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The Signal is dedicated to the memory of Liberty Flotilla Commodore Emeritus Deidre Buchner in recognition of her years of tireless service to the Sea Scout Program and the Northeast Region's *The Telegraph*.

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THE SEA SCOUT PROMISE

As a Sea Scout, I promise to do my best:

- To guard against water accidents
- To know the location and proper use of lifesaving devices on every boat I board
- To be prepared to render aid to those in need
- To let those less able come first.

The First S of Sea Scouting

"The first S stands for Scouting. The Sea Scout lives the Scout Oath and the Scout Law every day in every way. Let's stow this thought way back in our minds-that Sea Scouting is Scouting-and let that thought remain there as a backdrop for all we ever do, or plan, or think as Sea Scouts.

-1943 Sea Scout Manual



A photograph of several Scouts in uniform holding a large Ukrainian flag (blue and yellow) outdoors. The Scouts are seen from behind, and a crowd of people is visible in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

APPEAL TO THE SCOUT ORGANISATIONS IN THE WORLD

From the World Organization of the Scout Movement: “An Emergency response is being coordinated by the World Organization of the Scout Movement in collaboration with its Eurasia Support Centre and the National Scout Organization in Ukraine to respond to the unfolding humanitarian situation in the country which is impacting millions of people. Your support and solidarity is needed by the National Scout Organization in Ukraine to coordinate emergency humanitarian relief efforts and engage Scouts in providing daily necessities to people and communities being impacted by the conflict. This funding will provide direct support to the National Organization of Scouts of the Ukraine to assist with the coordination of local emergency response and humanitarian relief efforts to affected people and communities.”

Donate to the National Organization of the Scouts of the Ukraine at:
bit.ly/scoutsukraine



Dear Fellow Scouts:

You are no doubt aware that yesterday, 24 February 2022 at approx. 05:00 AM (Ukrainian time), the Russian Federation invaded Ukraine. This invasion represents a threat to the sovereignty of Ukraine, to lives, safety, and to the common values held in Europe and in the democratic world. This is not Russia's first invasion of Ukraine: in 2014 it occupied the Crimea and parts of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions. The Ukrainian army is defending Ukraine, families, and our homes. Ukrainian soldiers are sacrificing their lives to ensure a better future for their families and for their country.

It is important that we unite around the globe for peace and actions. Your support and your voices are critical in helping us to end this calamity. We call on the entire Scout and international community to apply all possible measures to stop the aggressor and violation by Russia. There are ways to avoid further military escalation.

The Plast International Federation and Plast National Scouting Organization of Ukraine has organised:

- Fund to assist Plast members who are in the military who require material, medical assistance:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mIOIUPjOMXNhjxWrjTvlxJ44aQNvvB3vVHi2MArMHA8/edit?usp=sharing>

National and governmental initiatives include:

- Help to defend Ukraine donate to Ukraine's main charity fund
- Help to defend Ukraine donate to support the Armed Forces of Ukraine National Bank of Ukraine

<https://bank.gov.ua/en/news/all/natsionalniy-bank-vidkriv-spetsrahunok-dlya-zboru-koshtiv-na-potrebi-armiyi>

How you can assist:

- Collect humanitarian aid and support these initiatives in your community. Become a volunteer
- Check with your Ukrainian friends and relatives, ask them how you can help

Speak up loudly about the ongoing war started by Russian federation.

Share truthful information, express your point of view, join in or organize peaceful protest against the war

This is a schedule of rallies against the war <https://www.stopputin.net>

Always choose correct terms when talking about the Russia-Ukraine war (but not Ukrainian crisis, conflict).

If you can help us, but you are unsure or don't know how to do it, please contact us at international@plast.org.ua

We need your help and support to stand together!

Stand With Ukraine! Stay safe!

Sincerely yours in scouting

Stanislav Andriychuk

Chief Executive Officer -Plast, National Scout Organization of Ukraine

VIEW FROM THE FO'C'SLE

Submitted by Daphne Kunukcu - Boatswain - NST 13



My entry into scouting began after watching Wes Anderson's 2012 film *Moonrise Kingdom*. You can Google the synopsis for yourself, but the film essentially follows a young Khaki Scout (which is the Wes Anderson-esque version of a Boy Scout). Throughout the movie, I was enamored with the uniform. I wanted to look like that. I wanted to go camping, carry a pocketknife, and sew cute badges onto an even cuter uniform. Once the movie was over, I hopped on to the Scouts BSA website in search of a troop near me. But, I found something I did not even know existed: Sea Scouts. With aspirations of attending the Naval Academy and serving our country as a naval officer, I knew a maritime/aquatic-based program would give me the tools I needed to succeed. But up until a certain point, I got into scouting for the uniform. Superficial, I know. I began Sea Scouting not knowing the littlest thing about being around the water. I could swim and that was it! I started out as a Purser for Ship 228 managing finances, but could not plot a point or find my way around a boat. The newness of this environment was frustrating, and I secretly wished I could enter the Wes Anderson cinematic universe and be a Khaki Scout instead. But, that was all about to change thanks to Maxwell Rothschild (yes, the National Yeoman). He approached me with the idea to apply to be a Territory Boatswain. "What is a Territory Boatswain?" I thought to myself. I had no idea as to how the program was run and what exactly a Territory Boatswain does. Of course it sounded great being "in charge" of all of the youth in the area (which was not exactly the job description, but we have already established how superficial I can be at times), but I had no idea what I could potentially be taking on. So, expecting little to come out of the opportunity, I applied.

