

MAY 2011 NEWSLETTER FROM THE XO LTjg O'BRIEN

This drill weekend will be action-packed. We will start Sunday morning with PT/PRT. Following a shift into utilities we will be visiting the American Airlines hangar for a tour. Sunday afternoon will be spent preparing for the Alton Memorial Day Parade. Following parade rehearsal the veteran cadets will help the new cadets to get ready for Sea Cadet Recruit Training (Boot Camp), and League Cadet Orientation (League Cadet Boot Camp). Remember that the BMR must be completed prior to attending Boot Camp. It should be turned in at Muster on Sunday morning or mailed to LT Stecker.

All Sea and League cadets attending Boot Camp must bring to drill a copy of the Sea Bag list that is on the Central Iowa Division website. Bring with you to drill all items listed on the Sea Bag List. Also bring a black laundry marker, and several (10) zip lock bags large enough to hold your personal items (not sandwich bags!!!). Cadets attending Boot Camp will be instructed in how to label their belongings, fold their uniform items, and pack a Sea Bag.

Monday we will meet at the Walgreen's in Alton, IL. at 0900 hrs. (9am). Parents bring chairs to sit in while viewing the parade. Directions to the parade will be provided at drill on Sunday. Following the parade we will have our annual unit picnic. All family members and friends are invited to attend the picnic. Bring your own food and beverages, and plan on relaxing. Directions will be provided to the parade. Cadets bring a change of clothes for the picnic. Also if you have any picnic type games that you enjoy playing please bring them along to the picnic.

I'm looking forward to a GREAT drill weekend!