USNA INSTRUCTION 1530.1B

From: Superintendent

Subj: UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY MIDSHIPMAN SUMMER TRAINING PROGRAM

Ref: (a) OPMNOTE 1530, Midshipman Summer Training Program
(b) NAVEDETRA 37300(series), Midshipman Summer Training Manual
(c) USNAINST 1531.49A, Graduation and Degree Requirements
(d) COMDTMIDNINST 3120.1C, Plebe Summer Standard Operating Procedures
(e) COMDTMIDNNOTE 1530, United States Naval Academy Summer Training Program

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 United States Naval Academy. This instruction supplements references (a) and (b) and provides the guidance necessary for implementation of the Summer Training Program.

2. Cancellation. USNAINST 1530.1A

3. Objectives. The objectives of summer training at the Naval Academy are to:

   a. Familiarize midshipmen with operational naval forces.
   b. Further the professional development of midshipmen.
   c. Provide hands on leadership experience for upper class midshipmen.
   d. Further incline midshipmen toward careers in the Navy or Marine Corps.
   e. Stimulate regional and cultural awareness.
   f. Reinforce academic year programs.

Summer training emphasizes midshipmen development for the privilege of serving as leaders of Sailors and Marines who volunteered to serve their country during wartime. This is accomplished by familiarizing them 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 and reinforce the lessons learned in the classroom, on the athletic field, and during daily experiences in Bancroft Hall.

4. Organization and Authority

   a. The Superintendent shall establish the overall policy for the conduct of midshipmen summer training.
b. The Commandant of Midshipmen shall be responsible for the implementation and coordination of midshipman summer training.

c. The Director, Division of Professional Development shall be responsible for supervising the scheduling and conduct of midshipman summer training.

d. The Chairman, Department of Professional Programs shall be responsible for synchronizing and scheduling midshipman summer training programs and ensuring that qualified officers, instructors, and Midshipman Liaison Officers are assigned to support midshipman summer training.

5. Requirements. Per reference (a), 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. Leatherneck training.

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

6. Policy

a. Fourth Class Summer Training:

(1) Beginning with Plebe Summer, Fourth Class Midshipmen are indoctrinated into the Naval Academy culture and military life. This is a critical first step along 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 individually manned sailboats and multi-crewd sailboats.

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

b. Third / Second / 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 or submarine or with an aviation squadron provides midshipmen a snapshot of a "day in the life" of fleet enlisted. This opportunity allows them 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.

(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 and surface warfare (one week), submarine (one week), and Marine Corps (one week) communities. The exposure to the Navy-Marine Corps team enables a midshipman to make well-informed decisions about their future career options prior to service assignment. The fourth week, conducted at the Naval Academy, is broken into two segments: Service Week and Antiterrorism/Force Protection (AT/FP) Fundamentals. Service Week consists of classroom instruction and small group sessions concentrating on improving essential servant leadership and communication skills, while the
AT/FP Fundamentals training provides midshipmen with basic watchstander (sentry) tactics, techniques, and procedures. Additionally, time will be allotted during this week to administer the Aviation Standard Test Battery (ASTB) and to begin the pre-commissioning medical screening.

(c) First Class Midshipmen ("Immersion"). The First Class warfare cruise is the capstone of maritime and leadership training at the Naval Academy. Midshipmen prepare for the privilege to lead Sailors and Marines by acting as a division officer in training, interacting with a Wardroom and the Chief Petty Officer. This cruise also helps midshipmen confirm their expectations about warfare community preferences. Warfare cruise options are surface, submarine, aviation, EOD, or SEAL cruise, or 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 development event of enclosures (1) through (4). These professional development events include:

   (a) Naval Academy Instructional Details.

   (b) Naval Academy Summer Seminar (NASS).

   (c) Language, Regional Experience, and Culture (LREC) – International Programs Office cognizance.

      1. Language Studies Abroad (LSAP).
      2. Faculty-led cultural trips.
      3. USAID (embassy) experience.
      4. Bridges to Community.

   (d) Introductory Flight Screening (IFS).

   (e) Small Craft training (YP and Sailing).

   (f) Enhanced Submarine and Marine Corps training events (SUBTRAMID, MCTRAMID).

   (g) Foreign Exchange (FOREX) and Tall Ship cruises.

   (h) Fleet Schools, e.g. Dive School, Air Assault, Airborne, and Mountain Warfare.

