



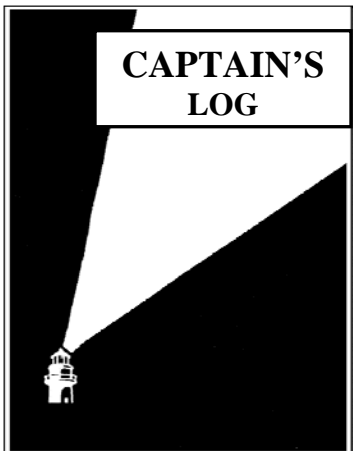
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 COMMANDING OFFICER

➤ 22 AUGUST 2008

OFFICIAL CAPTAIN'S LOG

ATTENTION: PARENTS, CADETS AND STAFF MEMBERS

RE-ENROLLMENT DUE: All Hands! Check your ID card for the expiration date. Plan to pay the re-enrollment fee (\$125 annual USNSCC membership – second year) as soon as possible – at least one month before the expiration date, otherwise additional paperwork is required.



Cadet 'Uniform for Week' of 25 August 2008: Salt and Peppers, Dixie Cups
Officer 'Uniform for the Week' 25 August 2008: Dress Whites, Khakis, or Alternative
 Cadets, remember to keep your uniforms and Dixie cups clean and uniforms pressed. Get haircuts. There will be regular inspections. Take showers and be prepared to work hard and learn. BMA and USNSCC are always focused on learning and completing courses to further your advancement!

ACADEMY CONTINUES AT RESERVE CENTER

With the Academy's building not quite ready for Cadets and staff members to return, classes will continue to meet at the Army, Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center on Monday, 25 August 2008. The date for returning to the Academy's building will be announced as all construction details are completed. Notification to parents and Cadets will be posted on the Academy's WEB site. Cadets will be immediately informed and written announcements will be given to each Cadet to take home to all parents. Once the date is determined, an announcement will also be placed on the Academy's main telephone message. We apologize for any inconvenience and are looking forward to returning to our Mountain Road location. Thank you for your cooperation!!

USNSCC MAKES ANOTHER FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO BATAAN BATTALION RMR 15-2

Once again, the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps National Organization contributed about \$20,000 to the Bataan Battalion. When our Battalion sponsors local or regional trainings, the National Organization steps-up and helps us – and this time, the Organization provided needed funding for the Recruit and POLA Training. In addition to materials and supplies, funding paid the costs of food and transportation, officer and Cadet housing, administrative and office expenses, and dozens of other related expenses. The National Organization provides WEB site advertising and promotion of our program on a national level. Each year, USNSCC also assists with all uniform items and provides some fifty different training opportunities for Bataan Cadets to attend - most of which are located here in the Continental U.S., and it also hosts a large foreign exchange program for our Cadets – in locations like Germany, Scandinavia, Japan, Canada, and many others. USNSCC Cadets are may qualify for dozens of college scholarships through the National Organization. Also, with advanced planning, the National Organization will support the Academy's End-of the Year Trainings during the last two weeks of school. Last year, the National Organization contributed \$18,000 to our local trainings. Parents and Cadets may individually begin fund-raising and saving to attend these special trainings. Generally, fees are \$150-180 plus transportation for a two Week training - a great bargain. There are about fifty different training topics including JAG, SCUBA, SERE, Color Guard and more.

ASVAB TEST TO BE OFFERED TO BATAAN JUNIORS

The ASVAB test will be offered to Bataan Juniors during first semester. The comprehensive test focuses on knowledge and skills of each Cadet. Once the test is completed and scores returned to the Academy, a professional Career Counselor will meet with Cadets to provide information matching test scores with hundreds of careers. This free service was made available to the Academy during the Commodore's tour of the Navy Base in San Diego last summer. The test and the free counseling service does not obligate the Cadet for military service. High school students may repeat the exam with the hope of improving test scores.

