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NOTE:

Awards in Sections 0301 through 0311 are determined by the results of each year's Annual Inspection and Evaluation.

0301 **JOHN J. BERGEN AWARD**

1. This award honors the late John J. Bergen, one of the founders of the NSCC and a past National President of the Navy League.
2. The John J. Bergen Trophy is awarded annually to the outstanding NSCC unit in the nation. The award is made on the basis of the following criteria:
 - a. A qualifying and passing grade attained on the required annual inspection (defined here as 2.50).
 - b. An enrollment of not less than twenty-five (25) NSCC cadets as of the end of the calendar year.
 - c. Submission of the unit's Audit/Budget Report (NSCADM 018).
 - d. Must be a commissioned unit.

0302 **MORGAN L. FITCH, JR. AWARD**

1. This award honors Morgan L. Fitch. Jr. one of the founders of NSCC and a past National President of Navy League.
2. The Morgan L. Fitch. Jr. Trophy is awarded annually to the outstanding NLCC Training Ship in the nation. The award is based on the following criteria:
 - a. A passing grade attained on the required annual inspection (defined here as 2.50).
 - b. The enrollment of not less than fifteen (15) NLCC cadets as of the end of the calendar year.
 - c. Submission of the unit's Audit/Budget Report (NSCADM 018).
 - d. Must be a commissioned unit.

0303 **GEORGE S. HALAS AWARD**

1. The award honors the late George S. Halas, one of the founders of NSCC.
2. The George S. Halas Trophy is awarded annually to the outstanding combined NSCC Unit and affiliated NLCC Training Ship in the nation sponsored by the same organization. The award is made on the basis of the following criteria:
 - a. The combined passing grades attained on the required annual inspection of the Sea Cadet Unit and the Training Ship.
 - b. The enrollment of not less than twenty-five (25) NSCC cadets in the NSCC unit and not less than fifteen (15) NLCC cadets in the NLCC Training Ship as of the end of the calendar year.
 - c. Submission of the unit's Audit/Budget Report (NSCADM 018).
 - d. Both units must be commissioned.

0304 **NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA CHALLENGE AWARD**

1. This award symbolizes friendship between the Navy League of Canada and the Navy League of the United States and the exchange of cadets across our common border.
2. The Navy League of Canada Challenge Trophy honors the NSCC unit making the highest grade improvement over the previous year's score, and in doing so, ranks among the top ten NSCC units in the nation. The award is made on the basis of the following criteria:
 - a. Attain a passing score (2.50 or higher) on the required annual inspection.
 - b. An enrollment of not less than twenty-five (25) NSCC cadets as of the end of the calendar year.
 - c. Submission of the unit's Audit/Budget Report (NSCADM 018).
 - d. Must be a commissioned unit.

0305 **ANTHONY H. MURRAY, SR. SEAMAN AWARD**

1. This award honors Anthony H. Murray, Sr., father of past NSCC National Chairman Anthony H. Murray, Jr.
2. Awarded annually to the NSCC unit effecting the most cadet advancements to the rate of E-3 during the calendar year. This award is made on the basis of the following criteria:
 - a. Attain a passing score (2.50 or higher) on the required annual inspection.
 - b. An enrollment of not less than twenty-five (25) NSCC cadets as of the end of the calendar year.
 - c. Submission of the unit's Audit/Budget Report (NSCADM 018).
 - d. Must be a commissioned unit.

0306 **CHAIRMAN'S AWARD FOR RECRUITING/RETENTION**

1. This certificate award recognizes those NSCC units who achieve excellence in cadet recruiting and retention during the calendar year. To qualify for an award an NSCC unit must:
 - a. Have an enrollment of not less than twenty-five (25) NSCC cadets as of the end of the calendar year.
 - b. Attain a passing score (2.50 or higher) on the required annual inspection.
 - c. Rank within the top 20% of all NSCC units in the combined score of the recruiting and retention (only) grades attained on the annual inspection.
 - d. Submission of the unit's Audit/Budget Report (NSCADM 018).
 - e. Must be a commissioned unit.
2. Certificates will be forwarded to the Regional Director for presentation in concert with the sponsoring organization.

0307 **PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR RECRUITING/RETENTION**

1. Awards certificates to those NLCC Training Ships achieving excellence in cadet recruiting and retention during the training year. To qualify for an award a unit must:
 - a. Have an enrollment of not less than fifteen (15) NLCC cadets as of the end of the training year.
 - b. Attain a passing score (2.50 or higher) on the required annual inspection.
 - c. Rank within the top 20% of all NLCC units in the combined score of the recruiting and retention grades attained on the annual inspection.
 - d. Submission of the unit's Audit/Budget Report (NSCADM 018).
 - e. Must be a commissioned unit.
2. Certificates will be forwarded to the Regional Director for presentation in concert with the sponsoring organization.