      (Note: some opportunities are limited to specific classes)

7. Guidelines and Business Rules

   a. Fleet Cruises:

      (1) Given 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.
(3) Should a midshipman complete less than 10 days of a Third Class indoctrination cruise due to emergency leave or personal injury, the midshipmen's chain of command will consider if a make-up cruise is required during the Third Class academic year or the following Second Class summer.

(4) Should a midshipman complete less than 10 days of PROTRAMID due to emergency leave or personal injury, the midshipmen's chain of command will consider an alternate training event to provide exposure to the community not observed during PROTRAMID.

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, and may be granted during Block 0 (following final exams).

(2) In some circumstances, the Commandant of Midshipmen may approve an individual training plan with leave periods of less than two weeks (14 days) or greater than five weeks (35 days) of leave. 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/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 may be assigned to deficient midshipmen by the Academic Dean. 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 maximum extent.

(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 two blocks of mandatory summer school 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 professional development event, i.e. voluntary summer school courses must be taken in lieu of leave. Voluntary summer school performance will not affect academic order of merit.

d. Varsity Athletics:

(1) Varsity athletics normally will not count as a summer professional development event. The only exception is Varsity Offshore Sailing Team.

(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 and/or Block 1 competitions will be given priority cruise assignment for Block 2 and Block 3 cruises.

(4) If a midshipman assigned two mandatory summer school periods and a NCAA-sanctioned
practice period, the midshipman's chain of command shall consider to the maximum extent his/her assignment to an academic year cruise or PROTRAMID-like events.

e. Internships:

(1) Only First Class Premedical internships and Bowman Scholarship summer research projects will satisfy the professional development event intention. For all other Naval Academy-wide summer internships, midshipmen participation must be only in lieu of leave, unless otherwise approved by the Superintendent.

(2) All internships must have the endorsement of a Naval Academy faculty or staff member, even when taken in lieu of leave. The endorsement is viewed as credible evidence that the internship has educational merit, quality, and relevance to the midshipmen's professional development. The Chairman, Department of Professional Programs shall not approve a summer training plan with a non-endorsed internship.

(3) Midshipmen scheduled to participate in an internships must do so on approved travel orders.

f. Foreign Midshipmen:

(1) Foreign midshipmen will be 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).

(2) If the midshipmen’s home nation desires him/her to participate in their organic programs, then Chairman, Department of Professional Programs will coordinate with the International Programs Office (IPO) and CNO N3/5 action officers for logistics and planning.

(3) The Commandant of Midshipmen shall approve all foreign midshipmen leave requests per paragraph 7b.

8. Implementation

a. Training Assignments:

(1) Company Officers and Senior Enlisted Leaders shall act as "detailers" for their midshipmen, approving the summer events in which their midshipmen will participate. This information will be forwarded to Chairman, Department of Professional Programs to coordinate scheduling, logistics, and deconfliction.

(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 staff 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 summer training plan deviate from the assignment business rules, the midshipman shall route a request chit to the Commandant via his/her chain of
command; Chairman, Department of Professional Programs; and Director, Division of Professional Development. Applicable circumstances include, but are not limited to, leave less than 2 weeks or greater than 5 weeks. Third Class indoctrination cruise waivers, multiple warfare cruise requests, and requests for professional development training events not listed in this instruction.

b. **Summer Training Briefings.** The Chairman, Department of Professional Programs shall ensure the following groups are trained on the details of this instruction, including necessary amplification, and any expected changes to summer training policies and/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 January 31.

(3) Faculty and Staff, as directed by the Commandant of Midshipmen or the Director, Division of Professional Development.

c. **Summer Training Notice.** Annually in March, the Commandant of Midshipmen will promulgate reference (e) to provide amplifying details to this instruction and to facilitate program execution. The Director, Division of Professional Development is responsible for preparation of 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 guarantee success. Accordingly, following spring semester Brigade Reform, the Director, Division of Professional Development 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 March 15 of the summer training year.

