

THE CADET CONNECTION



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STRENGTH

Current Unit Strength: 17
Projected Losses: 0/ **Projected Gains:** 2
Projected Unit Strength: 19

DRILL

Saturday 29 January

UNIFORM – ACU's w Patrol Cap

0730-0800 Leaders	Leader's Meeting
0800-0815 ALL	First Formation
0815-1200 ALL	US Weapons
1200-1300 ALL	Lunch Chow
1300-1700 ALL	US Weapons
1700-1800 ALL	Dinner Chow
1800-2000 ALL	US Weapons
2000-2145 ALL	Knowledge Review/Board Process
2145-2200 ALL	Personal Hygiene
2200-UTC ALL	Lights Out

SUNDAY 30 January

0600-0615 ALL	Wake up/Personal Hygiene
0615-0700 ALL	PT
0700-0800 ALL	Breakfast Chow
0800-1000 ALL	CTT (Common Task Training)
1000-1045 ALL	AAR
1045-1145 ALL	Clean Up
1145-1200 ALL	Final Formation

FUTURE EVENT/DRILL DATES

26-27 FEB – Drill, Home Station (Appleton)
 19-20 MAR – Drill, Home Station (Appleton)
 25 MAR – Event, Appleton Memorial Day Parade, Marching
 22-23 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: I have outgrown my boots that I was issued how do I get a new pair?

A: Cadets are issued equipment as part of their initial issue when they are a recruit. If uniform items no longer fit or they are lost/damaged it is the cadets' responsibility to replace them at their own expense. Talk to the S4 Officer if you want to order items from the Wisconsin Army Cadets. Otherwise please find a military uniform retailer and purchase the items. If you want a list of items you are required to have please ask your first line leader for a clothing bag list

FAQ

Q: Do the hours I volunteer for the Wisconsin Army Cadets qualify for community service hours for my school?

A: Yes! If your school has a requirement to fulfill a set number of community service hours to graduate you can use time volunteered during our fundraiser events. Just bring your hour's sheet to your first line leader who will turn it in to be filled out and signed.

Have a question please send it to jonathan.winker@gocadets.org

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Welcome to 2011! I look forward to a great year. The Officers and staff of the Wisconsin Army Cadets are hard at work. We are developing the drill schedule for the rest of the year and we have some great things planned and in the works. We are continuing with our reorganization, re-writing SOPs and developing new ones, things are continuing to move forward at a pretty good pace. I have set some goals for this year that I would like to share. First I want to ensure communication is improved. I am going to ensure cadets and parents are informed. Another major goal this year is to increase our unit strength. The more people we have involved the more things we can do. This also allows more cadets to have responsibilities that will allow them use what they learn in a practical way.

Please make sure you look at the drill schedule, some changes have been made due to some conflicts. We will try our best to ensure dates do not change but unfortunately things happen. Also keep in mind our schools such as Cadet Basic Training and Cadet Leaders Courses will be taking place in June. The dates and cost for these schools will be released in March. They will run anywhere from one to two weeks in length and everyone is strongly encouraged to attend!

I look forward to seeing everyone at drill. The training the month will mostly consist of US Weapons familiarization. We will also be doing some administrative work, remember fees are due this month and please bring any paperwork that was requested from last month.

S1 - PERSONNEL – Vacant
Email: N/A

New recruits, first off welcome to the Wisconsin Army Cadets! Please ensure you bring in any missing documents from last months in-processing drill. We will also be collecting fees/payments.

Cadets, last month we handed out slips showing what deficiencies your records have. I know this stuff seems tedious but we need to do it. 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.

S4 - LOGISTICS – OC Bryan Winker
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Hey Cadets, thanks for your help last month getting your hand receipts squared away. I know it is never all that fun sitting and doing paperwork, but it is very important to keep track of the gear on your record. This month I will be going through the hand receipts to look for shortages in things that are now initial issue. I will also need to talk with anyone that was not at last months drill so that I can get you caught up with how the hand receipts work and go over what gear you have. It should be a real fun drill and I look forward to seeing you all there.

RECRUITING 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!

Want to take it a step further? Talk to your Cadre about setting up a table at your school. Maybe you can get an announcement made in your school. The Wisconsin Army Cadets can provide marketing materials upon request. Just let the cadre know about your plans and we will help make it happen.

S3 – OPERATION/TRAINING – OC Thor Preto
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Attention cadets – I know you have been looking forward to this drill. The training this month will consist of US Weapons familiarization. We will be looking at different weapon systems the Army uses. Basic rifle marksmanship, shooting fundamentals and safety will also be instructed. This drill originally was going to lead up to the Engagement Skills Trainer in February but Alpha Company has taken the EST 2000 to their facility for training until further notice. We will get our chance to use the system no worries.

We will also be performing instruction on promotion boards and knowledge reviews to prepare those eligible for promotions to advance. Good luck.

PARENT COMMITTEE – Missy Casper
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Hello Parents. Lt. Winker and I have been working on a parent committee for the Fox Valley Cadets and would like you to get involved. You as parents are what makes the Fox Valley Cadets so successful; through your time and talents. The most obvious need is in the area of meals. We are asking you to help out by signing up for at least one meal for the Cadets over the next few months. Money is available for food but will be limited to \$3.00 a person per meal. You also have the opportunity to donate your meal(s) by using it as a tax deduction for donations. More information will be given out at our first parent meeting during the next drill. Another way you can get involved is by giving us your time through specific skills you have. For example, are you part of the Red Cross, a lifeguard, police officer and the DARE program, are you a great salesperson; are you connected with other organizations who can donate their expertise to our program. Again, we will be discussing this in more detail at the parent committee meeting next month but I just want you to start thinking about how you can get involved. I will leave you with this. Both of our kids have run on the cross-country team at their school. The parent volunteers are a large part of the success of both the boys and girls team running at the state meet for the last 5 years in a row. The parents take turns making spaghetti dinners the night before meets, bringing sandwiches to meets or baking cookies, and organizing victory parties to bring the team and their families closer together. This is the vision I have for our parents and the Fox Valley Cadets. A little bit of time from everyone; makes a huge impact on the program and our Cadets. I am looking forward to meeting all our new parents at this meeting and working together to continue making the Fox Valley Cadets one of the best programs in our nation. See you all in February.

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