And here I am today! I am more than halfway finished with my term and have grown exponentially in both my personal and professional life. I have got to meet scouts I otherwise would have never met, sit on National Quarterdeck meetings, plan big events, and so much more. Being a Territory Boatswain has also encouraged me to complete NYLT and apply to SEAL and the USCGC Barque Eagle experience! With the risk of sounding cheesy, holding this position has been life-changing. I am a better person now because I considered Max's proposition a half a year ago.

But, there is nothing more I cherish than being a much needed voice for some of the youth in our territory. Sea Scouting is highly specialized and many of the skills involved are foreign to the average person. That was how I felt, but look at me now! I hope to serve as an example to all youth that no matter where your interests lie, you all fit into this program one way or another. Think of Sea Scouts as a puzzle and you the piece!

It has been my greatest pleasure to serve NST13 and I hope to finish my term even stronger than when I began. Thank you!

WHAT'S NEW IN NST 13

Submitted by The NST 13 Quarterdeck

A message from Daphne (NST13 Boatswain): Happy 2022, NST 13! I am so, so happy to have kicked off the new year with all of you amazing Sea Scouts!

Yes, 2021 was eventful, but 2022 has even greater things in store. With programs like the Minsi Trails Council Sea Scout and Venturing Academy and SEAL, expect to have a very busy summer. Overall, I am proud to say that NST 13 offers scouts a wealth of opportunities to develop their skills and leadership. And, outside of NST 13, there are programs like NOAC. Attending these events (in your Sea Scout uniform especially) not only gives you the chance to forge lifelong friendships with scouts across the nation, but also gives the Sea Scout program some much needed visibility. In short, do all you can this summer! The world is your oyster.

On top of developing better scouts, it is one of my initiatives to build a community inside of the territory. We have to be there for one another and continue to grow the program. So, invite your friends to get out on the water with you and show them all of the great things that Sea Scouts offers! Take things a step further and apply for Territory (or National) Boatswain. Anything that you do, no matter how small, to improve Sea Scouting is much appreciated.

I cannot wait to see all of the wonderful things that NST 13 does this year!

SEAL 2022: The 2022 SEAL sessions are just around the corner, and if you are a scout that is interested in developing your leadership skills while putting your seamanship skills to the test, consider applying. SEAL also comes in handy when running for Boatswain at just about any level! Applications can be found here: <https://seascout.org/youth-training-and-education/seal/>

USCGC Barque Eagle: Another once in a lifetime opportunity is sailing on the USCGC Barque Eagle. The Eagle is a 295-foot barque used as a training vessel for future Coast Guard officers, and a select group of Sea Scouts will be able to sail right along with them! Applications can be found here: <https://seascout.org/news/sail-aboard-the-uscg-eagle/>

Territory/National Boatswain Applications: Territory/National Boatswain applications are open! I must say that representing NST 13 on the National Quarterdeck has been and continues to be one of the best experiences I have ever had. I have learned so much about effective leadership in such a short amount of time, and I would like for more Sea Scouts to feel the same way I do! If you have been following along on my activities as a boatswain, and are interested in this position, why not apply? If you are/were a ship's boatswain, officer of the region, area, territory or council, you are eligible to apply. Applications can be found here: <https://seascout.org/news/apply-for-national-boatswain/>

Sea Scout Leadership Awards: Do you know a fellow Sea Scout who has been going above and beyond? What about a Sea Scout who lives by the Scout Oath, Law, and Sea promise? Then nominate them for an SSLA! Those who have been in Sea Scouting for a year, have served in a leadership position at any level, and are dedicated to the program are eligible for a nomination. And remember, a nomination holds more weight if a fellow youth submits it. Forms can be found here: <https://seascout.org/leadership-award/>

Social Media/Contact: The official NST 13 Instagram account is @nst13boatswain. I highly recommend you follow us to stay updated on all that is going on. I frequently post about applications, upcoming events, and even “shout out” some ships that go above and beyond! Also, if your ship is not on Instagram, consider joining. Social media helps us reach more and more potential scouts everyday.

If you would like to get in contact with us, our email is nst13boatswain@seascout.org (remember to follow YPT rules). I highly urge everyone who has questions, comments, concerns, and ideas to reach out. NST 13 thrives on your feedback



Daphne met the NST 13 VOA at a rock-climbing event a few weeks ago. Pictured here are Michaela Donnelly (President), Riley Mochari (Vice President), and Mr. Scott Fisher (Advisor).

Strengthening the ties between Sea Scouting and Venturing is very important to NST 13!

