

Cadet Goal Planning

Unit Related Goals

- Recruitment:** help support your unit's efforts to meet their recruitment goals. By recruiting three new members, current cadets can earn free training (a waiver good for one cadet training fee).
- Community Service:** help your unit arrange and participate in community service opportunities. Not only does this benefit your community, but cadets can earn a community service ribbon for volunteering 30 hours. Refer to the *Awards Manual* for award criteria.
- Teams:** Cadets can join special teams that may exist in their unit. Some teams compete at regional and national levels, such as marksmanship, color guard, CyberPatriot, and SeaPerch teams. Find out what special teams your unit has, or start one within your unit.

Personal Goals

- Attendance:** Meet or exceed the 75% attendance requirement. Cadets get the most benefits from Sea Cadets by showing up and being an active member of their unit. Cadets can earn an appurtenance on their year ribbon for having perfect attendance at unit drills for an entire year. Refer to the *Awards Manual* found on the Quarterdeck for award criteria.
- Academic Achievement:** Cadets will learn about and be tested on knowledge of naval history, customs and courtesies, and other topics and complete online coursework in between drills on our learning management system, Polaris. Outside of Sea Cadets, they can earn an academic achievement ribbon for doing well academically. Refer to the *Awards Manual* for award criteria.
- Military Bearing:** Cadets will learn about and demonstrate adherence to the USNSCC Core Values (Honor, Respect, Commitment, and Service), Cadet Code of Conduct, attention to instructions and orders, maturity, self-discipline, and neatness in grooming and uniform. They will also learn military drill, marching, and how to follow their Chain of Command. Memorize the USNSCC Core Values and the Cadet Code of Conduct.
- Physical Fitness:** Pass the Physical Readiness Test (PRT) and meet swim qualifications. Strive to earn a physical fitness ribbon or appurtenance. Refer to the *Physical Readiness Test (PRT) Administration Policy Manual* for fitness standards and the *Awards Manual* for award criteria.
- Training:** A Sea Cadet must attend Sea Cadet Recruit Training (RT) first, followed by at least one training every year after that. A League Cadet is encouraged, but not required, to attend Navy League Orientation (NLO) as their first annual training, followed by one advancement training every year after that.

Advancement training in various subjects takes place during summer and winter breaks. Circle the ones below that interest you, and talk to your home unit to learn more. Some advanced opportunities, such as the International Exchange Program or special operations training, require cadets to have achieved a certain level of experience and time in the program.

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| Aviation | Music/Band (CA only) |
| Boating | Naval History and Heritage |
| Construction (SEABEE) | Photojournalism |
| Culinary | Public Safety |
| Cybersecurity | Robotics |
| Dive | Seamanship |
| Field Operations | Shipboard Training |
| Honor Guard | Special Operations |
| International Exchange | STEM |
| Leadership | Survival courses |
| Marksmanship | Summer seminars at U.S. Military Academies |
| Master at Arms (Law Enforcement) | Vehicle Maintenance |
| Medical | |

Training Paths and Opportunities

Below are examples of training paths to consider, including military service, civil service, corporate careers, the trades, and non-profit employment fields. Select one or more that you are interested in and talk with your chain of command at your home unit about these opportunities.

- Aviation:** Cadets interested in becoming a pilot or working in aviation may want to consider the following trainings: FAA ground school, drone training, airman training, aviation maintenance, National Flight Academy, and Space Camp.
- Seamanship:** Cadets who love the water and want to explore the sea services may wish to attend Seamanship training with the Coast Guard or Navy, tall ship sailing, basic sailing (small sailboats), advanced sailing, scuba diving certification, lifeguarding, Military Sealift Command, and small boat operations.
- Technology:** With a broad scope of career possibilities, cadets can explore cybersecurity, underwater robotics, engineering, and summer STEM programs offered at the U.S. Naval Academy.
- Military Officer/Leadership:** the desire to lead is a different journey that may take you in many directions. Some of these trainings will give cadets a better insight into what life is like when you are leading others: Petty Officer Leadership Academy, serving as a Staff Cadet at recruit training or another training; Marksmanship, field operations, public safety, special warfare, or International Exchange Program (IEP)
- Seabees/Construction Trades:** Cadets interested in working in the trades can try this path: Boatswain's Mate, Seabee basic and advanced (includes various construction trade skills such as HVAC repair and carpentry), shipbuilding, and welding.