0308 **MOST IMPROVED UNIT AWARD**

1. This award recognizes the NSCC unit or the NLCC Training Ship that improved their Annual Inspection scores by 20% or more from the previous inspection year.
2. Additional qualifications are:
 - a. Attain a passing score (2.50 or higher) on the required Annual Inspection.
 - b. Units listed as one of the top ten (10) units in the Nation will not be considered.
 - c. Submission of the unit's Audit/Budget Report (NSCADM 018).
3. Certificates will be sent by NHQ to the Regional Director for presentation in concert with the sponsoring organization.

0309 **TOP UNIT IN EACH REGION**

1. Certificates will be issued to the unit based on the following criteria:
 - a. Minimum of twenty-five (25) NSCC Sea Cadets in each Sea Cadet unit.
 - b. Minimum of fifteen (15) NLCC League Cadets in each League Cadet unit.
 - c. Receive a minimum passing score of 2.50 on the Annual Inspection.
 - d. Submission of the unit's Audit/Budget Report (NSCADM 018).
 - e. Units listed in the top ten (10) are not included.
 - f. Must be a commissioned unit.
 - g. Certificates will be sent by NHQ to the Regional Director for presentation in concert with the sponsoring organization.

0310 **AWARD STREAMERS**

1. **National Award Streamers**. Denoting winners of major awards as listed below may be affixed to the upper end of the flagstaff of the unit flag by those units named as recipients. The following National Award Streamers are authorized:
 - a. John J. Bergen Trophy: gold streamer
 - b. George S. Hales Trophy: blue and gold streamer
 - c. Morgan L. Fitch, Jr., Trophy: blue streamer
 - d. Canadian Challenge Trophy: red and white streamer

Streamers will be inscribed with the year in which the award was received. Authority to carry the streamers is retroactive. Units may order from the Ship's store and carry National Award Streamers for each year in which they received an award.

2. **Additional Award Streamers**

- a. **25th Anniversary Streamer**. Silver with inscription reading "Silver Anniversary 1987". Authorized only for those units who attended the 25th anniversary ceremonies in Washington, D.C. on 15 August 1987.
- b. **25th Year Commissioned Streamer**. Silver with blue edges. Units which have been in operation with a warrant for 25 years are authorized to display a 25th year silver streamer on the unit's flag. To qualify for this streamer, the unit must have been commissioned for the full 25 years and in continuous operation (Unit Name Changes are authorized, but NO lapses in unit operation are authorized) throughout the period. The words "25th Year Commissioned" will be embossed on the streamer. Approval request in letter form must be submitted via the Chain of Command to the Executive Director.
- c. **50th Year Commissioned Streamer**. Silver with blue edges inscribed with "50th Year" signifying 50 years of continuous commissioned is authorized as of September 10, 2012, subject to the same conditions as identified in paragraph 2b above.

0311 **AWARD CERTIFICATES**

1. The following certificates are awarded as a result of the unit's Annual Inspection:
 - a. NSCC Certificate of Commendation (NSCADM 040). Awarded to units attaining an inspection score between 2.50 and 2.99, meeting minimum manning (25 Sea Cadets), and submitting the unit's Budget/Audit Report.
 - b. NSCC Certificate of Merit (NSCADM 041). Awarded to units attaining an inspection score between 3.00 and 3.49, meeting minimum manning (25 Sea Cadets), and submitting the unit's Budget/Audit Report.
 - c. NSCC Certificate of Honor (NSCADM 042). Awarded to units attaining an inspection score of 3.50 or higher, meeting minimum manning (25 Sea Cadets), and submitting the unit's Budget/Audit Report.
 - d. NLCC Certificate of Commendation (NSCADM 043). Awarded to NLCC Training Ships attaining an inspection score between 2.5 and 3.249, meeting minimum manning (15 League Cadets), and submitting the unit's Budget/Audit Report.
 - e. NLCC Certificate of Merit (NSCADM 044). Awarded to NLCC Training Ships attaining an inspection score between 3.25 and 3.749, meeting minimum manning (15 League Cadets), and submitting the unit's Budget/Audit Report.
 - f. NLCC Certificate of Honor (NSCADM 045). Awarded to NLCC Training Ships attaining an inspection score of 3.75 or higher, meeting minimum manning (15 League Cadets), and submitting the unit's Budget/Audit Report.
2. Certificates will be forwarded to the unit Commanding Officer at the completion of the inspection cycle.

0312 **FULCRUM SHIELD AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN YOUTH ANTI-DRUG PROGRAM**

1. This Department of Defense (DoD) Award is designed to recognize "independent" youth-based programs with a military affiliation. The nomination will demonstrate the NSCC involvement in spreading the "anti-drug" message throughout their local community for the fiscal year.
2. The award criteria will be promulgated through an NSCC Action Letter issued each March. Nominations are due to NHQ generally in the spring.
3. DoD will announce the winners in mid to late summer. A plaque will be awarded at an appropriate ceremony.

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