VIEW FROM THE FO'C'SLE

by Nicole Lieberman - Boatswain's Mate - NST 13



My name is Nicole Lieberman and I'm Territory 13 Boatswain's Mate. I also serve as the Council Boatswain for the Northern New Jersey Council. I'm from Ship 1908 in Union City, New Jersey and I'm also a part of Venturing Crew 228 in Hillsdale, New Jersey. I have been the Boatswain's Mate since September of 2021. Daphne found out that I was the Council Boatswain for NNJC and asked if I wanted to come aboard to help Sea Scouting on a territory level. I thought about it for a few days and then decided to join the Territory 13 Quarterdeck. In Venturing my favorite role was vice president so the experience with that role helped me to be a better Boatswain's mate. It has been great to be able to help plan events with different groups in the Territory. Being guests at ship meetings has been a fun way to meet sea scouts in the territory. If you want to meet the Territory 13 Quarterdeck or have any questions feel free to drop us an email. If you are interested in becoming the next Territory Boatswain, apply by March 1, 2022. If you are interested in becoming the next Territory Boatswain's Mate, because you are probably wondering how you can get this position. You are picked by the Boatswain so word of advice on that, just be involved in sea scouts anyway that you can and have a leadership role at a council level if it is available. You might get picked like I did.

FLOODWOOD MOUNTAIN SCOUT RESERVATION

Submitted by Nicole Lieberman - Crew Leader - Ship 1908 SSS *Rising Phoenix*

In August of 2021 Venturing Crew 228 went to Floodwood for Week 5. The planning behind the trip was one the Lieberman Family had never been to that camp before and two they wanted to open the trip to any scouts or adults in the crew that didn't want to necessarily do a typical canoe trek. The idea was to stay in base camp and explore the things in the camp and take day trips out to see the things that were in Lake Placid. Floodwood is the only NNJC camp that has a full town that is only ten minutes away. This was a unique trip where our crew was testing out the idea of a "Staying in Base Camp Trek."

Sunday was the traveling day and check in time was 5pm. We also met our crew trek guide Danny. Yes, every trek has a crew guide including ours. When the trek crews went out on their canoe trek early Monday morning. They made the Lieberman clan (that is what they called us) stay in our campsite and cook breakfast. My father, being the crew advisor, has one rule that the crew youth run the trip. If we didn't want to start program until noon, that was fine with him and the rest of the adults. Monday was swim test day for everyone and then we went off property to have dinner at Smoke Signals, a Lake Placid local and Floodwood Favorite restaurant that looks over the lake. Tuesday was a hike day around the camp in the morning. Max Rothschild, a youth on the trip was at the time working toward Quartermaster had to complete The Life Guard Requirement. Our guide Danny who was also the aquatics instructor for the camp agreed to help him with that requirement. Wednesday was the worst day out of the week because the weather was nothing but rain. The group spent most of the day inside the program building watching movies, playing pool and foosball and cooking our meals in the staff kitchen. Thursday, the crew was told to leave for the day because the other treks were coming back. We went to climb Whiteface Mountain and visited the Olympic ski lift and the museum in Lake Placid. The final day Friday was spent on the water with the crew pairing off and going for a canoe trip around the lake. That evening was spent with all the scouts back in camp for the closing night dinner. We also joined everyone at the closing night campfire that looked over the Floodwood Lake. And what is a campfire without s'mores? The staff and the crew all roasted marshmallows after the other crews left. Saturday was traveling home for everyone. After breaking down our campsite and buying some camp merch, we were on the road by 12pm. This camping trip was an unique "trek" for both Crew 228 and Floodwood.



Philmont

By Maxwell H. Rothschild
National Yeoman

Philmont Scout Reservation is an amazing place for any scout to go; from the wide open fields to the densely wooded mountains everywhere is a sight to behold. At Philmont, I stayed at the Philmont Training Center for a week where I participated in the family adventure. During this week there were so many amazing activities but one of my favorites was the shooting sports. I had the opportunity to shoot .22 long rifles, .22 pistol, and 10 and 12 gauge shotguns.

They also had archery, slingshot, and tomahawk throwing. Besides shooting I spent a lot of time going to the many scheduled activities which encompassed everything from horseback riding to stargazing. I also

had an opportunity to go to many of the historical locations around Philmont including the Villa Philmonte which is a villa that was designed as a summer home for Waite Phillips and his family and friends. On the tour of the villa, I got the opportunity to learn a lot about the history of Philmont and its prior owners. Another one of the museums I went to is the national scout museum. This museum had a lot of old scouting memorabilia including an original sea scout uniform and air scout uniform. They also had a very extensive library of both nature books and scouting literature.



A PARTICIPANTS VIEW OF NAYLE

Submitted by Maxwell H. Rothschild - National Yeoman - Ship 1908 SSS *Rising Phoenix*



I really enjoyed the National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) during the summer of 2021. NAYLE is a week-long leadership training that you can participate in after you complete National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT). There are two locations where you can take NAYLE; the first is Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico and the second is the Summit

Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. I took my course at Philmont in the Rayado Ridge Leadership Camp. The campsite had spectacular views and offered a unique perspective to someone that lives on the east coast. My experience at NAYLE was really amazing and taught me a lot about how to lead myself and how to lead different people with different personality styles. This course lasts for seven days and each day you learn a new leadership skill or technique which culminates in the trip to Outpost. Outpost is where your patrol hikes out to a campsite and sleeps there for one night. During Outpost, there are a lot of activities to participate in including skits and discussions about moral decision making. There are new hands-on challenges every day from doing a COPE to first aid stations to geocaching. We also learned advanced skills such as search and rescue and how to identify multiple medical issues in someone who is injured. I particularly enjoyed the COPE challenges because they employed critical thinking skills as well as teamwork. Overall my experience at NAYLE was unforgettable and an amazing opportunity to test my leadership skills and develop new ones. The experience of meeting new Scouts from across the country, the scenery, and the fun are all worth the adventure.



