

2023 NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE XE-NZL

Dates: Dates for the exchange are Wednesday, 16 August 2023 through Sunday, 27 August 2023. Due to crossing the international date line, the actual date of travel to New Zealand is Tuesday, 15 August 2023.

General: The USNSCC is authorized to send 4 cadets (male or female) and two adult volunteers. Cadets and escort officers from the United States and Australia have been invited to participate in this exchange.

Qualifications:

- Must be at least 16 by 1 July 2023
- Must not turn 18 before the end of training, 27 August 2023
- Must be PO3 or above
- Must not have previously participated in this exchange
- Recommended by Unit Commanding Officer
- Be in good physical condition

Training/Activities: The program includes a mix of military and “off-duty” activities for cadets. Anticipated military and regional activities include ship visits and tours, bridge simulator visit, tours of regional NZ bases, city visits and tours. This year’s exchange will include:

Auckland - Powhiri, a visit to a NZ Navy Museum, a visit to Fire Training School, a visit to sinking ship; Navy RHIB ride on Auckland harbor, a visit to downtown Auckland

Matamata - Visit to Hobbiton (From *The Hobbit*)

Waiouru - Waiouru Military Museum, tour of a NZ Army base, a visit to WWII vehicles, a visit to electronic weapons unit including an organized shoot

Ohakea - Tour of a NZ Air Force base, a visit to a fire station, NH90 familiarization flight, and other base activities

Trentham - Tour of a NZ Army base, a visit to Weta Studios (*Lord of the Rings*), visit to a maritime museum, a visit to Te Papa, downtown Wellington shopping

Other Notes:

- Because New Zealand is in the Southern Hemisphere, they will be experiencing the winter season during the exchange, with average daytime temperatures ~ 50oF.
- Currency in New Zealand is in New Zealand Dollars (NZD).