

# THE CADET CONNECTION



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## STRENGTH

**Current Unit Strength:** 19  
**Projected Losses:** 0/ **Projected Gains:** 1  
**Projected Unit Strength:** 19

## DRILL

### Saturday 26 February

UNIFORM – ACU's w Patrol Cap  
 0730-0800 Leaders

<b>0800-0815 ALL</b>	<b>First Formation</b>
0815-1200 ALL	Map Reading, Land Nav, Winter Ops
1200-1300 ALL	Lunch Chow (MRE)
1300-1500 ALL	Land Navigation Practical
1500-1700 ALL	Winter Operations
1700-1800 ALL	Dinner Chow (Hot)
1800-2000 ALL	D&C, Formations
2000-2100 ALL	Voice Communications
2100-2145 ALL	Review
2145-2200 ALL	Personal Hygiene
2200-UTC ALL	Lights Out/Fire Guard

### SUNDAY 30 January

0600-0615 ALL	Wake up/Personal Hygiene
0615-0700 ALL	PT
0700-0800 ALL	Breakfast Chow
0800-1000 ALL	Promotion Testing/Boards
1000-1045 ALL	AAR
1045-1145 ALL	Clean Up
<b>1145-1200 ALL</b>	<b>Final Formation</b>

## FUTURE EVENT/DRILL DATES

19-20 MAR – Drill, Home Station (Appleton)  
 25 MAR – Event, Appleton Memorial Day Parade, Marching  
 23 APR – Drill, Home Station (Appleton)  
 20-22 MAY – Event, Fort McCoy Armed Forces Day  
 11 JUN – Event, Appleton Flag Day Parade, Security, Marching  
 TBA JUN – Schools, Basic Cadet Training, Cadet Leader Course, ECT  
 24-31 JUL – Fundraiser, EAA Airventure Parking

## FAQ

**Q:** Is there any way I as a parent can help the Wisconsin Army Cadets?

**A:** Yes! Parents interested in helping the organization can do so in many ways. First you can become active in the parent committee to assist when needed. The parent committee is holding meeting quarterly and has many ways to assist the organization. You could also assist the Wisconsin Army Cadet by becoming an officer in the organization. We are looking for individuals particularly with military experience to become officers and assist in a few positions we currently do not have staff for. Please contact 1LT

## FAQ

Jonathan Winker if you are interested in becoming and Officer with the Wisconsin Army Cadets.

**Q:** Is there any way as a cadet I can become more involved in the Wisconsin Army Cadets?

**A:** Yes! The Wisconsin Army Cadets are looking to fill various cadet NCO positions in the organization please let your line leaders know you are interested and what you would like to do. You will then be trained in the position and given responsibilities beyond your normal duties for drill.

Have a question please send it to [jonathan.winker@gocadets.org](mailto:jonathan.winker@gocadets.org)

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Hello Strykers! Are you ready for winter to be over yet? I know I am ready, I have been enjoying the weather. The focus for this month's training is winter operations, map reading and land navigation. We will also be conducting promotion testing and promotion boards. Please prepare accordingly. Plan on a run for PT on Sunday morning if the weather cooperates. As I have told a few of you already, doing PT with us once a month will not get you in shape to pass an Army Physical Fitness Test, which is needed to be promoted. Take the activities you learn at drill and make time to do PT on your own. Make it fun drag your brother, sister or parents along! With the warmer weather it is much easier to do some physical activity. Plan on having a record PT test in March, remember if you do not pass you will not get promoted. The training schedule for the year has been completed and we have some awesome stuff planned. We have the EST 2000 rifle simulator, tactical shoot house, FTX's, schools, parades, fundraisers and a few other things that you sure will enjoy. I wanted to touch base on recruiting again. I know you hear me talking about it all the time but I want to get more youth involved in the Wisconsin Army Cadets. I know you have friends that are interested, bring them in! Every regular drill at 1:00pm on Saturday I welcome anyone to stop in and see what we do. I cannot stress enough how much more you will gain by having more youth involved in the organization. Parents you are not left out on this either talk to co-workers and friends see if their kids are interested. Speaking of parents I want to

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introduce our parent committee. The parent committee will meet once a quarter to discuss whatever comes up. More info can be found in the "Parent Committee" section of the newsletter. I am looking forward to another safe and productive drill.