NATIONAL SEA SCOUT ACADEMY

Submitted by Cassidy Christian - National Boatswain - Ship 25 SSS *Spear*

The first-ever National Virtual Sea Scout Academy was a whopping success! Held from October 16th to October 22nd, it was a completely free and virtual event that promoted fellowship and advancement for Sea Scouts across the country. There were over 600 registrants and more than 200 Sea Scouts logged on to join every single night.

Planning for the Academy started in January and the momentum and excitement about the event continued until the very last presenter. It took an army of over 40 Sea Scouts and Scouters to make the event a reality. From instructing, marketing, and doing behind the scene tech, everyone involved had a valuable role. Close to 50 hours of unique content was created including 6 hours of ILSS modules and 10 hours of programming for each of the four Sea Scout Ranks. The Academy was hosted on Zoom with four break out rooms correlating to the four different ranks. Participants were free to transfer from room to room as they pleased to enjoy the full experience of the Academy. Each participant had the ability to customize their own Academy experience.

The content from the Academy can be found in this [Google Folder](#). Every Sea Scout has the ability to see this information and use it to help their Ship. Regardless of a Sea Scout's attendance, everyone deserves the resources to promote advancement. We hope this encourages new, forming Ships to feel more confident when learning seamanship.

The NQD National Events Subcommittee is currently deciding when the next National Virtual Academy will take place. The event might become two separate weekends focusing on two different ranks at a time. The NQD is also planning to host more virtual ILSS Courses to encourage more Sea Scouts to take on leadership positions in their Ships. We hope to see more Sea Scouts log on and join us for these virtual opportunities!



THREE RIVERS DISTRICT CAMPOREE

Submitted by Marc A. Tarantino & Noel E. Guzman - NNJC Sea Scout Committee



Our District, 3 Rivers District of NNJC, was planning a Fall Camporee and there was a need for volunteers to help at the Archery Range. As Noel Guzman and I have training to run the Archery Range, it was a great opportunity for the Sea Scout Program to serve and meet a need of Scouts in our Council. We had youth volunteering with us including Nicole Lieberman and Jason Delgado. It is our job to take opportunities when possible to make sure that Sea Scouts are seen as a part of the scouting community.

We had enthusiastic cubs and scouts, both boys and girls, arrive with their leaders. We were able to give training and instruction but also encouragement to make the archery range a fun experience. We were also able to assist those needing to meet their requirements and some to complete their archery merit badge.



It was good to interact with the leaders and parents. Units participated from around our district but many were from Hudson County where I grew up in scouting. It was good to hear about what was happening in the district as well as to be able to speak into some challenges being faced by leaders. Inevitably there were questions about the Sea Scout Program and the peaking of interest in future involvement among the scouts.

Between the morning and afternoon sessions, we were able to eat with the staff at their cooking area. We enjoyed great discussions and scouting fellowship throughout the day. We also had a good time reconnecting with some of our district leaders.



It turned out to be a beautiful day! We enjoyed the day serving Cub Packs and some of the Troops that took turns at the Range. Skills were sharpened, new skills were learned and we had a great time interacting and participating in activities with both Scouts and Leaders. We are looking forward to more opportunities to serve and to share about our great Sea Scout Program.

SHIP 25 RECAP OF 2021

Submitted by Allyson Marion - Ship 25 SSS Spear

Meetings:

Throughout 2021 we've done trivia nights, learned maritime history, held holiday parties, bridges of honor, rank advancement, and so many other activities during our meetings. During the summer we often set dates to go sailing and organized training events for advancement and certifications.



Activities:

During the months of October through January 2022, multiple events were planned and scheduled. Events such as Okpik Winter Camping training, Order of the Arrow ordeals, winter camping, and hiking Mount Monadnock in New Hampshire. During warmer months some of our members took advantage of the good weather to work on Quartermaster and Venturing Summit awards. While others took our boat the Sensei out on the water.



Awards:

To congratulate once again on their hard work and achievement, our members Emily Lampman earned her Quartermaster, Anastasia Earle and Katie Quinn both completed their Quartermaster projects and are getting close to being finished. Ben Ashbaugh earned the Venturing Summit Award and Matthew DeTuri has been working towards earning his Eagle Award.



Service projects:

From highway cleanups, to food drives, cemetery work and book drives for those in need, community education and helping our local Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Ship has been active on a number of service projects over the course of the year.

Contact:

Sea Scout Ship 25 in Ithaca, NY offers more information at ithacaseascouts.org or contact Committee Chairman Jim Graney at [607-327-1226](tel:607-327-1226) (work/cell).

NYC VETERANS DAY PARADE

Submitted by Mario G. Fanego - Crew Leader - Ship 1908 SSS *Rising Phoenix*



It was Thursday, November 11, 2021, and the 102nd Annual Veteran's Day Parade was taking place in New York City down 6th Avenue. The parade is an annual event that is hosted by the United War Veterans Council. Sea Scout Ship 1908 had the honor of being invited to march in the Parade. The parade had about 200 marching groups, including active-duty members from the Armed Forces, multiple veteran's groups, ROTC members, military academies and Sea Scout Ship 1908 SSS *Rising Phoenix*.

