

CHAPTER 5: BREAST INSIGNIA AND BADGES

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0501 **GENERAL**

1. The Naval Sea Cadet Corps has several breast/badge devices, which are for the most part patterned after the U.S. Navy breast devices. Breast devices are of several varieties and denote qualifications and/or special training, which the wearer has achieved or successfully passed during his career in the NSCC. Breast devices fall into three categories; command, aviation, and warfare-type qualifications completion. As noted below, some NSCC qualification devices are authorized and provided by Navy command/associations, which have set the requirements for achieving the qualification resulting in the awarding of the device to the individual.
2. The Command Badges designate current or past command positions as a Unit Commanding Officer or Regional Director. The current Command Badge is worn above the right pocket (or name tape when worn) and former command badge is worn on the left pocket flap as described below.
3. The NSCC “warfare-type” qualification device is worn on the wearer's left side. Officers, midshipmen, and instructors may also wear a properly awarded DOD/DHS warfare-type qualification device as described in Chapter Six. Such devices however, take precedence over the wearing of NSCC devices regardless of type.
4. The NSCC “warfare-type” qualification devices are: Aviation, SEAL, EOD, SWCC (Special Boats), and JSOC. If earning more than one, the wearer may only wear TWO such devices. The wearer has the option of which qualification will be worn as the primary and which is the secondary.
5. The primary device is centered above earned ribbons (1/4”) or if no ribbons, centered above the left pocket (1/4”). A secondary qualification device is centered immediately below the top of the left breast pocket (1/4”).
6. "Other" badges are centered in the left breast pocket. In the case of a post command or Regional Director's badge, this is centered 1/4 inch below the top left breast pocket; or in case there are two qualifications devices (i.e. if one device is current and the other post), the “post” device is worn 1/4 inch below the top of the pocket.

0502 **COMMAND RECOGNITION**

1. **Regional Director Command Badge**. Provides recognition to those individuals who are currently in the position of Regional Director or individuals who have previously held the position.
 - a. NHQ will authorize the wearing of the badge upon assignment to the position and incumbents must successfully serve one year to permanently retain the badge. Only the National Chairman or the Executive Director may authorize the wearing of the Regional Director Badge.
 - b. The Regional Director Command Badge is a blue field around the NSCC crest with a star atop the anchor in lieu of an eagle, mounted on a circular badge approximately one inch in diameter.
 - c. The badge will be worn in the following manner:
 - 1) Regional Directors in command will wear the badge centered above the right pocket with the bottom edge 1/4 inch above the pocket. If a nametag is worn, the badge shall be centered with the bottom edge 1/4 inch above the tag.
 - 2) Past Regional Directors (no longer holding the position) will wear the badge centered on the left pocket flap with the top edge 1/4 inch below the upper pocket seam (measured from the top flap seam at the top of the pocket).
2. **Unit Commanding Officer Command Badge**. Provides recognition to those NSCC officers who successfully serve as Commanding Officer of either an NSCC or NLCC unit.
 - a. To be eligible to wear the Command Badge, the Commanding Officer must:
 - 1) Be a permanently appointed NSCC officer.
 - 2) Have been appointed an NSCC/NLCC unit Commanding Officer in accordance with NSCC Regulations, Section 0541.1.
 - 3) Have successfully served as a unit Commanding Officer for a period of not less than one year.
 - 4) Have commanded a unit that has successfully completed the required annual inspection with a score of 2.50 or higher.
 - b. NSCC Commanding Officers who have fulfilled eligibility requirements will submit a written request to the Executive Director in accordance with the following instructions:
 - 1) The letter will be forwarded via the President of the sponsoring organization or the NSCC Committee Chairman via the Regional Director, up the Chain of Command to NHQ.
 - 2) If a sponsoring organization representative is not available to initiate the request, the written request with notification to or "cc" to the sponsoring organization, will be forwarded via the Regional Director, up the Chain of Command to NHQ.
 - 3) A favorable endorsement is required.

