



PETTY OFFICER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY WELCOME LETTER

Welcome to POLA training to be held at Red Horse Air National Guard Base in Port Clinton, Ohio from Wednesday, December 26, 2018 through Wednesday, January 3, 2019. Due to the timing of this training, it may run over into a school day. An educational day document will be issued to each cadet to submit to their school so they will not be counted as absent for that day.

Your training time will be spent studying and learning to be an effective leader and mentor. You can be assured that you will not be taught solely by PowerPoint. My training is very interactive because as a leader, you have to know how to deal with a variety of people and situations.

Your sea bag list can be found on the same web page as this letter. It also includes any additional information you may require for this training.

A few check-in points:

1. All cadets **MUST** have regulation haircuts upon arrival. Make sure you have your USNSCC ID and service record readily available upon check-in.
2. You will arrive in NWUs unless traveling by plane. There is a place to change into your NWUs. You will be assisting with the check-in process, so uniforms are required.
3. **NO CELL PHONES!!!** The only exception is if you are traveling by plane.

Graduation is January 2nd. It is always a nice, short ceremony. All family are encouraged to attend.

You **MUST** know your 11 General Orders, Rates and Ranks, Sailors' Creed, and Anchors Away.

I expect **ALL** the POLA cadets to act as leaders and set a good example in everything they do. The other training schools are watching you for guidance. We will be working with RTC and I expect no less than stellar behavior when we are with them.

A word of warning... If you feel you are above the rules of the USNSCC and act on it during this training, you will be held accountable. This command has no problem sending cadets to Captain's Mast and possibly sending them home, even on graduation day. I hope we can focus on our training and not misconduct.

I feel each cadet will gain knowledge and confidence as a leader from this training. I look forward to the opportunity to assist in your leadership growth and taking these steps toward Petty Officer.

Respectfully,

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