We had the honor of carrying the American Flag and our Sea Scout Ship 1908 flag in the parade. As the only Senior Scouting group marching in the parade our Ship was assigned to march between the Military Academies and ROTCs.

Being a second generation American, it was a true honor to pay tribute to those men and women who served our great country.

All the Veterans shared a commonality, they took pride in wearing their uniform and awards. There were veterans who had missing limbs and some who had a fellow veteran push their wheelchair.

We were being thanked for honoring them and many, both veterans and parade onlookers, were thanking us for participating.



I recall hearing a pedestrian on a side street saying, "how much these veterans have sacrificed we will never know but that they sacrificed we will always know." God Bless the US Veterans and God Bless the United States of America. It was an awesome experience and I hope more Ships will be able to attend in the future.

SHIP 52 UPDATE

Submitted by Skid Rollison - Skipper - Ship 52 SSS *Ordinary*



Sea Scout Ship 52 Christmas/Change of Watch was held 19-Dec-2021. In the less than 2 years that Ship 52 has been chartered, we have been through "the perfect storm" with Covid. We have weathered some of the worst times in Scouting, and three Sea Scouts of Ship 52 have excelled to achieve the first rank of Apprentice Sea Scouts. Outgoing Boatswain Robbie O (missing in photo) incoming Boatswain Hawkeye R and incoming Boatswain Mate Layla M. (with Mate Greg S. and future Sea Scouts) Congrats Sea Scouts!"



The Second S of Sea Scouting

"The second S stands for Seamanship. Seamanship
of the best, for the safety of our shipmates and your
ship, and for your own pleasures."

-1943 Sea Scout Manual





APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 1ST!

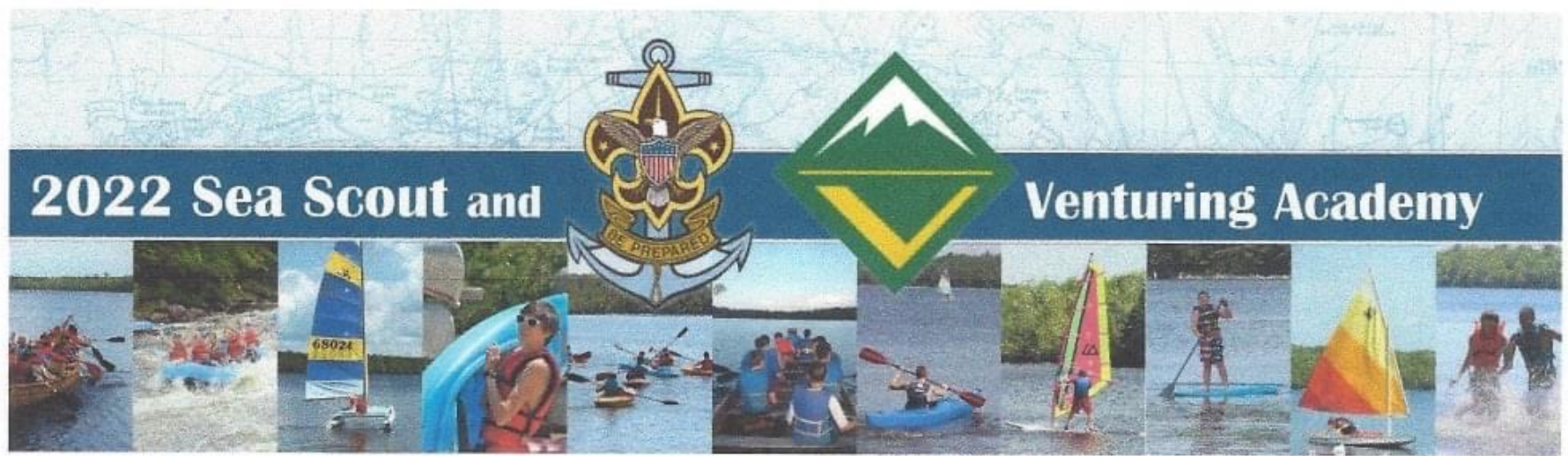
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 - BSA Aquatics Awards
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 - Multiple Zip Lines
 - Whitewater Rafting

Preliminary session selection open through May 15th.

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Save the Date!

SUNY TRAINING DAY

HOSTED BY SHIP 228

Saturday May 7, 2022



SHIP 1908 RECEIVES VESSEL FROM SHIP 2012

By Marc Tarantino

Committee Chair - Ship 1908 *Rising Phoenix*



Our Ship would like to thank Ship 2012 and the Delaware Valley Youth Boating Association for giving us our first vessel! The vessel is a 1969 24' Morgan Sailboat that has been a Sea Scout Vessel for different ships over the years. This vessel will become the flagship of the Northern New Jersey Council when it receives the Commodore's flag. The Ship's quarterdeck has voted to name the vessel the SSTV Jacob S. Williams after our Shipmate and Quartermaster/Eagle Scout who passed away at the age of 19. We are really grateful to Ship 2012 especially Cheryl Hamm and Commodore Ann Newman who helped arrange for us to receive the vessel. It is great to see that inter ship cooperation is alive and well!



