NEW CANAAN MOUNTED TROOP

TROOP SCOOP

WINTER 2014 EDITION

75th ANNUAL DECEMBER REVIEW CEREMONY

New Canaan Mounted Troop held the 75th Annual December Review Ceremony and Horse Show on Sunday December 14, 2014. This event marks the mid-point of the Cadet Program year, when Troopers of all ranks are recognized for their achievements in horsemanship and equine care. The ceremony presented Promotions, Honor Bars, Equine Care High Point Horsemanship Awards, Troopers of the Half Year, and Horse of the Half Year.

Appearing in *The New York Times*, Cadet Major Margot Tucker assists Nate Broll with Hocus. Photo by Michael Falco for *The New York Times*.

INDUCTEES

Greer Anderson
Leena Aronson
Maeve Baker
Dylan Bazaar
Mia Cappelli
Olivia Collot
Jaiden Gibson
Hannah Gunn
Annie Harrigan
Katie Holmes
Harper Judelson
Elizabeth Lavin
Isabella Madrid
Maddie Malone
Daisy Marasciullo
Bryn Olafsson
Ella Olafsson
Kate Papadatos
Alexis Rodgers
Emily Rodgers
Hannah Rutherford
Maggie Ruvinsky
Meredith Saba
Cece Salvatore
Natalie Schlesinger
Elena Uttley
Helen Whitney

The Cadet Pledge

I pledge myself to be kind to animals
To be a sportsperson, win or lose
To be courteous and obedient to my officers
To work and play with other cadets
As I would have them work and play with me
To hold honor, truth, and courage in high regard.

The Cadet Maxim

It is never the fault of the horse when something goes wrong; it is always the fault of the rider. When you improve your own skill , you will be able to ride and care for every horse successfully.

PROMOTIONS

Cadets proceed through the ranks of Cadet, Corporal, Sergeant, Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, and Captain, headed by the Cadet Major. Promotions are given based on evidence of leadership, work ethic, and overall commitment to NCMT.

To Corporal

Kate Barnard
Nate Broll
Maya Coniglio
Lauren Goll
Savannah Haims
Laura Haley
Caroline Lagarde
Katie LeBaron
Tessa Markham
Fiona Mueller
Victoria Novothny
Aliana Rivas
Holly Silva
Isabella Speranza
Mary Grace Thomas
Sarah Volpitta
Cassie Warren
Paige Zamsky

To Sergeant

Sarah Kate Alford
Karey Balkind
Taylor Corbett
Elizabeth Dedon
Libby Hinshaw
Ellie Lyon
Brynn McClymont
Brooke McEntire
Katherine Sloan
Fionn Tierney

To Second Lieutenant

Isabelle Broll
Katherine Kenneally
Elizabeth Kenneally
Camryn Sung
Ellie Turner

To First Lieutenant

Emily Oh

To Captain

Isabelle Johnsen

HONOR BAR RECIPIENTS

NCMT confers honor bars to recognize members of the corps who have shown themselves to be outstanding in qualities which NCMT considers to be important.

COURTEOUSNESS AND SOLDIERLY APPEARANCE

Awarded to cadets who have shown themselves to be the most courteous to both officers and fellow cadets, whose appearance has been consistently neat and trim, and who have proven to be good role models to fellow cadets.

Alessandra Andrade, Maeve Baker, Sophie Broll, Olivia Collot, Hannah Gunn, Annie Harrigan, Kaitlin Karr, Caroline Lagarde, Maddie Malone, Daisy Marasciullo, Tessa Markham, Kate Murphy, Bryn Olafsson, Julianne Reilly, Meredith Saba, Cece Salvatore, Natalie Schlesinger, Annika Srivastava, Elena Uttley, Helen Whitney

SPORTSMANSHIP

Given to cadets who have shown themselves to be good sports, win or lose, who can take a fall without blaming their mount, who can accept the assignment of a horse they do not find especially agreeable without complaining, and who show that when the going gets tough, they carry on with good spirit.

