



**U.S. NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS**  
**IWO JIMA (LHD7) DIVISION**  
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FROM: LTJG Frank Verna, NSCC  
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TO: Steve Wiggins, President  
Jeff Leibowitz, VP Youth Programs  
Palm Beach Council

RE: Short Fuse Request for Council Assistance

President Wiggins and Vice President Leibowitz;

As you are aware, our Sea Cadet unit has changed its name to the Iwo Jima (LHD7) Division in honor of the USS Iwo Jima LHD7, homeport Mayport Naval Station.

We just received notice that to commemorate this event, the CO and XO of the USS Iwo Jima have authorized a change of service ceremony aboard ship on Saturday, 08 Sept 2018 (exact time TBD). The ship is berthed for CMAV so our time and access is limited to this date only due to the ongoing maintenance and repairs. Please accept this as an invitation to any council members that may be able to attend the ceremony.

Our cadets will meet the Command Staff of the USS Iwo Jima and get an in-depth tour of the ship with the CMDMC and PAO. This will provide them with a history of the Wasp class amphibious assault ship and service record of the LHD7. IN addition, cadets will present letters of appreciation, plank certificates and a ceremonial paddle to the crew and command and have time to integrate with the sailors.

We will be renting two passenger vans and using two personal vehicles to transport our gear, cadets and staff. I am attempting to arrange berthing at the Navy Gateway on base for one night. Our cadets will be paying \$30 each to pay for meals over a two-day period. Cost of van rentals, not including fuel, is \$700 and berthing will be about \$500.

We are requesting assistance from the Council members to assist with travel and berthing costs in the amount of \$1200.00. Can you please present this to the council members on our behalf?

Please contact me directly should you have the need for any additional information.

Respectfully/

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