SAVE THE DATE

May 14-15, 2022

Overnight trip to the
Destroyer Escort Historical Museum
USS Slater DE 766
Albany, New York



Cost will be approximately \$50

Will include tour, overnight accommodations on board the ship,
dinner and breakfast.

Contact

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SEA SCOUTS

The Third S of Sea Scouting

The third S stands for Service. Service to your community, your Ship, the Scout Program, and to all those who have trustingly learned to look to a Scout for help.

-1943 Sea Scout Manual





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Sea Scout History Project

By Maxwell H. Rothschild - Ship 1908

My Quartermaster Project is a Historical Website. This website, highlights interviews I conducted with multiple Sea Scout Leaders. The purpose of which is to preserve the history of Sea Scouts and its traditions. This repository of knowledge is meant to help train future leaders. It is designed on the concept that you can't make informed decisions about the future of a program without knowing what made it good in the first place. Hence, knowing the past will be the foundation that will build the program onto a richer future.

My website link is below.

<https://seascouthistory.wixsite.com/website>



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY SERVICE PROJECT

Submitted by Lois Leggiero - Charter Org. Representative - Ship 1908 SSS *Rising Phoenix*

On October 5, 2021 Ship 1908 participated in a service project at St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Union City, NJ. During Hurricane Ida the pantry sustained serious flooding due to the sewer pipes backing up into the pantry. While thankfully the food remained untouched the floors had been covered in sewage water for quite some time. Quite a few of the pantry volunteers are members of the Ship's charter organization so it was a no brainer to help them



out. Sea Scouts arrived at 1830 to start cleaning the pantry. We had scouts and leaders manning multiple stations to work on cleaning the pantry area. Many of the empty storage crates that the pantry uses to store food had been submerged so two of our leaders were in the kitchen cleaning each container with bleach and water and letting them dry. Our Skipper and scouts were swabbing the decks with bleach and water. First sweeping the floors to get rid of the dirt and debris. Then washing the floors with the bleach water and then going back over the floors with soap and water. Other leaders were cleaning table and chair legs with Lysol wipes.



This service project was a great way to give back to the community we are chartered in! During this pandemic they have seen an uptake in people needing food from the community. The longer the pantry remained closed due to the flooding the longer those in need in the community would be without the food they needed. After we were done cleaning the pantry we went back to Skipper's house where we had a



pizza party! The scouts were even spending time outside around the fire pit making S'mores and having a planning meeting for the upcoming year. It is also of note that this service project will be featured in an upcoming issue of *Scout Life Magazine*!

9 / 11 DAY OF SERVICE

Submitted by Mario G. Fanego - Crew Leader - Ship 1908 SSS *Rising Phoenix*



On Saturday, September 11, 2021, Ship 1908 Rising Phoenix – Union City, NJ and Ship 228 Sea Dart - Linden, NJ participated in a day of service at the Father's Heart Ministries in New York City. The location was not that far from the Freedom Tower, the location where the Twin Towers once stood prior to September 11, 2001. It was twenty years ago, however the emotions still are strong.

Our community service was to help the Father's Heart Food Pantry in New York City in the lower east side of Manhattan. We were sorting food into bags, we also cooked a hot breakfast, and cleaned up the Father's Heart Food Bank. We helped the handicapped and elderly carry the food outside to their carts because they had stairs and they could lose their balance.

I have been in Scouting for over 7 years and I have participated in Scouting for food many times, however, I have only participated in distributing flyers and gathering food for the local food pantry. I never had the opportunity to witness the actual food distribution and see the people in need. Providing the service to the food bank gave me an entirely new perspective for the importance of service. Helping the handicap, the elderly and those in need. The experience was humbling and eye opening giving me a new perspective of understanding the importance of Service, scouting for food and the joy of giving and helping our communities.

9 / 11 DAY OF SERVICE SKIPPER'S MINUTE

by David N. Tarantino - Skipper - Ship 1908 SSS *Rising Phoenix*

20 years but it seems like yesterday, remembering the smoke that I could see billowing from across the Hudson River. The question that is posed to people of my generation is not where were you when Pres. Kennedy was shot but where were you when the towers fell? For me I was watching the smoke rise from my house and seeing my family stricken with grief over the thousands that would be lost. In the weeks after the attack I joined members of our then future Ship's committee in staffing a food distribution site for first responders and survivors at Father's Heart Ministries. Going back there with the Ships to serve the neighborhood was a great way to remember all those we lost that September morning 20 years ago.

The Fourth S of Sea Scouting

"For Sea Scouts the social side of the program is large, including the traditional Bridge of Honor, the Sea Scout Ball, and the other parties that a busy Sea Scout can fit in between the first three S's. The fourth S is like plum duff to the old foremast hands. So, in our minds, let's make this fourth S a small s, small but very bright, ready to bring out as a special treat!"

-1943 Sea Scout Manual





SEA SCOUTS B.S.A.

COVID-19

Keep Sea
Scouting a safe
and clean
space for all!

- Wash your hands frequently
- Wear a mask at all times
- Observe social distancing



RESTARTING SCOUTING WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



S = Supervision

1. Understand the local and state guidance on preventing COVID-19 exposure.
2. Engage your Charter Organization and local council on necessary adjustments.
3. Conduct the “before you gather” protocols.

