics cadet. For academics in Alpha Company, Matthew Plale from Training Ship Columbia received the recognition. Natalia Oregon



from Training Ship Kit Carson is top cadet in academics for Bravo. The title of Overall Academic Honor Cadet for the entire training was

awarded to Joshua Goble from Bryce Canyon Division. Our Orientation Honor Cadets are from Alpha Company is Tsiuwa Omid from Betsy Ross Division and Bravo Company Russell Weber from Training Ship Columbia. Congratulations to all of the Honor Cadets. Until we meet once more, here's wishing you a happy voyage home. *Written by PO2 Trieu & PO3 Ogden*

EXPLORATION

January 4th 2014, Exploration Training got up early and prepared them for a long and exciting day. They



met up and drove to the shooting range to practice using firearms. It is amazing how this young exploration group was responsible enough to

go to the shooting range. They are very responsible, and they do not mess around, and pay attention. Before all this, they had many classes about shooting, guns, and especially about safety! For a big safety tip, they kept over repeating: "Stop", "Do Not Touch", "Leave the Area", and "Tell An Adult If You Ever See A Gun"! The thing the Exploration Staff was worried about most was their safety. They



got to learn a lot of things about guns and do many fun activities, all in one week! One of the things that people noticed about Exploration is that at such a young age and the little time being here that they looked really sharp; especially on their marching. They studied a lot and memorized all of their Navy

11 General Orders of a Sentry. These young Exploration cadets have an amazing future ahead of them if they keep up the work that they're doing! Graduation was on Saturday and the cadets looked great! The Explorations Honor Cadets from Alpha Company is William Leong from Training Ship Vamen and Bravo Company Mc Khage O'Boyle from Training Ship Reine Mercedes. The overall Honor Company was Exploration Bravo Company. It was a successful day and they made their parents very proud. *Written by: E2 Davis, E2 Medina, and E2 Morales*

FINAL WRAP UP



Recruits and cadets woke up country-wide with nothing but a lump in their stomachs. The unsettled breakfast churned as they loaded sea bags into family

cars or public transportation. The mission was Camp Pendleton. Cadets arrived for various trainings ranging from photojournalism, STEM, Hospital Corpsman, Radio Active, Recruit Training, MAA, and last but not least the set up, support, and take down provided by Operations. Trainees arrived during the hot morning on the Grinder in hopes of passing the stressful physical readiness test. For many, this was a first time experience. Parents stood in anxious silence as they watched their precious children take the test and begin breaking away and becoming young adults. The recruit training wasted no time mustering their inexperienced trainees. The powerful voices of the petty officers rang throughout the barracks while the advanced trainings prepared themselves to yet again put their minds to the test. Each cadet conducted themselves in a military manner as they anticipated what the next ten days would hold. As the days went by, friendships were formed, enemies resolved, and boundaries were broken. Each cadet and recruit strived to be the best possible, and a select few rose to the top. RPOCS, AROCS, Guideons, and Squad Leaders were chosen because they stepped up to the plate. Then the selected





Honor Cadet nominees had to stand in front of a board of officers in an interview so that the officers could choose the honor cadet from each company. Alpha Company Cadet Nathan Dell'Ortho, Bravo Company Cadet Emmanuel Crawford, Charlie Company Cadet Nykie Carr and Delta Company Cadet Ricky Rademacher. The Battalion Honor Cadet is Nykie Carr. The Advanced training honor cadets are Cadet John Harres for Radio Active, STEM training Cadet Kaiya Knight, Master-at-Arms Cadet Brandon Cruz, Hospital Corpsman Cadet Joshua Padilla, and Photojournalism–Mass Communications honor Cadet Chris Brown. Congratulations to all of you and for a job well done. Nearing the end, cadets were tired, scared, disciplined, and most of all challenged. Recruits were in a military state of mind, leaving all civilian thoughts behind. As everybody prepared for graduation, fond memories of the broad arms of welcoming families filled their minds. On the last full day of training, recruits and cadets woke up to what felt like a huge weight lifted off their chest. Practice was ran smoothly by the wise training staff to prepare us for graduation. Life for all of us has changed. We dedicate this to the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps. Congratulations Cadets. HOORAH!!!