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

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# Summer Training Continuum

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<th>Training Category</th>
<th>3/C Sailor Skills &quot;Indoctrination&quot;</th>
<th>2/C Shape Commitment &quot;Education&quot;</th>
<th>1/C Division Officer Practice &quot;Immersion&quot;</th>
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| Fleet Cruise      | Indoctrination Cruise – 4 weeks (Enlisted role)  
- Surface  
- Submarine  
- Aviation | PROTRAMID – 4 weeks  
- Aviation-surface (1 week)  
- Submarine (1 week)  
- USMC (1 week)  
- Service Week and AT/FP (1 week) | Warfare Cruise – 4 weeks (Officer role)  
- Surface  
- Submarine  
- Aviation  
- EOD  
- SEAL  
- Leatherneck  
- MAGTF |
| Professional Development (Core) | NASS Leader  
- Language, Regional Experience, & Culture (LREC)  
- Mandatory Summer School  
- Small Craft (YP, STC) | Instructional Details  
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- Introductory Flight Screening (IFS)  
- Language, Regional Experience, & Culture (LREC)  
- Mandatory Summer School  
- Small Craft (YP, STC)  
- Navy Armed Sentry Course  
- SHAPE Peer Educators |
| Professional Development (Other) | SUBTRAMID  
- MCTRAMID  
- Foreign Exchange (FOREX) Cruise (Gray Hull & Tall Ship)  
- USCG EAGLE  
- Fleet Schools  
- 1/C Pre-Medical and Bowman Scholar internships  
- National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) | | |
FIGURE 2-1. THIRD CLASS SUMMER TRAINING MATRIX

Mandatory Summer School (MSS)?

NO

YES

Selected for Regional Experience &
Culture (REC) or Naval Academy
Summer Seminar (NASS)?

NO

YES

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

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

1. 3/C Fleet Cruise
2. Small Craft training
(Note 2)

NOTES

Note 1: Midshipmen assigned double MSS by Academic Board or Academic Success Track should still plan on 3/C Fleet Cruise. If a varsity athlete with summer NCAA training requirements and double MSS, chain of command coordinate Summer Training plan on case-by-case basis w/ Professional Programs. Block 0 will be used if possible, should double MSS be assigned.

Note 2: Prior enlisted midshipmen who have comparable 3/C Fleet Cruise experience will still conduct two blocks of training but may conduct a YP, STC, VOST, USCG EAGLE, or foreign tall ship cruise and another training activity in lieu of fleet cruise. Voluntary Summer School may be considered on case-by-case basis w/ chain of command recommendation.

Note 3: Midshipmen may request Small Craft training during leave period in addition to a Fleet cruise and NASS or REC if desired.
FIGURE 3-1. SECOND CLASS SUMMER TRAINING MATRIX

Mandatory Summer School (MSS)?

NO

3/C Fleet Cruise completed?

NO

1. PROTRAMID
2. One of the following: (Notes 1,2)
   - 3/C Fleet Cruise
   - SUBTRAMID
   - MCTRAMID
   - LSAP / REC
   - Small Craft
   - FOREX

YES

1. PROTRAMID
2. MSS

YES

1. PROTRAMID
2. One of the following: (Notes 1,2)
   - SUBTRAMID
   - MCTRAMID
   - Plebe Weapons / BST Details
   - LSAP / REC
   - Small Craft
   - FOREX
   - Fleet Schools
   - NOLS

NOTES

Note 1: Small Craft defined as YP, STC, VOST, USCG EAGLE, or foreign tall ship cruise.

Note 2: Midshipmen may request to conduct third activity in lieu of leave, e.g. in addition to PROTRAMID and Plebe Detail. Requires request chit to Commandant via chain of command for approval if < 2 weeks of leave.
FIGURE 4-1. FIRST CLASS SUMMER TRAINING MATRIX

Mandatory Summer School (MSS)?

NO

YES

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

1. Warfare Cruise, Leatherneck, SUBTRAMID, MAGTF, or FOREX Gray Hull
2. One of the following: (Notes 2,3)
   - Plebe / NAPS / NASS Details
   - IFS
   - LSAP / REC
   - YP / STC leadership position
   - Small Craft
   - Navy Armed Sentry Course
   - SHAPE Peer Educators
   - Fleet Schools
   - 1/C Pre-Medical or Bowman Scholar internships
   - NOLS

NOTES

Note 1: Chain of command review for any other outstanding requirements. Midshipmen may request Plebe / NAPS detail, if desired.

Note 2: Small Craft defined as YP, STC, VOST, USCG EAGLE, or foreign tall ship cruise.

Note 3: Midshipmen may request to conduct third activity in lieu of leave, e.g. in addition to Aviation Cruise and Plebe Detail. Requires request chit to Commandant via chain of command for approval if < 2 weeks of leave.