A = Assessment

1. Identify participants who fall under the CDC’s group of higher risk individuals. Notify all participants about the risks of participating since COVID-19 exposure cannot be eliminated.
2. Verify that the planned activity, gathering or group sizes are not prohibited by local or state orders.

F = Fitness and Skill

1. Review Annual Health and Medical Records and consider using a pre-event screening for all participants

E = Equipment

1. Verify that handwashing, hygiene, no cleaning supplies are available and used properly.
2. Monitor social distancing, interactions and sharing of equipment and food among participants.
3. Monitor participants for changing health conditions
4. Use the “as you gather” protocols.

For more information visit:

<https://www.nnjbsa.org/content/uploads/2020/06/Restart-Scouting-Checklist.pdf>



Restart Scouting
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Dr. Noel E. Guzman,
Joel Lieberman, and
David N. Tarantino

THANK YOU JOEL LIEBERMAN

By David N. Tarantino
Commodore - NNJC

Some years ago I was sitting in a Troop Court of Honor listening to a Friends of Scouting Presentation. Instead of having to hear about why money should be given to the scouts I was learning about how important scouting was to the presenter. Little did I know that the person presenting would become one of my biggest allies as a Council Commodore. That person was Joel Lieberman our Senior District Executive. That experience sums up who Joel is. He is not a professional who constantly asks you for money he works to build a relationship with those he serves and he genuinely loves the program. Joel has become a good friend and scouting brother to me since then.

Most recently he has served as the Northern New Jersey Council Sea Scout Professional Advisor. Since then I have gone on to staff many trainings and events with Joel including the 2017 National Jamboree. He has always been willing to lend a hand to help the Sea Scout program no matter what needed to be done. As Joel moves on to join the Norwellia Council in Louisiana we here in New Jersey will miss his presence among the professional staff. However we look forward to our paths crossing again at scouting functions in the future! Bravo Zulu Joel on your new position. Finally on behalf of the entire Sea Scout Program of the council Thank you for your service to the program!

Bravo Zulu to Norwellia
Council's newest
professional! Create
some Ships in LA!

**“He has always
been willing to
help the Sea
Scout
program.”**



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Northern New Jersey Council



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VIRTUAL SEABADGE

MARCH 25-27, 2022
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Contact Course Director David Tarantino
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Register at <https://scoutingevent.com/333-55682>

THREE RIVERS DISTRICT BBQ

Submitted by Marc A. Tarantino - Committee Chair - Ship 1908 *Rising Phoenix*



On June 22, 2021 the Three Rivers District had their annual District Bar-b-que. Sea Scouting was out in full force with quite a few awards being presented to Sea Scout Leaders. At the beginning of the evening's program we had a Seabadge pinning for Jay Delgado who had attended Seabadge 51-NJ-2019. The presentation was made by Course Director Dr. Noel Guzman, Log Coordinator David N. Tarantino and Professional Advisor

Joel Lieberman. Following that up was a very important presentation to Maxwell H. Rothschild. Max had received the Northeast Region Bob Ellis Memorial Sea Scout of the Year Award. The certificate and medal was presented by emeritus members of the Northeast Region Sea Scout Committee Dr. Noel Guzman and David Tarantino who had served with Commodore Ellis. It was also of note that Ship 1908 SSS Rising Phoenix Committee Member Jay Delgado was presented with the District Award of Merit.



Finally after the quarantine prevented us from presenting the Sea Scout Leadership Award for 2020 we were able to present the awards. Our first recipient was Joel Lieberman who is a Senior District Executive for the Three Rivers District and the professional Advisor for the NNJC Sea Scout Committee. Joel has been a great help to the Sea Scouting program working with us to

build the program through marketing and training. He is Seabadge trained and staffed SB-51-NJ-2019 as a Crew Advisor and will be staffing SB-67-NJ-2022. Our second recipient was Skipper Emeritus Linda Tarantino of the SSS Rising Phoenix. Skipper is Seabadge trained having attended Seabadge 34. She has constantly been an active supporter of all Sea Scout training events happening in the Tri-State area. She has been the Galley chief at most Council Sea Scout events including SB-51-NJ-2019. She served as Skipper of Ship 1908 from 2016-2018 overseeing the rebuilding of its program. She has been a valuable leader in our council and we are proud to be able to recognize such outstanding leaders. Bravo Zulu to all those who received awards!



PREPARED FOR LIFE DINNER

by David N. Tarantino - Commodore - Northern New Jersey Council

Each year the Northern New Jersey Council holds its annual Prepared for Life Dinner. This mission driven event brings together more than 350 business professionals, civic leaders, volunteers, innovators, and Friends of Scouting who support the Scout Oath and Law. The evening includes a VIP reception, dinner and keynote speakers. This year the event was held on September 22, 2021 due in large part and thanks to Council Sustaining Sponsor Dr. Noel E. Guzman MD, PhD who sponsored the first Sea Scout table in the history of the dinner.



The keynote speakers were Boomer Esiason and Lisa Jaster. Boomer Esiason is a former NFL Quarterback, broadcaster and host of Boomer and Gio on WFAN radio. Lisa Jaster is a United States Army Lieutenant Colonel and engineer officer, who was the first female reserve soldier to graduate from the Army's Ranger School. Part of the evening was recognizing the inaugural class of Female Eagle Scouts and the strides Scouting has made since the inclusion of young women in the Scouts BSA and Cub Scout Divisions.



