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U. S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Alamo Battalion  
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## USNCC Alamo Battalion Earns National Recognition

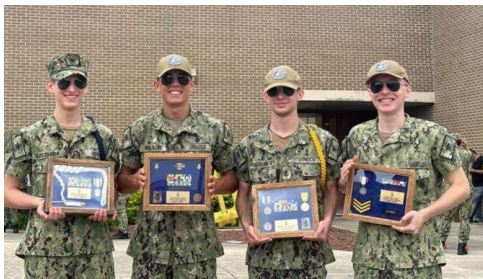
The Alamo Battalion was awarded the 2022 John J. Bergen Award for the 2022 calendar year. This national award recognizes the top United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps with the Alamo Battalion ranked twelfth in the nation and the number one battalion in the region. The award is based on the annual inspection score. The Alamo Battalion also received the 2022 Chairman's Award for recruiting and retention.



**Cadet Szczerba:** "Being in the Sea Cadets has taught me a lot about life. The big life lesson I learned is that if you don't have goals then nothing is going to be done. You need to be determined to get things done, and as you complete those tasks in the way of your goal you'll find more and more motivation to reach your goals."

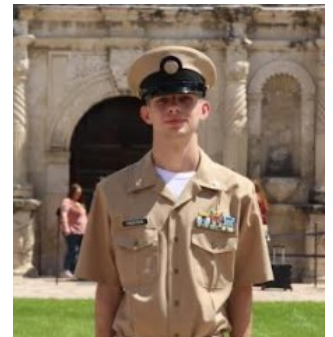
## 100% Appointments to US Military Academy

Since 2019 all Alamo Battalion Sea Cadets who have applied to a U. S. military academy have received an appointment. They are: Paul Conroy: Class of 2024 at West Point Military Academy; Gant Bartuska: Class of 2025 at the United States Naval Academy; Isaac Arredondo: Class of 2026 at the US Merchant Marine Academy (He has disenrolled for other opportunities); Seth Allen: Class 2026 at the United States Air Force Academy; Maddox Thompson: Class of 2027 United States Air Force Academy; and Elly Yielding: Class of 2028 United States Coast Guard Academy (one year prep school).



## Graduating High School Seniors Class of 2023

**Chief Petty Officer Tannon Wilson** (7 years Sea Cadet service) has plans on joining the US Navy as a SEAL.; **Chief Petty Officer Wesley Frederick** (4 years Sea Cadet service) is a student at Trinity College in pursuit of becoming an officer in the Navy Chaplain Corps. Chief Frederick received the NSCC Board of Directors Scholarship. (Pictured at right);



**Petty Officer Third Class Tristian Szczerba** (5 years Sea Cadet service) is completing Emergency Medical Technician training and considering enlistment in the United States Coast Guard.; **Seaman Zachary Lopez** (2 years of Sea Cadet Service) received a full scholarship to Abilene Christian University.; and **Seaman Elly Yielding** (2 years of Sea Cadet service) has received an appointment to the US Coast Guard Academy following prep school. (Pictured at left)



Group Photo (left to right): Cadets Szczerba, Wilson, Frederick, and Lopez

**Cadet Wilson:** "My time in the Sea Cadets was a transformative experience. It was there I learned the crucial steps to greatness from some truly great people. True greatness cannot be measured in singularity, but rather in the collaborative impact of individuals united in purpose. If you can't claim that, then you can't claim greatness. Therefore, as I venture out in search of that truth, the thing I realize I'll miss the most is having to leave behind those friends and mentors who put me on the path."

**Drill Weekend Spotlight:** The USNSCC Alamo Battalion spent a May weekend with Coast Station Galveston and Air Station Houston. Cadets toured USCG ships and the Station for Search and Rescue Operations. The Cadets experienced handling lines and operating pumps and damage control equipment. SST Advancement in Houston hosted Alamo Battalion for the evening.