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- c. Only the National Chairman or the Executive Director can authorize the wearing of the Command Badge.
- d. The Command Badge is the NSCC crest with a star atop the anchor in lieu of an eagle, mounted on a circular badge approximately one inch in diameter. The badge will be worn in the following manner:
 - 1) Incumbent Commanding Officers will wear the badge centered above the right pocket with the bottom edge 1/4 inch above the pocket. If a nametag is worn, the badge shall be centered with the bottom edge 1/4 inch above the tag.
 - 2) Officers no longer in command will wear the badge centered on the left pocket with the top edge 1/4" inch below the "upper pocket seams" (measured from the top flap seam at the top of the pocket).
 - 3) The Regional Director Badge and Unit Command Officer Badge may be worn simultaneously, but may not be worn in the same position. An officer entitled to wear both badges, but who is no longer in command as Regional Director or Commanding Officer, may elect to wear either badge, but not both.



FIGURE 5-2-1 REGIONAL AND UNIT COMMAND BADGES

0503 **AVIATION WINGS**

1. The Flying Midshipman Association, a sponsor of the NSCC/FAA Aviation Program, has requested and has been given authorization to award aviation wings to NSCC personnel who meet rigid requirements of the NSCC/FAA Aviation Program. These requirements are based on Federal Aviation Requirements. No substitutions are authorized.
2. The Commanding Officer of the Training Contingent (COTC) for a NSCC Headquarters approved NSCC/FAA Aviation Ground School (private pilot or sport pilot) may award NSCC Aviation wings to Sea Cadets, Officers, Midshipmen, or Instructors.
3. NSCC headquarters may authorize aviation wings to Sea Cadets, Officers, Midshipmen or Instructors completing the following requirements and NSCC NHQ may also award these wings to NSCC personnel completing an FAA sanctioned course other than an NSCC Headquarters approved evolution, upon completion of the following requirements:
 - a. **Bronze Wings**
 - 1) Successfully complete the NSCC/FAA Ground School course or FAA course and pass the FAA Aviation exam.

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b. **Silver Wings**

- 1) Successfully pass the Federal Aviation Exam given at completion of the NSCC FAA Ground School Course.
- 2) Successfully Solo flight in accordance with FAA requirements.
- 3) Provide certification/validated documentation of the above requirements including passing of the FAA exam, flight logbooks and certificate indicating completion of Solo flight. NHQ will provide the silver wings.

c. **Gold Wings**

- 1) Earn private pilot license.
- 2) Provide certified documentation (logbooks and license) of passing all requirements for private pilot's license to NSCC NHQ Training Department. NHQ will provide the gold wings.

d. **Notes**

- 1) Only "One" Aviation Wings device may be worn.
- 2) If the bronze wings were earned, and then the qualifications were met for the wearing of the silver wings and NHQ has issued the silver wings, the bronze wings are no longer authorized for wear.
- 3) If the silver wings were earned, and then the qualifications were met for the wearing of the Gold Wings and NHQ has issued the gold wings, the silver wings are no longer authorized for wear.



FIGURE 5-3-1 GOLD, SILVER, AND BRONZE AVIATION WINGS

0504 **NSCC NAVAL SPECIAL WARFARE (SEAL) DEVICE**

1. The NSCC has authorized a device developed by the UDT-SEAL Association in conjunction with the Naval Special Warfare Command, which is awarded to the NSCC cadet for his successful completion of the current approved NSW (SEAL) Orientation Course, commencing 2001 and thereafter, offered at National Headquarters approved locations. The following policy and procedures are applicable:
 - a. The SEAL curriculum developed by the UDT-SEAL Association and Naval Special Warfare Association must be completed to qualify a cadet for the device.
 - b. No modifications to the qualifying course are authorized unless agreed and approved by NSCC NHQ. Cadets completing a course not approved by NSCC NHQ are not eligible for the device.

