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July 14, 2018 Life-Saving Efforts by local Maritime Eagles Sea Cadet

Local Sea Cadet Awarded Meritorious Recognition Ribbon For Life-Saving Efforts

On July 14, 2018, during a combined training at the FAA Ground School in Norfolk, Virginia, cadets from the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Civil Air Patrol and Airforce JROTC were on much needed R & R at Virginia Beach after a long week of classes. The training contingent entered the beach area at Atlantic Avenue and 20th Street access point. The cadets were allowed to go along the beach and were instructed to not go in the water over their waist as "rip-tide" warnings were in the news for the area.

At near 1545 hours, some of the cadets were in the water and witnessed a middle-aged female in the water screaming for help; USNSCC Maritime Eagles Sea Cadet Anthony Hall along with several other cadets swam toward the victim without regard for their own safety while others went for the on-duty lifeguard to get assistance. At the shoreline, it took the effort of all the cadets to save this woman from the "rip-tide" and drag her out of the water with the assistance of local life-guards and to bring their shipmates to safety, as they were exhausted from the rescue of the victim.

The victim was alone and without these young men and women witnessing the traumatic event, she may have drowned. They did not think of their own fate as they entered the deeper water to save this woman. They were approximately 30-40 feet from the shore when this rescue was attempted. The COTC of the training evolution was Judge Robert T.S. Colby, a retired Army Brigadier General.

All cadets involved in the life-saving incident have been recommended for commendation. Cadet Hall has been awarded the Meritorious Recognition Ribbon which is given to a Cadet who distinguishes him or herself by humanitarian action or exceptionally meritorious service to the NSCC or NLCC in a position of responsibility.

Seaman E-3 Cadet Hayden Hall has been with the USNSCC since October 2014 and since has been promoted to the rank of Petty Officer Third Class; Cadet Hall is under the leadership of Ensign Tina Cohen, Auxilliary (and parent of Hall) Jacqui Spellman and under the Command of LTJG Dennis Turner. The USNSCC Maritime Eagles Division is headquartered out of Manatee School for the Arts, Palmetto, FL. More information is available at www.maritimeeagles.org. USNSCC is a national youth leadership development organization that promotes interest and skill in naval disciplines while instilling strong moral character and life skills through leadership and technical programs modeled after the Navy's professional development system.

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