Written by PO3 Kyli Sinclair and SA Chris Brown

ALPHA EARNS HONOR COMPANY

On January 4, 2014, Alpha Company earned the distinct title of Honor Company. After ten days of hard work and dedication, they proved themselves to the officers and staff that they had what it took to be above all the other companies. They pushed through all the classroom instruction, marching, physical training, and defeated all other companies. Not only was it the recruits who have earned the title and have worked hard, but also the staff cadets. The Alpha staff worked to their best of their



ability to make the recruits into sea cadets from breaking them down from their recruit status to an honorable cadet. After graduation of recruit training, each of these cadets will earn a unit commendation ribbon for being Honor Company. Not only have they earned the title of Honor Company and Unit Commendation Ribbon, they have also earned respect and will be examples of great leaders of a USNSCC. Congratulations Alpha Company!! Oorah Alpha Company! *Written by: SA Carreon and PO3 Constantio*

BRAVO COMPANY

This is the end. All the new recruits are about to take the name and privilege of calling themselves Sea Cadets and moving up in ranks to be the highest



they can be, and be the best they can be. Now that boot camp is over, the Cadets can now go to advanced training where they learn about their jobs they might want to do with their lives in the military. The Cadets worked super hard to get this far and earned this privilege learning about the real military's jobs. They also used teamwork to learn to be a team-family and use all their skills to help each other. In other words, they have developed skills in order to be successful in life. Even though they didn't win Honor Company, these recruits from Bravo Company worked hard enough to call themselves proud Sea Cadets. *Written by PO2 Quillman and SA Rodriguez*

CHARLIE COMPANY

Throughout this winter's RTC aboard Camp Pendleton, Charlie Company has improved by huge strides since day one. While the competition for Honor Company was fierce and they did



not receive it, one recruit from Charlie Company was recognized for her dedication, motivation, and hard work during this training. Recruit Nyki Carr, Charlie Company's RPOC, was named as the Battalion Honor Cadet. Not only has she shown determination and courage, but also key leadership traits necessary to achieve success later on in life. The rest of Charlie Company has also shown dedication and willingness to put forth the effort needed to get through the nine days of recruit training. Their marching, military bearing, Basic Military Requirements knowledge, and attention to detail have also improved from a mediocre to an outstanding level. The recruits are in high spirits, as they eagerly wait the moment they finally graduate recruit training and are able to be reunited with their family and loved ones. *Written by: SA Lin, PO3 Monsale*

DELTA COMPANY



One more day and the recruits can finally claim the title of official Sea Cadet. The recruits have worked so hard for this accomplishment. Delta Company strived to be the best recruits they

could possibly be and got through Recruit Training as one. By motivating and helping one another, the recruits got one another through the yelling, physical training, and the stress of trying to reach Honor Company. Although they did not achieve their goal of Honor Company, the future sea cadets did a fantastic job throughout Recruit Training. Soon the recruits will be able to go out into the world as sea cadets and use what they have learned this past week. Throughout this week, they have been taught that teamwork, dedication, motivation, and determination are all extremely useful tools in sea cadets as well as everyday life. Delta Company sure deserves a pat on the back for all their hard work they have given this past week to the battalion. *Written by: SA Chavez, SA Brandon*

MAA

How time does seem to pass so quickly. Just in an instant the training is done. Everyone has had a great, memorable time and we have all made some

great friends. Throughout Master-at-Arms training, they've focused on one thing: graduation and they have made it by achieving over their standards. For the past 10 days, MAA has worked situations from self-defense to police arrests to interpreting crime scenes. Watching these cadets work with safety and precaution through battle scenes is exhilarating. If only parents were here they would be proud, the cadets are just waiting for graduation day. The cadets have worked very well together to keep everyone's spirits uplifted. During their extra time, they got to relax together and watch movies as a company. With that extra time, they created



bonds. Sea Cadets are an unbreakable team. In our opinion, it is evident that everyone had fun with others while still learning why they were here. These

friendships are now unforgettable and your cadets will go home with amazing knowledge they can pass on to you. *Written by: SA Norton and PO2 Piepmeier.*



