USNA INSTRUCTION 1530.1C

From: Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy

Subj: U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY MIDSHIPMAN SUMMER TRAINING PROGRAM

Ref: (a) OPNAVNOTE 1530 Midshipman Summer Training Program
     (b) OPNAVINST 1530.8A Midshipman Summer Training Program
     (c) NAVE DTRA 37300 (series) Midshipman Summer Training Manual
     (d) USNA INST 1531.49B Graduation and Degree Requirements
     (e) COMDT MID NINST 3120.1M Plebe Summer Standard Operating Procedures
     (f) COMDT MID NNOTE 1530 U.S. Naval Academy Summer Training Program
     (g) Officer Professional Core Competencies Manual (PCC) AUG 15

Encl: (1) Summer Training Continuum
     (2) Third Class Summer Training Matrix
     (3) Second Class Summer Training Matrix
     (4) First Class Summer Training Matrix

1. **Purpose.** To issue policy and guidelines and set priorities for the Summer Training Program at the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA). This instruction supplements references (a), (b), and (c) and provides the necessary guidance for implementing the Summer Training Program.

2. **Cancellation.** USNA INST 1530.1B

3. **Scope and Applicability.** All personnel assigned to USNA shall familiarize themselves with the Summer Training Program regulations and policies listed in references (a) through (g).

4. **Objectives.** The objectives of USNA’s summer training are to:
   a. Familiarize midshipmen with operational naval forces.
   b. Further the professional development of midshipmen.
   c. Provide hands on leadership experience for first, second, and third class midshipmen.
   d. Further incline midshipmen towards careers in the Navy or Marine Corps.
   e. Stimulate regional and cultural awareness.
f. Ensure Academic Year and Summer Training form a cohesive four-year training continuum and accomplish the Professional Core Competencies (PCC). Summer training emphasizes the privilege of serving as leaders of Sailors and Marines who volunteered to serve their country. This is accomplished by familiarizing midshipmen with operational naval forces, giving them the chance to observe enlisted personnel and officers performing their duties, and acquainting them with the required skills of a junior officer. Summer training events are specifically sequenced into the Naval Academy four-year education and training plan with the intention of reinforcing the lessons learned in the classroom, on the athletic field, and during daily experiences in Bancroft Hall.

5. Organization and Authority

   a. The Superintendent shall establish the overall policy for conducting midshipmen summer training.

   b. The Commandant of Midshipmen is responsible for implementing and coordinating midshipmen summer training.

   c. The Deputy Commandant of Professional Development (PRODEV) is responsible for supervising the scheduling and execution of midshipmen summer training.

   d. The Training Officer is responsible for synchronizing and scheduling midshipmen summer training programs and ensuring that qualified officers, instructors, and Midshipmen Liaison Officers are assigned to support midshipmen summer training.

6. Requirements. Per reference (b), all midshipmen must complete at least one of the following cruises in order to be eligible for graduation and commissioning:

   a. Surface cruise

   b. Submarine cruise

   c. Aviation cruise

   d. Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) cruise

   e. Leathernbeck training

   f. Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) training

   g. Special Warfare (SPECWAR) cruise

   h. Foreign Exchange cruise
7. Policy

a. Fourth Class Summer Training

(1) Beginning with Plebe Summer, fourth class midshipmen are indoctrinated into USNA’s culture and military life. This is a critical first step on the path towards graduation and commissioning. Among the myriad training events conducted during Plebe Summer, they are introduced to the culture of the sea and receive basic seamanship and nautical training. This includes hands-on experience on both individually manned and multi-crewed sailboats.

(2) Reference (e) outlines the conduct of Plebe Summer Training.

b. Third, Second, and First Class Summer Training (enclosures 1 through 4)

(1) Fleet cruises

(a) Third Class Midshipmen (“Indoctrination”). The third class indoctrination cruise onboard a surface ship, submarine, or with a Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) provides midshipmen a snapshot of a “day in the life” of Fleet enlisted. This opportunity allows midshipmen to experience the lives of the young men and women they will eventually have the privilege to lead after commissioning. In addition to exposing midshipmen to operational naval forces, the indoctrination cruise reinforces the lessons of followership learned during Plebe Year. Note: MAGTF will only be used when there is a shortage of Surface and Submarine cruises.

