



**COAST GUARD GROUP PORTLAND DIVISION
US NAVAL SEA CADETS
American Legion Post #35
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South Portland, ME 04106**

**From: Commanding Officer, CG Group Portland Division
To: Cadet Applicants and Parents/Guardians**

Subject: Welcome Aboard Letter

The officers and instructors of CG Group Portland Division welcome you to our unit! It is our honor to work together to advance the goals of this organization while enabling and encouraging young people to fully develop their leadership potential.

Our staff is comprised of civilian, active duty, and retired military volunteers. We are a non-profit youth organization sponsored by various patriotic organizations and operate with the support of the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard. All Cadets will wear a modified Navy uniform, train aboard ships and stations, attend a short boot camp and desired advanced training opportunities during summer or winter break. Cadets are not obligated to join the military, but those that do will benefit from our program. Please feel free to ask questions about what we have to offer. Our unit does provide young people with a drug-free, smoke-free and anti-gang atmosphere where personal advancement in leadership and character is a priority.

There are several things to keep in mind before making a commitment. Respect for those in authority, for peers, and for the property and materials at the drill sites must be maintained. We will expect regular attendance at monthly drills and receipt of dues (\$25 per drill, which includes the prepaid costs for meals). We understand that your schedules get busy and simply ask for advance notice if you cannot be in attendance. Cadets will be responsible for maintenance of their Sea Bag items, a portion of which we issue (items such as dress shoes and boots must be procured individually for example). Cadets must maintain physical and academic proficiency as stated in the Standard Operating Procedures. Finally, each Cadet will be encouraged to advance in ranks by passing standard course work covering seafaring and leadership training including basic military requirements, attending recruit and advanced training, and participating in unit activities.

Expectations are high, but you will find that the rewards are more than worth the effort! The Sea Cadet Corps is not for everyone, but if you are up to the challenge, the experience and training is unparalleled.

Respectfully,

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