**S1 - PERSONNEL** – OC Kohler, Andrew  
 Email: N/A

Cadets, we still have deficiencies in your records. I know this stuff seems tedious but we need to get it done. The sooner it is taken care of the sooner you can stop worrying about it. Please bring in these documents as requested to get your records up to date. Some of these documents may look very familiar because they are. These forms are our new organization applications and will need to be done annually. They are vital because they ensure you are covered in the case of an accident or emergency.

**S3 – OPERATION/TRAINING** – OC Thor Preito  
 Email: N/A

We have a good deal of training tasks to accomplish this month. We will be concentrating on winter operations which include things like arctic survival, shelter building and cold weather first aid skills. Cadets will also be instructed on land navigation and map reading. I know many know how to perform these skills already but the thing about map reading and land navigation is if you don't do it often you tend to lose the skills. So for you senior cadets we will brush off the dust and for the new guys you will be learning much! We will also get some hands on communication training this month. Everyone will get the chance to use our new radios. We are going to go over how to correctly perform PT, first and final formations. We will come up with our unit SOP for these formations to include what we will say and other traditions that will be used for unit in regards to these formations. We are going to also practice some drill and ceremony skills, giving some senior cadets some hands on experience to conduct D&C. Parade season is coming up, we are participating in the Appleton Memorial Day Parade and Flag Day parade again this year. If you want to look sharp, I know you do, we need to practice these skills. We will also introduce cadences! Lastly we will be performing promotion testing for all eligible cadets and well as promotion boards for cadets looking to be promoted to non-commissioned officer positions. This year is looking great for training we have some new stuff planned that we have not done in the past. I look forward to seeing everyone at drill! Enter to learn leave to lead!

**S4 - LOGISTICS** – OC Bryan Winker  
 Email: N/A

Uniforms for the new recruits are ordered and should be here for this drill this month. Make sure you have a haircut and are shaven for drill! New recruits will get a class on wear and appearance for the uniform. It is an honor to wear the uniform our service members wear and you need to abide but the regulations set forth in AR 670-1. A purchase of high end handheld radios was made for the unit. This was done to assist in communication for events like EAA and Quarry Quest as well and drills. I am still working on hand receipts for all and ensuring everyone has their organizational clothing and individual equipment (OCIE). This is the equipment everyone should have because it is required for you to function on drill weekend. I will be releasing a list of OCIE equipment so everyone knows what they are required to have. Also I will ensure everyone know what equipment is required to be turned back in. It is taking a bit of time to sort this all out. OCIE has changed from year to year and not everyone is on the same page this will get us back on track. Just a reminder if you lose/outgrow uniform items that are OCIE it is your responsibility to replace it. Your cadet renewal fees do not pay for these costs. You can talk to me for more information on how to replace equipment or where to purchase. Lastly Cadet Jensen has volunteered to become the S4 NCO. Soon cadets can direct logistic questions to Cadet Jensen. Cadet Jensen will receive training in regards to the position and will soon take the responsibly of the S4 NCO.

**RECRUTING AND RETENTION** – Vacant  
 Email: N/A

We need your help! The best resource we have for getting new cadets involved in our program is word of mouth. If you have any friends interested in the Wisconsin Army Cadets get them in contact with us. You know how great this program is, let your friends share this experience with you. Don't let your friends sit at home playing Call of Duty when they can be getting the experience of a lifetime with the Wisconsin Army Cadets! They may not be interested in the joining the military but are they interested in having a great time and getting a chance to ride in a Blackhawk helicopter or participate in a high adventure Field Training Exercise. Talk to your friends and get them involved!