(b) Second Class Midshipmen (“Education”). Professional Training of Midshipmen (PROTRAMID) is a four week program which introduces midshipmen to the mission and requirements of the aviation (one week), surface warfare (one week), submarine (one week), and Marine Corps (one week) communities. The exposure to the Navy-Marine Corps team enables midshipmen to make well-informed decisions about future career options prior to receiving service assignment.

(c) First Class Midshipmen (“Immersion”). The First Class Warfare Cruise is the capstone of USNA’s maritime and leadership training. Midshipmen prepare for the privilege to lead Sailors and Marines by acting as division officers in training, interacting with a wardroom and the chief petty officers. This cruise also helps midshipmen confirm their expectations about warfare community preferences. Warfare Cruise options are surface, submarine, aviation, Explosive Ordinance Disposal, SEAL cruise, Leatherneck, or MAGTF training. Accordingly, midshipmen should select a warfare cruise that reflects their future career desires. Midshipmen who are still uncertain about their warfare community preferences are encouraged to select a cruise of their second or third choice community to gain broader exposure to the community.

(2) In addition to a Fleet cruise, all third class, second class, and first class midshipmen will complete an approved Professional Training Event (PTE) delineated in enclosures (1) through (4). These PTEs include, but are not limited to the following and may be limited to specific classes.
8. Guidelines and Business Rules

a. Fleet Cruises

(1) Given that the primary objective of summer training is to expose midshipmen to operational naval forces and to observe the Sailors and Marines they will lead, each midshipman will be assigned to a Fleet cruise each summer.

(2) Prior enlisted midshipmen who have comparable operational Fleet cruise experience notionally greater than four weeks may request Commandant’s approval to participate in another training event in lieu of a third class indoctrination cruise only. Special request forms will include an annotation of warfare qualification (if attained), dates of enlisted service, and a list of enlisted assignments and specialty/MOS.

(3) Should a midshipman complete less than ten days of a third class indoctrination cruise due to emergency leave or personal injury, the midshipman’s chain of command will consider if a make-up cruise is required during the third class academic year or during the follow-on second class summer.

(4) Should a midshipman complete less than ten days of PROTRAMID due to emergency leave or personal injury, the midshipman’s chain of command will consider an alternate training event to provide exposure to each community.
b. **Leave**

(1) Midshipmen will typically be scheduled for one block (28 days) of leave. The leave period need not be consecutive days, although a block of consecutive days is preferable. Leave may be granted during Block 0 (following final exams).

(2) In some circumstances, an individual training plan with leave periods less than two weeks (14 days) or greater than five weeks (35 days) of leave may be approved. Training plans with less than 14 days of leave or more than 35 days of leave must be approved by the Commandant of Midshipmen. This approval authority shall not be delegated below the Commandant of Midshipmen. The Superintendent shall be notified of all Summer Training plans with less than two weeks (14 days) or greater than five weeks (35 days) of leave.

(3) Voluntary participation in faculty or staff-approved summer programs required to be taken in lieu of leave shall count against the leave requirement.

c. **Academic Summer School**

(1) Mandatory Summer School (MSS) may be assigned to academically deficient midshipmen by the Academic Dean and Provost. One or more summer blocks will be assigned to summer school to ensure midshipmen remain on track for graduation. In these instances:

   (a) One block of leave will still be scheduled to the maximum extent possible.

   (b) Midshipmen will only be assigned a second academic summer school block as directed by the Academic Board or as established by their academic success track. Such midshipmen will be notified by the Academic Dean after the list is approved each May.

   (c) Midshipmen assigned to two blocks of MSS will still be expected to complete their appropriate Fleet cruise. These midshipmen will be given priority assignment for Block 0 cruises.