Kelsey Allen, Kate Barnard, Riley Bazaar, Emma Cody, Jaiden Gibson, Laura Haley, Christopher Joyce, Isabella Madrid, Brynn McClymont, Mollie McMullan, Kate Papadatos, Emily Rodgers, Holly Silva, Isabella Speranza, Fionn Tierney, Hanna Vossler

EFFORT AND IMPROVEMENT

Recognizes cadets who have tried to improve by recognizing their own weaknesses and refusing to give in to them. Improvement in horsemanship, sportsmanship, general attitude and willingness to accept responsibility are all taken into consideration.

Leena Aronson, Dylan Bazaar, Nate Broll, Mia Cappelli, Maya Coniglio, Daisy Fichthorn, Savannah Haims, Lauren Hanny, Katie Holmes, Elizabeth Lavin, Brooke McEntire, Devin McLean, Victoria Novothny, Aliana Rivas, Annelie Salvi, Katherine Sloan, Camryn Sung, Ellie Turner, Cassie Warren

STABLE EFFICIENCY

Given to cadets who have shown themselves to be efficient and hardworking in the barn. At their levels, these cadets have demonstrated outstanding achievements in organization and self-discipline while carrying out their stable responsibilities and caring for their horses.

Sarah Kate Alford, Greer Anderson, Bella Andrade, Madissen Bernstein, Isabelle Broll, Brooke Dirvin, Elizabeth Farrell, Lauren Goll, Isabelle Johnsen, Harper Judelson, Elizabeth Kenneally, Katie LeBaron, Ellie Lyon, Riley Meyer, Conal Mueller, Ella Olafsson, Alexis Rodgers, Hannah Rutherford, Maggie Ruvinsky, Mary Grace Thomas

TROOP SPIRIT

Awarded to cadets who have truly demonstrated their commitment by putting the good of the Troop above their own personal desires.

Karey Balkind, Amanda Bauersfeld, Taylor Corbett, Elizabeth Dedon, Alexi Goodman, Libby Hinshaw, Katherine Kenneally, Fiona Mueller, Emily Oh, Megan Rigione, Hayley Sayewitz, Georgia Stewart, Margot Tucker, Paige Zamsky

EQUINE CARE HIGH POINT HORSEMANSHIP AWARD

The NCMT mission is to build leadership, responsibility and confidence in youth through sound horsemanship. Each week, cadets attend equine care lectures and have the opportunity to use the skills they are taught during the barn day as well as their riding day. Each semester, cadets have the opportunity to participate in a challenge to demonstrate their knowledge by taking the Equine Care High Point Horsemanship Examination. The cadet in each rank who scores highest on the test earns the championship sash.

Inductee	Elizabeth Lavin
Cadet	Isabella Speranza
Corporal	Brynn McClymont
Sergeant	Elizabeth Kenneally and Katherine Kenneally
Second Lieutenant	Georgia Stewart
First Lieutenant	Conal Mueller
Captain	Kelsey Allen

TROOPERS OF THE HALF YEAR

LESSON OF THE HALF YEAR: THURSDAY 3:45

Lesson of the Half Year is awarded to the lesson group that, over the course of the semester, has done the best job caring for their horses, equipment, and barn, both before and after their lessons. This group exemplifies all the values at Troop of horsemanship, sportsmanship, and responsibility. This semester, we recognize **Savannah Haims and Camryn Sung** for their outstanding achievements!

BARN DAY OF THE HALF YEAR : FRIDAY FIRST SHIFT and FRIDAY SECOND SHIFT

Barn Day of the Half Year goes to those cadets who have demonstrated commitment to their chores and exhibited sportsmanship and teamwork in order to get the job done. This semester, both the first and second shifts on Fridays are being recognized for their cooperation and Troop spirit! Congratulations to:

First shift Maddie Bernstein. Hanna Vossler, Katherine Kenneally, Camryn Sung, Tessa Markham, Nate Broll. Victoria Novothny, Cece Salvatore, and Maeve Baker

Second shift Amanda Bauersfeld, Karey Balkind, Emma Cody, Holly Silva, Alexis Rodgers, Sarah Kate Alford, and Taylor Peck

