

Association of Naval Soldiers' Homes in Finland

Association of Naval Soldiers' Homes in Finland is an organization of voluntary women – Green Sisters – dedicated to see that the conscripts and voluntary women in naval service as well as the reservists while practising find their barracks satisfying and the motivation to serve high. The number of sisters in Finland for the coastal troops is round 300 running three daily working cantinas with additional two camp stations and two cabinets on board recruiting round 30 people. The organization founded in 1918 was based originally on a German idea, which the Finnish Jaegers introduced to a number of ladies who wanted to participate in the building of the newly established independent Finnish state and to subsidize her army.

It is not only about refreshments like coffee and sweet bread for the conscripts but also about possibilities for the sisters to develop their personal abilities in unexpected circumstances, and to be informed of the defending strategy. The Soldiers' Home organization is exclusively responsible of the cantina services in the command of the defence forces during mobilization or large scale disaster. The leading values like voluntariness, know how, self-development, trustiness, and positive mind are needed to keep the joint sisterhood busy for funding various needs – television sets, games, computers, books, newspapers or a smiling personnel for 7 days a week.

Seven local branches offer their members a rich field of activities both on ground and at sea.

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