STEM

On the crisp day of January 3rd 2014, the eager STEM cadets took a van ride to the local harbor on base. Camp Pendleton gave special permission to these intelligent trainees to launch their custom built water crafts. Best of all, the cadets were anticipating the event of firing their Class B rockets out of the specially attached launchers. Hearing the cautious shuffle of the freshly polished boots of the STEM



cadets, they inched closer to the water to start the launching of their time consuming creations. As the sweaty hands of

these anxious teens carried the bright white PVC piped crafts to the edge of the harbor, the water almost shined too brightly, reflecting against all the

glowing smiles of the cadets. Last minute adjustments were unanimously being done by the staff officers in hopes that these hard working cadets could get their rockets going. Cadet Dangtran was the first to launch. He and his partner soon realized that there would quickly be buoyancy problems. The staff officers religiously reminded the trainees to equal out the craft in order to get them running right. By the time all



of these ambitious teens launched their complex crafts, the honorable officers were ready to launch the

rockets! All of the cadets lined up safely behind all of the authorities. The sounds of a countdown and rapidly shuttering cameras filled the guarded ears of the skeptical teens. A loud flair and a wild rocket flew from the long tube. The sound quickly died down and everybody watched the black, burnt projectile softly splashed into the water. A roar of crackly voices and sloppy claps arose from behind the broad shoulders of the wise officers. They stood proudly while cadets scurried around and gave little whispers into the ears of their fellow shipmates. One by one, each well behaved cadet gave a try at launching their missiles. Clueless birds flew frantically, loudly screeching to warn others alike to get out of harm's way. *Written by, SA Chris Brown*

HOSPITAL CORPS

Medical Strides Towards The End Of The Training With Team Building Exercises

On the eve of the end of Winter Training for 2013-14, Medical Training takes strides to end their training with team-building exercises all day. After morning chow, Medical was visited and instructed by four Active Duty Navy-Marine Corpsmen in combat drags and tourniquet

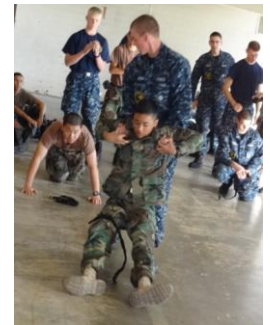


application. In an exercise meant to simulate physical stress on the body, cadets were subjected to relays of pushups, combat crawls, applying the tourniquet, and dragging a comrade

back to the finish line. Afterwards, cadets were asked questions to prove their mental strength; yet again proving that they can excel in the field making great choices even under great stress. They were rewarded for

the day with an MRE for each cadet. An MRE is a Meal Ready to Eat.

Later in the day, Medical was dropped into a surprise joint operation with MAA Training. They were organized into eight man teams, four MAA and four Medical, and taken through an active shooter simulation. As



MAA lead the operations in taking down shooters, Medical stayed to their rear proving their skill in any situation, acting with extreme ease and cool yet widely alert. Medical cadets searched all cleared areas for "wounded and deceased," they worked hard evacuating wounded and the dead from any danger and further treating them in cover. It was indeed a sight to behold as Medical and MAA cadets worked together to achieve a common goal of saving lives through their own field of work. *Written by PO3 Arechiga & SA Singh*

PHOTOJOURNALISM

For most people taking a picture consists of just making sure you get your main target in the picture. But in



photojournalism we learned that even the smallest things matter, like a poster in the background to a huge telephone pole coming out

of someone's head to never cutting off the feet. In photojournalism, cadets are able to go out in the field and take pictures of their assigned companies. Photo may be known as the training that just walks around, but really we are all working very hard taking pictures that tell stories all the way up until Taps (time to go to bed) which is ten o'clock at night, then wake up around six o'clock to a different assignment. *Written by: SA Chavez*

OPS (OPERATIONS)

We all owe so much thanks to Operations. If anyone deserves an honor award its



OPS. They were stellar in making this training run from beginning to end. Whatever you needed from toilet paper to batteries and anything in between, they made sure to get the job

done. The cadets in OPS made sure the place was always clean and in preparation for graduation they didn't miss a beat. Graduations went off without a hitch.