HORSE OF THE HALF YEAR

Sandy

At each of our review ceremonies, in addition to the cadets, we honor one horse or pony who has been outstanding for the semester. This year's Horse of the Half Year is SANDY. Born in 2006, Sandy is a Halflinger mare who stands at just under 14.2 hands. She came to NCMT almost three years ago from a Rhode Island "A" show trainer as an inexperienced but promising pony. She quickly became a favorite among our students. In the past year, she became the newest addition to our SuperTroopers therapeutic program. This past summer, Sandy proved to be an invaluable member of our team, participating in every show our students attended with patience and enthusiasm. Despite a summer of hard work, as many of our cadets know, Sandy was recently put on a new diet regimen to help her lose a little weight! We are grateful to Sandy for all that she teaches our students, and so we are happy to name her Pony of the Half Year!

HORSE SHOWS

An open show was held at NCMT on October 19th. A few Troop riders are pictured above. The annual NCMT December Review Horse Show was held on December 14th. First place ribbons were awarded by judge Dee Dee Wilbur to:

NCMT Medal	Elizabeth Kenneally
Children's Equitation Flat	Alexi Goodman and Annika Srivastava
Children's Equitation Fences	Julianne Reilly and Georgia Stewart
Short Stirrup Flat	Camryn Sung
Short Stirrup Fences	Hayley Sayewitz
Maiden Equitation Flat	Olivia Collot, Brynn McClymont, Fiona Mueller and Natalie Schlesinger
Walk-Trot Equitation	Greer Anderson, Emma Cody, Hannah Gunn, Katie Holmes, Isabella Madrid, Alexis Rodgers, Emily Rodgers, and Isabella Speranza