(2) Midshipmen can voluntarily attend summer school to improve their grades or complete additional courses provided they complete a Fleet cruise and another approved PTE. Voluntary summer school courses must be taken in lieu of leave.

d. **Varsity Athletics**

(1) Varsity athletics normally will not count as a summer PTE. The only exception is the Varsity Offshore Sailing Team (VOST).

(2) Fall athletes assigned to a NCAA-sanctioned practice period in Block 3 will be given priority assignment for Block 0 and Block 1 cruises.
(3) Spring athletes participating in Block 0 or Block 1 competitions will be given priority cruise assignments for Block 2 and Block 3 cruises.

(4) If a midshipman is assigned two MSS periods and an NCAA-sanctioned practice period, the midshipman’s chain of command shall consider how to maximize his or her assignment to an academic year cruise or PROTRAMID-like events.

e. Academic Internships

(1) Only internships approved by the Superintendent’s Review Panel (SRP) (this includes the Bowman Scholarship Program and medical internships) will satisfy the PTE intention. If not approved by the SRP, then the “internship” is not approved and it will not be scheduled so the “all other Naval Academy wide summer internships” does not apply.

(2) Each internship must have the endorsement of a Naval Academy faculty member who serves as the internship coordinator. The faculty endorsement is viewed as credible evidence that the internship has educational merit, quality, and relevance to the midshipman’s professional development. The Training Officer will not approve a summer training plan with a non-endorsed “internship” that has not been SRP-approved. The Training Officer will not approve a summer training plan with an internship component that has not been recommended for the midshipman by the faculty internship coordinator.

(3) Each approved internship has eligibility requirements, such as academic major, courses completed, and class year group. Midshipmen who apply and meet the eligibility requirements of an internship and who are then selected by the faculty internship coordinator to participate will do so on approved travel orders.

(4) Internships are sponsored by the Academic Dean and are coordinated through individual departments. In order to be eligible for an internship, midshipmen should seek out eligibility requirements for specific internships and complete the application material. The Academic Dean, via the USNA Internship Coordinator, will provide a list of selected midshipmen to the Training Officer for summer training scheduling considerations.

f. Foreign Midshipmen

(1) Foreign midshipmen are expected to participate in summer training events to the maximum extent possible. Foreign midshipmen are not authorized to participate in submarine cruises (Fleet or PROTRAMID) and are not eligible to participate in some academic internships.

(2) If the midshipman’s home nation desires him or her to participate in their organic programs, the Training Officer will coordinate with the International Programs Office and CNO N3/5 action officers for logistics and planning.

(3) The Commandant of Midshipmen shall approve all foreign midshipmen leave requests per paragraph 8.b.
9. **Implementation**

a. **Training Assignments**

(1) Class Training Officers shall act as “detailers” for their midshipmen, approving the summer events in which their midshipmen will participate.

(2) Midshipmen shall be assigned to summer training per enclosures (1) through (4). These enclosures amplify program priorities and assignment business rules. These enclosures should:

(a) Help midshipmen determine their summer training preferences.

(b) Help midshipmen understand commissioning requirements and training intentions before planning summer leave or personal and family events.

(c) Assist Battalion and Company Officers in determining which midshipmen are best suited for training details and the wide variety of elective programs, given training and graduation requirements. Company Officers and Senior Enlisted Leaders will assist midshipmen in resolving conflicts between graduation requirements, training requirements, character development opportunities, and personal preferences.

(3) In rare circumstances, should a midshipman’s desired summer training plan deviate from the assignment business rules, the midshipman shall route a request chit to the Commandant of Midshipmen via their chain of command, the Training Officer, and PRODEV. Applicable circumstances include, but are not limited to, leave less than two weeks or greater than five weeks, third class indoctrination cruise waivers, multiple warfare cruise requests, and requests for PTEs not listed in this instruction.

b. **Summer Training Briefings**. The Training Officer shall ensure the following groups are trained on the details of this instruction, including necessary amplification, and any expected changes to summer training policies or execution:

(1) The Brigade of Midshipmen, at spring semester Brigade Reform (early January).

(2) Battalion Officers, Company Officers, and Senior Enlisted Leaders, no later than 31 January.