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- c. NHQ will maintain the master database for the device. Awarding of the device will be by the SEAL Training COTC only.
- d. Copies, reproductions, variations, etc., of the device are not authorized for wear under any circumstances. Recipients will contact NHQ for instructions regarding replacement in the event of loss, theft, or damage.
- e. Staff cadets, officers, instructors, or midshipmen acting as either COTC or in the foregoing named positions are not eligible for the award.
- f. Former cadets earning this badge may NOT wear it once transferring to midshipman, instructor or officer status.
- g. "SEAL Challenge" training does NOT qualify for this device.



FIGURE 5-4-1 NSCC SPECIAL WARFARE (SEAL) DEVICE

0505 NSCC EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL (EOD) DEVICE

1. The NSCC has authorized a device developed by the Explosive Ordnance Disposal/Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit (EOD/MDSU) Group Norfolk, VA for awarding to a cadet who completes the current approved NAVY EOD/MDSU Course. The following procedures are applicable:
 - a. The EOD/MDSU Group, Norfolk, VA maintains the qualifying courses for awarding of the device to cadets.
 - b. No substitutions or changes of the course are authorized unless agreed to by EOD/MDSU Group Norfolk, VA and the COTC. Cadets not completing the approved course are not eligible for the award.
 - c. The COTC is the approval authority for awarding of the device. NSCC NHQ will maintain the master database of eligible cadets.
 - d. Copies, reproductions, variations, of the device are not authorized under any circumstances. Recipients may contact via the Chain of Command to NHQ for instructions regarding replacement in the event of loss, theft, or damage.
 - e. Staff cadets, officers, instructors, or midshipmen involved with the instruction of the course are not eligible for the award. Only cadets attending the course are eligible.
 - f. Former cadets earning this badge may NOT wear it once transferring to midshipmen, instructor or officer status.

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FIGURE 5-5-1 NSCC EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL (EOD) DEVICE

0506 **NSCC SPECIAL WARFARE COMBAT-CRAFT CREWMAN (SWCC) DEVICE**

1. The NSCC has approved a device developed by the UDT-SEAL Association in conjunction with the Special Warfare Command which is awarded to the NSCC cadet for his successful completion of the current approved SWCC Orientation course commencing 2001 and thereafter, offered at NHQ approved locations. The following procedures are applicable:
 - a. The SWCC curriculum developed by the UDT-SEAL Association and Naval Special Warfare Command must be completed to qualify a cadet for the device.
 - b. No modifications to the qualifying course are authorized unless agreed and approved by the NSCC. Cadets completing a course not approved by NHQ, NSCC are not eligible for the device.
 - c. NHQ will maintain the master database for the device. Awarding of the device will only be by the SWCC Training COTC.
 - d. Copies, reproductions, variations of the device are not authorized for wear under any circumstances. Recipients will contact NHQ for instructions regarding replacement in the event of loss, theft, or damage.
 - e. Staff cadets, officers, instructors, or midshipmen acting as either COTC or in the foregoing named positions are not eligible for the device.
 - f. Former cadets earning this badge may NOT wear it once transferring to midshipman, instructor or officer status.



FIGURE 5-6-1 NSCC SPECIAL WARFARE COMBAT-CRAFT CREWMAN (SWCC) DEVICE

0507 **JOINT SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND (JSOC) BADGE**

1. The NSCC has approved a badge to be awarded to cadets who successfully complete the approved NSCC JSOC course. The following procedures are applicable:
 - a. Only cadets successfully completing the course are authorized to receive the JSOC Badge. Staff cadets, officers, instructors and midshipmen assisting in and instructing the course are not eligible for the JSOC Badge.
 - b. Cadets not attending/completing this course are not authorized to wear the JSOC Badge.
 - c. The COTC of the course will be responsible for maintaining the approved course which will qualify the cadet for this badge.
 - d. The COTC is the awarding authority for the JSOC Badge.
 - e. The JSOC Device is the sole property of the JSOC Community. Copies, reproductions, variations are not authorized. Replacement devices that are lost, stolen, or misplaced shall be requested via the Chain of Command through NHQ.
 - f. Former cadets earning this device may NOT wear it once transferring to midshipman, instructor or officer status.



FIGURE 5-7-1 JOINT SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND (JSOC) BADGE

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