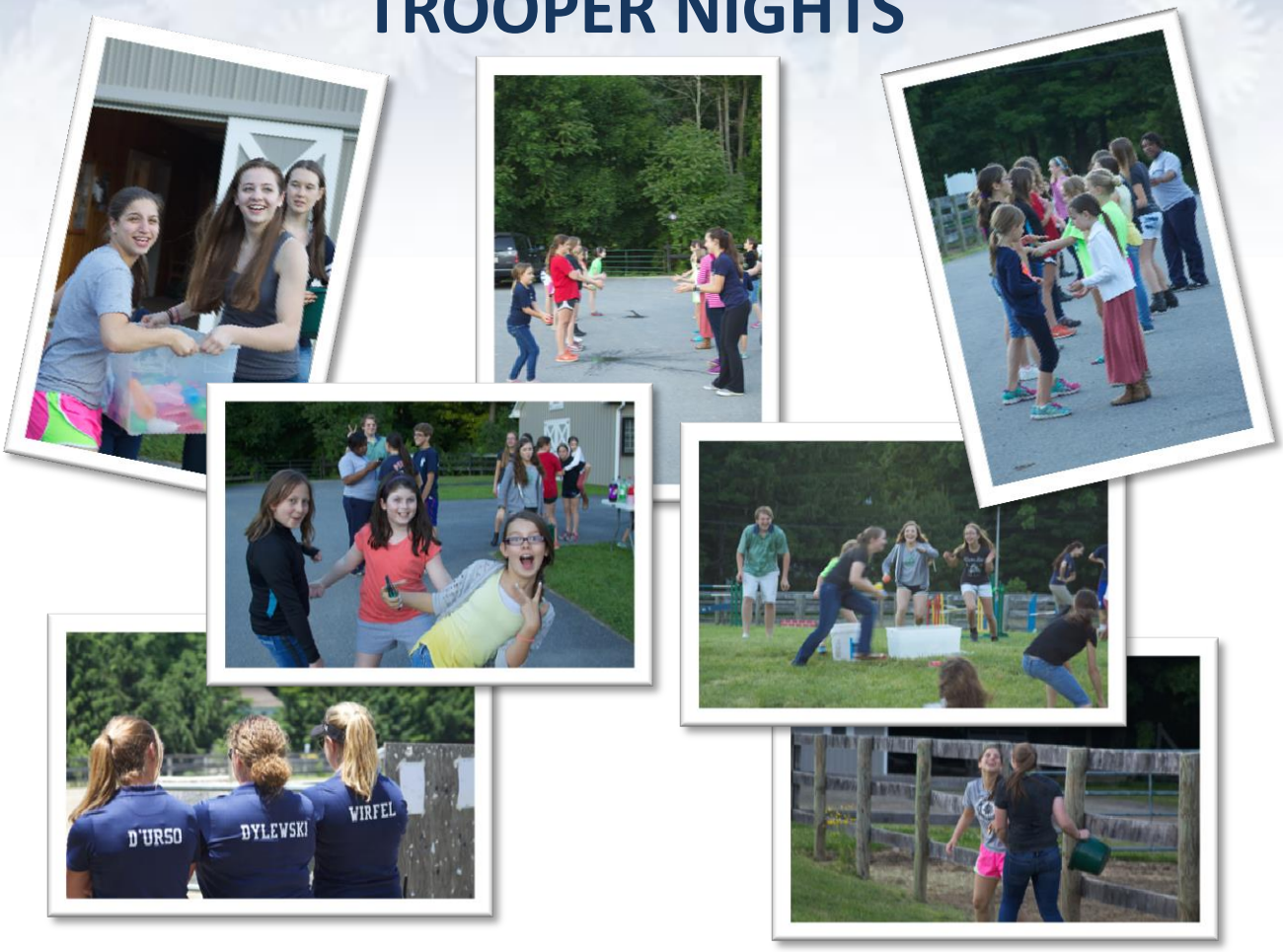
HALLOWEEN PARADE AND CARNIVAL

First Place	Jackson "Spaghetti and Meatballs" *Most Delicious*
Second Place	Blue "Superman" *Most Super Pony*
Third Place	C.J. "Secretariat" *Fastest*
Fourth Place	Madison "Hershey's Kiss" *Sweetest Kiss*
Fifth Place	Charlie "Charlie Brown and the Peanuts Gang" *Best Holiday Special*
Sixth Place	(tied) Cody "Pirate" and Hocus "Kyle from Despicable Me" *Best Sailor and Most Despicable*

HALLOWEEN PARADE AND CARNIVAL

A much anticipated fall tradition at NCMT is the Halloween Parade and Carnival, complete with costumes and plenty of fun activities. Here are some great shots from October 25th!

TROOPER NIGHTS



A Trooper Night always brings the promise of fun activities with friends. These events are held at NCMT throughout the program year. Here are some scenes from the Trooper Night on June 16th and from Elf Night December 15th.

HORSELESS HORSE SHOW

Among the favorite Troop activities, horseless horse shows are great fun for everyone!
Here are some scenes from September 20, 2014.

75TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER

Celebrating seventy-five years, on November 15, 2014 NCMT hosted a fundraiser at Waveny House with dinner, a charity auction, and dancing for the cadets. Troop families, alumni, friends, and supporters had a terrific time and raised funds to benefit programs and the maintenance of horses. New Canaan First Selectman Rob Mallozzi declared “New Canaan Mounted Troop Day” in honor of the milestone. The event also occasioned saying good-bye to Susan Weber, the Super Troopers head therapeutic riding instructor, who is moving to California and will be missed!

SUPER TROOPERS

THERAPEUTIC RIDING AND EQUINE CARE

NCMT Super Troopers enjoyed a very successful Fall Semester. With more participants than ever, TRP coordinator Caroleigh Evarts and head trainer Hannah Wirfel are incredibly proud of both students and volunteers, and are looking forward to the Spring Semester!

TROOP IN THE NEWS

NCMT has been featured in several publications recently, featuring articles about the Cadet Program, Super Troopers, and grants awarded, including the New York Times, Stamford Advocate, New Canaan News, New Canaan Darien Magazine, New Canaan Patch, New Canaan Advertiser, and Sidelines Magazine.

FEATURE SIDELINES SUCCESS

Marching On The New Canaan Mounted Troop

By Katie Navarra

Top: The Troop marching in 1980 New Canaan Memorial Day parade. Photo courtesy of Jan Wise

Bottom: Troop members participate in formal reviews and mounted drill routines. Photos courtesy of New Canaan Mounted Troop