(3) Faculty and Staff, as directed by the Commandant of Midshipmen or PRODEV.

c. **Summer Training Notice**. Annually by January, the Commandant of Midshipmen will promulgate reference (f) to provide amplifying details and facilitate program execution. The Training Officer is responsible for preparing this notice.

d. **Officer Support Requirements**. Guaranteeing the success of the Summer Training Program is an all hands effort. The wide range of experience and level of expertise on the Yard
is a vital asset to the practical learning environment afforded by summer training. It is essential that every division and department supports summer training at the required level to success. Accordingly, following spring semester Brigade Reform, PRODEV will route officer manning estimates for the next summer. The Commandant of Midshipmen and each Division Director will provide officer names and planned rotation dates for all officers they designate to support summer training the following year. This plan should be in place no later than 15 March of the summer training year.

10. **Action.** All hands shall support the letter and the spirit of this instruction.

11. **Records Management.** Records created as a result of this notice, regardless of media or format, must be managed per Secretary of the Navy Manual 52 10.1 of January 2012.

12. **Review and Effective Date.** The Professional Development Division will review this instruction annually on the anniversary of the effective date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, DoD, SECNAV, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 52 15/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will automatically expire five years after the effective date unless reissued or otherwise canceled prior to the five-year anniversary date, or an extension has been granted.

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*Not all PTEs will be available to every class. ** 3/C MAGTF will count as a cruise only if there is a shortage of Surface and Submarine cruises.*
THIRD CLASS SUMMER TRAINING MATRIX

Mandatory Summer School (MSS)?

NO

Selected for Language, Regional Experience & Culture (LREC) or NASS / STEM?

NO

1. 3/C Fleet Cruise
2. MSS
(Note 1)

YES

1. 3/C Fleet Cruise
2. PTE
(Note 2)

YES

1. 3/C Fleet Cruise
2. LREC or NASS / STEM
(Notes 2, 3)

NOTES

Note 1: Midshipmen assigned double MSS by Academic Board or Academic Success Track should still plan for a third class fleet cruise. If a varsity athlete with summer NAAA training requirements and double MSS, the chain of command will coordinate Summer Training plans on a case-by-case basis with PRODEV. Block 0 will be used if possible, should double MSS be assigned.

Note 2: Prior enlisted midshipmen who have comparable third class fleet cruise experience will still conduct two blocks of training but may conduct a YP, OSTS, VOST, USCG EAGLE, or foreign tall ship cruise and another PTE in lieu of a fleet cruise. Voluntary summer school may be considered on a case-by-case basis with the chain of command's recommendation.

Note 3: Midshipmen may request Small Craft (YP, OSTS) training during a leave period in addition to a Fleet cruise and PTE.
SECOND CLASS SUMMER TRAINING MATRIX

Mandatory Summer School (MSS)?

NO

3/C Fleet Cruise completed?

NO

1. PROTRAMID

2. 3/C Fleet Cruise
   (Note 1)

YES

1. PROTRAMID

2. MSS

YES

1. PROTRAMID

2. PTE

NOTES

Note 1: Midshipmen may request a PTE (3rd event) in lieu of leave (e.g., in addition to PROTRAMID and third class fleet cruise). This requires a request chit to the Commandant of Midshipmen via the chain of command for approval if the request would result in less than 2 weeks of leave. Consideration will be given to Block 0 fleet cruise.
FIRST CLASS SUMMER TRAINING MATRIX

Mandatory Summer School (MSS)?

NO

1. Warfare Cruise, Leatherneck, SUBTRAMID, MAGTF, or FOREX Gray Hull
2. PTE (Note 1)

YES

1. Warfare Cruise, Leatherneck, SUBTRAMID, MAGTF, or FOREX Gray Hull
2. MSS (Note 1)

NOTES

Note 1: Midshipmen may request a PTE (3rd activity) in lieu of leave (e.g., in addition to Aviation Cruise and Plebe Detail). This requires a request chit to the Commandant of Midshipmen via the chain of command for approval if the request would result in less than 2 weeks of leave.