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Sea Cadets install new commanding officer

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Lt. J.G. Clifford Borgstedt recently assumed command of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets, Katy Division at VFW Post 9182 in Katy.

Ensign Tom Cloud relinquished his command of the division in a ceremony steep in Navy tradition, patterned after the ceremony the U.S. Navy uses when a ship's commanding officer changes command to a new commanding officer.

Cloud, a geologist with Conoco Phillips, has been involved with the Sea Cadets since April, 2006 after being recruited by his son, Auston.

Cloud served as an instructor, operations officer, training officer and executive officer before becoming the commanding officer in May of 2008.

He will remain involved with the Sea Cadets working with Lt. Commander Gary Williamson in the Gulf Coast Region.

Borgstedt, a Tomball resident, is a law enforcement officer.

He has been involved with the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps for six years and served as the supply officer, and personnel/training officer in the Houston Division of the Sea Cadets before assuming command of the Katy Division.

"My son was a Sea Cadet and is now active duty in the Navy," Borgstedt said. "His experience in the Sea Cadets has served him well in the Navy."

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps is a national organization teaching leadership skills and teamwork for youth 11-18 years old interested in learning about the U.S. Navy and the military way of life. While no military commitment is required, many U.S. Naval Sea Cadets eventually join the armed forces.

The Katy Division Sea Cadets are active in community service projects such as the Houston Rodeo Run and assisting Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9182 in Katy. They have also helped restore the U.S.S. Battleship Texas, volunteered with local ambulance and fire fighting organizations, learned how to scuba dive and have flown experimental aircraft. The Katy Division Sea Cadets are sponsored by VFW Post 9182 in Katy.

For more information, contact Borgstedt at katusnsc@hotmail.com or visit its Web site at www.katyseacadets.org.



Ensign Tom Cloud (left) and Lt. J.G. Clifford Borgstedt show off their commemorative cake at their change of command ceremony at VFW Post 9182 in Katy.