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## US NAVAL SEA CADETS HAS ESTABLISHED THE 'NATIBU DIVISION' ON SAIPAN

The United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps (USNSCC) is pleased to announce that the "Natibu Division" of the CNMI has been established on Saipan and is open to all youth years 13 to 18 holding US citizenship or green card.

Natibu Division is now taking applications for prospective Cadets and hosting a seminars for Cadet Applicants and their families. Capacity is limited and future seminars may be schedule again to the near future.

Saturday, May 30, 2022, at 1 p.m. Chamorro Standard Time (CHST) Call Karen Buettner at 670-783-1367 to receive an application or to sign up for the seminar.

US Navy Sea Cadet Corps (USNSCC) is a federally chartered non-profit civilian youth training organization for youth ages 13 to 18. USNSCC is sponsored by the Navy League and supported by the US Navy and US Coast Guard. Sea Cadets can be described as a regimented a youth program similar to JROTC but with a focus on the merchant marine and sea going services.

Sea Cadets builds leaders of character! Goals of USNSCC are to develop interested in seamanship and sea-going skills, instill principles of good citizenship and strong moral character, demonstrate the value of substance free lifestyle and expose cadets to the prestige of a military or merchant marine career.

USNSCC was founded in 1959 by the Navy League at the request of the Department of the Navy following former Chief of Naval Operations Arleigh Burke's observations of the success of Sea Cadet programs in allied country's Navies. Sea Cadets was charted by Congress in 1962 and in 1974 Public Law was amended to accommodate female participation.

Today there are nearly 400 units around the country and territories including Guam, Puerto Rico and Saipan serving nearly 8000 cadets. Sea Cadets are authorized to wear the Navy uniform appropriately marked with Sea Cadet insignia. They are taught to maintain discipline, military bearing, patriotism, courage, and self-reliance.

To apply directly to the Natibu Division log on to <a href="https://www.seacadets.org/join">https://www.seacadets.org/join</a> or call Commanding Officer Ray Alvarez 670-989-7266, Executive Officer Regino Celis 670-483-5674, Adult Leader Karen Buettner 670-783-1367 or Capt Michael Bache 670-789-1636.

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