



Command Spouse Leadership Course

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Mission

To promote a team building approach to Command by recognizing, inspiring and educating the Commanding Officers' spouses so they realize the positive impact they can have on the morale and success of the Command.

Introduction

The Command Spouse Leadership Course (CSLC) is an intense one-week, accredited, executive level course (equal to 1 semester of college credit) for spouses of Commanding Officers en route to their first command. The spouse course runs in conjunction with the Command Leadership Course conducted in Newport, RI. Spouses attend the course on official Navy orders. CSLC was conceived by Senior Navy Spouses and has been supported by Naval Services FamilyLine (NSF) since inception. Today, volunteers from NSF provide continuing spouse involvement for the direction and guidance of the course through a CSLC Steering Committee of 14 post-command spouses from all over the world. The Steering Committee also locates and provides mentors that travel to Newport as well. Their involvement helps the course remain aligned with current fleet issues and reflects the perspectives and challenges of command spouse leadership.

The CSLC provides spouses of soon-to-be Commanding Officers with an in-depth program that enriches their knowledge of the choices and contributions they may make as the CO's spouse. Based on personal values and preferences, each spouse develops a personal vision statement and, together with the prospective Commanding Officer, develops a Command Tour Charter that is in alignment with each of their personal visions. Additionally, the CSLC provides spouses with an awareness of leadership and management skills that can enhance positive contributions to the family, Command and community environments. The course deals with some issues likely to arise in connection with command responsibilities and provides ideas on ways to maintain communication links among the Command, families, community, and service providers.

If you would like more information about the CSLC, please contact a member of the Steering Committee or visit our website at <https://www.netc.navy.mil/centers/cppd/clc/Spouse.aspx>.



Sample Schedule

Monday

Updated Schedule for CSLC 2013
CLS Director Greeting: Joint Session with PCOs, CMC/COBs and spouses
Course Introduction
Command Support Team
Team Building: Joint Session with CMC/COB spouses
Chief of Naval Personnel Welcome: Joint Session with CMC/COB spouses
Mentor Session
Lunch
Social Media for Navy Families: Joint Session with CMC/COB spouses
Personal Vision: Joint Session with PCOs
Command Tour Charter
Team Building ... an evening of fun at The Officers' Club!

Tuesday

Mentor Session/Person Visions
Values and Ethics
Group Dynamics: Joint Session with CMC/COB spouses
Navy Organization
Working lunch for couples
Post Command Couple
Navy Enlisted Personnel
MBTI: Joint Session with uniformed personnel and CMC/COB spouses

Wednesday

Ombudsman Program: Joint Session with uniformed personnel and CMC/COB spouses
Command Tour Charter Discussion
Situational Leadership: Joint Session with CMC/COB spouses
Personal and Operational Stress Management: Joint Session with CMC/COB spouses
Working lunch for couples
Total Force: Joint Session with CMC/COB spouses
Individual Augmentee Family Support: Joint Session with CMC/COB spouses
Personal Visions Communicated
Navy Heritage, Customs, Honors, Traditions and Ceremonies
Team Building or Mentor Session

Thursday

Command Support for The Navy Family FRG Briefing: Joint Session with uniformed personnel and CMC/COB spouses
Ombudsman Program and Command Support for the Navy Family Case Studies: Joint Session with uniformed personnel and CMC/COB spouses
Communication Strategies: Joint Session with CMC/COB spouses
Navy Family Resources
Working Lunch with Mentors
Communication within the Command: Joint Session with CMC/COB spouses

Crisis Management: Joint Session with CMC/COB spouses
Lobster Night at The O'Club

Friday

Command Environments/Mentor Session
Conflict Resolution: Joint Session with CMC/COB spouses
Crisis Case Study: Joint Session with CMC/COB spouses
Wrap Up, Review and Feedback
Working Lunch/Command Tour
Charter/Presentations/Graduation



The following are quotes from past students.

"I thought having a diverse class of students from different Navy communities was inspiring and educational."

"We are going to a large ship and I have had a great deal of fear. Now I have some new tools to use and I'm excited instead of dreading it."

"Thank you so much for an incredible week of knowledge, tools and camaraderie. It is something I feel I will take with me and use the rest of my life."

"I learned so much that will help with our squadron and life in general. I feel so much more confident."