National Yeoman Max Rothschild with Boomer Esiason and Lt. Col. Lisa Jaster.



Commodore Tarantino with Mrs. Leggiero.



Past and present Council Boatswains!



The Lieberman Family!

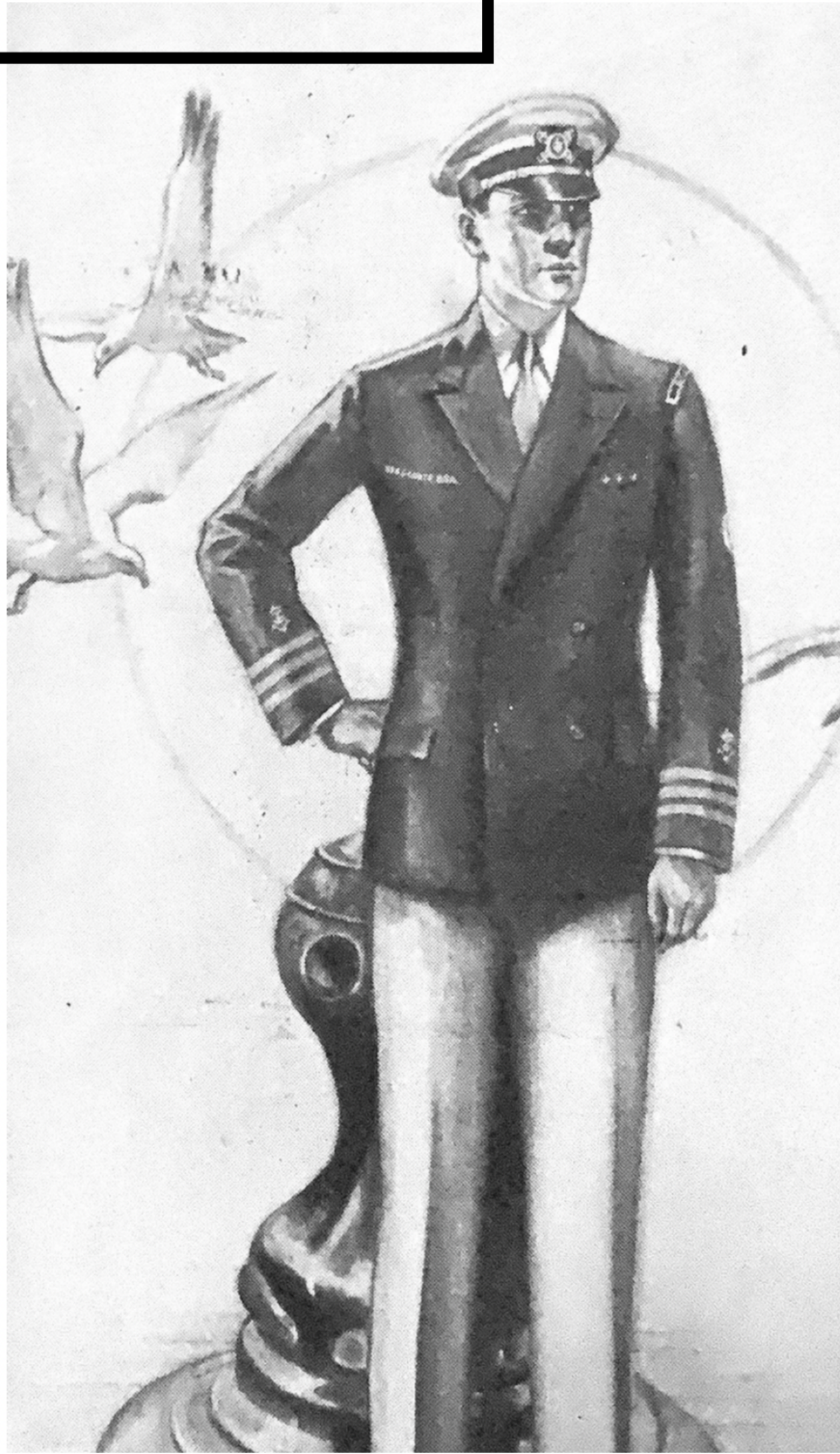
THE SKIPPER

By Como, Thomas Kean

Thomas J. Kean

The objectives of Sea Scouting can be assured only when the Skipper of the Sea Scout Ship or Patrol is a man qualified to lead young men. The Skipper's vision must be such that he can look beyond immediate efforts to see their ultimate results. Only in this way can he appraise the value of his present efforts in terms of future accomplishments.

The Skipper must have enthusiasm to overcome those difficulties and discouragements that always arise in any leadership position. And finally, the Skipper must have the ability to do the job; to get men to work with him and to follow him; and to bind them all together in a loyalty that brings out the true spirit of Sea Scouting.



**"LIFE WITHOUT ADVENTURE
WOULD BE DEADLY DULL."
-LORD BADEN POWELL**



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The Signal was founded in 2015 under Commodore Jean M. Tarantino as a place where the voice of the NNJC Sea Scouts could be heard. It has since become a place where Sea Scouts from all over the world can share their experiences with each other. If you or your Ship is interested in submitting an article regardless of your council affiliation email freedomssquadron.nnjc@gmail.com