We are looking for leads for recruiting. Please bring contact information for anyone interested in joining the Wisconsin Army Cadets to the first line leaders. Also we are looking for volunteers to help with school visits please contact 1LT Jonathan Winker is you are interested in visiting schools to assist with recruiting new cadets into the organization.

If you do not already know about our webpage...

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Email: N/A

[www.gocadets.org](http://www.gocadets.org) please take a look at it. It is currently being worked on but will soon display the most current and up to date information in regards to the Wisconsin Army Cadets. We also have a Facebook page and Twitter account. We can be found at [www.facebook.com/WIARC](http://www.facebook.com/WIARC) and [www.twitter.com/WIARC](http://www.twitter.com/WIARC)! These pages are for assisting in our recruiting efforts. Please “like” the page on Facebook if you already have not and follow us on Twitter if you have an account. Also share these pages with friends and family the more people we have on these pages the more presences we will have on the internet increasing the odds that we will find people interested in the organization.

**FINANCE – Tracy Blahnik**

Email: N/A

**Attention the following cadets are still missing fees for 2011:**

Cadet Casper, Cody  
 Cadet Weber, Justin  
 Cadet Jolly, Shane  
 Cadet McCrary, Grayson

If you fail to have enrollment fees turned in you will face an administrative suspension until they are paid. Please talk to me if you have questions or need assistance.

The enrollment fees and renewal fees are what allow the Wisconsin Army Cadets to provide meals, training, lodging and uniform for new recruits. A reminder the staffs of the Wisconsin Army Cadets are not paid in any way and if fact pays fees to be are part of the organization. Please ensure fees are paid in a timely manner to allow the organization to function smoothly.

**LOOKING FOR WRITERS!**

We are looking for content for The Cadet Connection and the [www.gocadets.org](http://www.gocadets.org) website. If you have any suggestions please provide them to [jonathan.winker@gocadets.org](mailto:jonathan.winker@gocadets.org). We would like to look at any content you think would be related to the Wisconsin Army Cadets, military careers or cadeting. Send your content to the email address above and we will review it. If it is approved you would see your work in the next issue of The Cadet Connection!

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**PARENT COMMITTEE – Missy Casper**Email: [melissa@paradimemedia.com](mailto:melissa@paradimemedia.com)

The parent committee is holding its first quarter meeting this month. An email went out to all parents we have contact information for a few weeks ago. If you did not receive an email and would like to keep informed on the happenings of the parent committee please send an email to Missy Casper at [melissa@paradimemedia.com](mailto:melissa@paradimemedia.com). The meeting will take place at the Appleton Armory at 11:00 AM on Sunday. It will only last about an hour, so you can bring your cadets home when it wraps up at noon. We plan to have a meet and greet for a few minutes, then we will talk about a few topics on the agenda such as meals and other ways parents can help the Wisconsin Army Cadets out. We also will have time for input from parents to express questions or concerns. I look forward to seeing all the parents at the meeting. I hope everyone can make it.

**EXPLORING**

This Section highlights information in the Exploring newsletter. We are a chartering organization with Learning for Life Explorers. They have many valuable resources available to youth. If you have questions regarding any information in this section contact 1LT Winker.

**Exploring Scholarship Opportunities Available! -**

For more information please visit

<http://exploring.learningforlife.org/services/resources/scholarships/>

**Youth Leadership Exploring Committee –**

UPDATE: The Youth leadership Exploring Committee Meeting needed to be rescheduled and the first meeting will be held Saturday, March 5th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Lunch will be provided. Meeting location is going to be set once we know exactly which youth can attend- to accommodate driving distances. Youth know best what they would like to do for activities and what they think would be fun and useful to them. They would help to discuss ideas and plan Council activities for the Explorers. I would like your help in asking youth in your Post if they would be interested in being part of the Youth Leadership Exploring Committee. Please let me know if you have any youth interested. Thanks for your help



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