This PLAN OF THE MONTH (POM) is an official document of the CHALLENGER DIVISION/TRAINING SHIP COLUMBIA, UNITED STATES NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS. Its contents reflect current orders of the Commanding Officer and official unit announcements. All Division and Training Ship personnel are responsible for reading and understanding the information contained herein. Parents and guardians of cadets are encouraged to read the Plan of the Month and to make note of meeting days and special announcements that may affect personal schedules. ALL HANDS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN.

FOR MAY, WE DO NOT HAVE OUR NORMAL 2ND WEEKEND OF THE MONTH DRILL. THE UNIT PARTICIPATES IN 2 SATURDAYS. CADETS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND EACH SATURDAY FOR 7.5 HOURS (NORMAL DRILL HOURS) ANY ADDITIONAL TIME WILL BE COUNTED AS COMMUNITY SERVICE AND GOES TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY SERVICE RIBBON.

These Saturdays are the unit’s big fundraising activities. If you can donate water bottles, that would be greatly appreciated.

### Drill Items

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**IMPORTANT ITEMS REGARDING DRILL:**

1. Adult volunteers are needed at the unit. Thank you to those who have submitted applications. There are still positions that are not filled. Please contact the Commanding Officer if you can help. There are several positions that can be done from your home.

2. Cadets are to report drill status using the Google form no later than the **SATURDAY BEFORE drill by 1800**.

3. Items to bring to drill:
Welcome Aboard

We would like to welcome aboard our newest cadets to our Challenger Division/TS Columbia family!

From the Personnel Department:  LTJG Shannon Ward  sward@seacadets.org

We are working extremely hard to make sure every cadet’s service jacket and awards are up to date. If you feel there has been an error, please use your chain of command so that the error can be rectified immediately.

From the Admin Department:  LTJG Shannon Ward  sward@seacadets.org

Re-enrollment fees are due for the following cadets. If your name is listed, please bring a check payable to “USNSCC” to drill in the amount of $200.00. Magellan, the new online system, requires re-enrollment BEFORE your ID card expires. Please pay attention to your ID expiration date. If you would like a new ID PHOTO, let CO know.

PER NEW SEA CADET REGULATIONS: NEW APPLICATIONS ARE DUE YEARLY- INCLUDING A DOCTOR’S PHYSICAL. * If your cadet plays sports, just take along the sea cadet forms with you. But we MUST have a new application and the proper medical form or a new ID card cannot be issued (application is attached-Please use this one. Old one is no longer valid. Check date on bottom, left- 8/2017).

Do NOT email your application. I must have a hardcopy with wet signatures.

** If you are planning on attending a summer training that goes through August, you MUST re-enroll BEFORE training requests can be made.
From the Supply Department: INST Kim Plale kplale@seacadets.org
If you have any uniform item needs, send email up the chain of command. Do NOT wait until drill date. This way, we can schedule time during the day to handle these items.

NEW**

**From the Training Department: INST Cody Webster codywebster93@gmail.com
1. All coursework is found online at: homeport.seacadets.org
   Click TRAINING > CADET ADVANCEMENT> desired course
2. Upon completion, please send completed answer sheet (also found on homeport) to INST WEBSTER
3. Use your chain of command for questions.
4. Summer trainings are being posted. They are first come-first serve. Make sure you read the DETAILS for the training to make sure you qualify (age, rank, etc…)

UPCOMING EVENTS: SEPARATE EMAILS FOR EACH EVENT WILL FOLLOW

NO REGULAR DRILL WEEKEND IN MAY- we will drill 2 Saturdays.
- SATURDAY, MAY 19- America On Main Street- City of El Cajon (1200-2100, approximately)
- SATURDAY, MAY 26- City of Santee Street Fair (0730-1800, approximately)

JUNE’S DRILL: JUNE 2-3. Drill will be the FIRST weekend. Please make a note of the change. Both days will be at home due to necessary preparations for summer training.

Sunday will be our End of the Year Celebration as we say good bye to our graduates. We will have a potluck.

FEE INCREASE:

Unfortunately, National Headquarters has raised the cost of annual fees for both cadets and adult volunteers. This is the 2nd increase in the past year. Unfortunately, we can no longer absorb the increase. So, beginning 1 Jan 18 fees will be as follows:

NEW enrollment: $250.00  RE-enrollment: $200.00

REMIND 101

Please download the app and sign up to receive texts. In the event that information needs to be disseminated and email is not available, it will be sent out via a text message through the app.