✓ **BATAAN MILITARY ACADEMY CADET BALL COMMITTEE NEEDS PARENT AND CADET VOLUNTEERS**

✓ **OPEN DOOR POLICY**

The BMA Administration has an open-door policy. If you have a question or concern, the administration is always available to talk with you. To assure convenient availability, call the office and schedule an appointment. We appreciate you speaking directly with us and allowing us the opportunity to directly address all issues. It helps our entire school.

MORE GREAT INFORMATION ON REVERSE!!



Cheer Leading Team: Coach Needed

The Cheer Leading Team needs a coach for the after school program. The coach could be a sponsor who assists the team and supervises practices. The Coach could also be a person with prior experience as a member of a cheer leading team. Please contact Headquarters as soon as possible.

Recruit Training (RT)

Recruit Training is an introductory course to military protocol and leadership. Cadets learn how to perform basic tasks, complete fourteen curricular classes (and must pass a written final examination), have a regular daily schedule for personal care and meals, gain a direct understanding of the 'chain of command,' learn care and preparation of their uniforms, have regular physical exercise, learn drill commands (marching), and what it means to be a good leader. They make new friends and share many common experiences. RT is not 24-7 entertainment. A daily schedule (called the Plan of the Day – POD) is printed and distributed each morning. The USNSCC Recruit Training is the only national youth program offering this training opportunity. Remember, too, at a time in the future if a Cadet decides to enter military service, unlike the traditional entry as an E-1, our Cadets will enter at the E-3 level. In today's market, the immediate pay increase is about \$1,500.00 per month *more* than the E-1 salary.

Photos of Bataan Academy Activities Wanted

Parents, friends and Cadets usually take pictures of Bataan events. Please share these photos with our school. We want photos of school activities. If your camera is digital, please download the photos to a CD. Our Journalism (Technical Writing) Class will review all photos for future use for press releases, the yearbook and other publications.

Supply Office Needs Volunteers to Wash Uniforms

We need some volunteers to help wash uniforms. Most of the uniforms in our Supply Room have been previously used. Before being re-issued, we wash each garment. The Supply Officer is needing a small group of volunteer parents to maintain a regular schedule of taking the uniforms, washing them, and returning them to our school to be re-issued to Cadets. Our school staff is small in number. Workloads for staff members are extensive. Helping with this task on a regular basis would relieve one time consuming task and help all Cadets.

Cadet Advisory Board to Recommend New BMA Traditions

The Cadet leadership team will begin regular meetings with the Administration. Cadets will have the opportunity to suggest the initiation of new traditions for the future of our Academy. Working to reinforce the strength and implementation of the Academy's Charter, Cadets will discuss a host of topics as they represent all students at our school. It's an exciting opportunity.

U.S. Navy Week Coming to Albuquerque

This year for the first time, the United States Navy is sponsoring a week long celebration highlighting Navy origins and programs. Dozens of activities are planned, the most public of which is the U.S. Navy Ball. The Ball is a formal event attended by active duty, reserves, retired personnel and individuals having served in the Navy. As a member of the New Mexico Navy League, the Commodore will be attending and will be accompanied by Cadets from the Academy. More information about Navy Week will appear in the coming issue. Help celebrate and support all of our military services. See our WEB site.

Thanks to parents and friends for helping with the RT/POLA Graduation and last Friday's cookout!

Outstanding Parents Serve Mess (Food) – Again!

Parents volunteered to provide a cookout lunch for all Cadets on Friday 22 August 2008. NSCC provide the meats, condiments, and buns. The length of noon mess was extended allowing time to enjoy the meal and to socialize. Thanks, again, parents!!

Dual Credit: Earn College Credit Now

Get a head start on college or a career – without paying tuition. You can start your college career right now as a high school student. The dual Credit Program through our school and Central New Mexico College offers classes that allow you to earn college credit and high school credit – for electives and core classes. Classes are available in the fall, spring and summer terms. Classes can be taken online, at a CNM campus or at a designated off-campus location. BMA allows late arrival or early dismissal for students to attend CNM. For more information see CAPT Chino.

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