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## GENERAL ORDER

It is the corps officer's responsibility to see that a copy of these regulations reaches every corps cadet counselor.

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# CHAPTER I

## CORPS CADETSHIP: PURPOSE, CONDITIONS, ENROLLMENT

### 1. Corps Cadet Defined

A corps cadet is a young Salvationist, who undertakes a course of Bible study and leadership training at a local corps in order to grow spiritually and become better equipped for effective service in The Salvation Army.

### 2. Conditions of Corps Cadet Membership

The applicant must:

- a) Obtain the consent of one or both parents or a guardian.
- b) Be in at least the seventh grade at school or 13 years of age. A young person may not start the program after their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. All courses must be completed before their 24<sup>th</sup> birthday in order to graduate from the corps cadet program. Exceptions to the age restrictions must be submitted to the territorial youth secretary for consideration.
- c) Be enrolled as either a junior or a senior soldier.
- d) Follow the prescribed course of study and training and attend classes and meetings regularly.
- e) Be an active, uniform-wearing Salvationist.
- f) Obtain the official application form from the corps officer and return it fully completed.
- g) Attend corps meetings and participate in outreach evangelism.
- h) It is understood that corps cadets will adhere to high moral standards, and abstain from the use of tobacco, harmful and illegal drugs, and alcoholic beverages.

### 3. Applications/Acceptances

- a) Applications received after the completion of the corps cadet revision form will be held until the following course. Applicants may, however, attend classes (see Chapter IV, paragraph 2b) and, at the discretion of the territorial youth secretary, receive credit for work accomplished, provided they have met the conditions of corps cadetship.
- b) The completed application form will be sent to the divisional youth secretary by the corps officer, with recommendation and endorsement, and that of the corps cadet counselor.
- c) The corps officer will arrange for the introduction, during a public meeting, of corps cadets who have been accepted.

### 4. Removals

When a corps cadet ceases to show interest in the corps cadet program, and discontinues doing lessons and involvement in other corps activities for one year or more, the corps officer may recommend his removal at the time of the annual corps cadet roll revision. Such removal shall be subject to the approval of the divisional youth secretary.

### 5. Corps Cadet Brigade

Corps cadet activities may be attended by enrolled corps cadets as well as prospective and auditing students.

### 6. The Priority of the Corps Cadet Program

The corps cadet program, a required program in every corps, should be given precedence in the corps as a program of highest priority.

## CHAPTER II

### LOCAL OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR CORPS CADETS

#### 1. Corps Cadet Counselor's Appointment

A corps cadet counselor should be a uniformed Salvationist and is commissioned in the corps to give oversight, under the supervision of the corps officers, to corps cadets. The corps cadet counselor's qualifications should include:

- a) A sound spiritual experience
- b) Bible knowledge,
- c) Knowledge of Salvation Army doctrines, principles and practices,
- d) Possession of the spirit of Salvationism,
- e) Involvement in corps activities,
- f) A love for young people,
- g) An ability to teach.

#### 2. Corps Cadet Counselor: Requirements

The corps cadet counselor will be subject to all the regulations affecting local officers generally, as set forth in *Orders and Regulations for Local Officers*. In particular:

- a) Will work under the general direction of the corps officer.
- b) Will be a senior local officer.
- c) Will serve as a member of the pastoral care council.

#### 3. Corps Cadet Counselor: Responsibilities

The corps cadet counselor's responsibilities include everything that affects the well-being of corps cadets, both active and prospective. In particular, the corps cadet counselor should:

- a) Take personal interest in all young people who are eligible for corps cadetship, encouraging them to become corps cadets.
- b) Obtain corps cadet application forms from the corps officer and assist corps cadets in completing them.
- c) Watch for soldiers who appear to have the necessary qualifications for officership, urge them to offer themselves, and bring them to the attention of the corps officer.
- d) Personally show interest in, and carefully supervise, every corps cadet with respect to spiritual, moral and social life, and encourage the corps cadet to be an earnest and faithful soldier.
- e) Comply with the territorial anti-child abuse program, including: responsibility to avoid situations which might invite allegations of abuse, responsibility to be alert to signs of possible abuse, and legal responsibility to report suspected abuse.
- f) Prepare and conduct the weekly class.
- g) Make certain all corps cadets have the necessary materials.
- h) Inspect and sign all corps cadet CrossTraining Monthly Reports, obtain corps officer's signature of approval and forward to the divisional youth secretary.
- i) Provide encouragement, guidance and prayer support for all corps cadets.
- j) Assist with the Soldiers' Preparation Course when so requested by the corps officer (see *Orders and Regulations for Work Among Young People in the United States of America*).
- k) Make certain to observe and plan carefully for corps cadet Sunday observances in cooperation with the corps officer.
- l) Make certain that missed and incomplete lessons are completed in a reasonable amount of time, even if this means scheduling additional classes.

m) The number of corps cadets and instructors attending the weekly class should be reported on the proper statistical form. Enrolled, prospective and auditing corps cadets should all be counted in attendance.

#### 4. Corps Officer as Counselor

Where there is no corps cadet counselor, as a required program in every corps, the corps officer will carry out the duties usually fulfilled by that local officer. In every case he will give careful oversight, in accordance with *Orders and Regulations for Corps Officers* (1988), Chapter XIX, Section 3.

## CHAPTER III STUDIES AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING

### 1. Corps Cadet Curriculum

The corps cadet course is a five-year cycle of study; two units (courses) each year. Each unit is of five months' duration – September to January; and February to June. The courses are lettered from A through J. The five years are divided as follows:

- a) Level 1: Years 1 and 2
- b) Level 2: Years 3 and 4
- c) Level 3: The 5<sup>th</sup> year consists of a variety of options, as outlined in the curriculum.

### 2. Textbooks

The Bible is used throughout the five years of study. The required curriculum is *CrossTraining for Corps Cadets*, designed to provide biblical background and an introduction to Salvation Army beliefs, principles and practices.

### 3. CrossTraining Monthly Report

Each corps cadet is expected to complete the CrossTraining Monthly Report, which includes Checkpoints and the Weekly Workout.

### 4. Minimum Lessons

Every corps cadet should endeavor to complete all the lessons in each course. No certificate will be awarded for less than four months' lessons, with a minimum of 300 points.

## CHAPTER IV CORPS PROGRAMMING

### 1. Corps Cadet Counselor's Responsibility

The corps cadet counselor should cooperate with the corps officer in using corps cadets in every phase of salvation warfare, encouraging them to take advantage of all available opportunities, and instructing them how to do this to the best advantage. The corps cadets should seek to win others to Christ, working in cooperation with each other as directed by the corps cadet counselor and the corps officer. Much should also be done independently, using their own initiative, quite apart from meetings or other organized efforts. They should be on the alert to grasp opportunities of every kind for the salvation of souls.

## 2. Corps Cadets' Responsibility

In connection with the youth program, corps cadets should have specific duties assigned to them.

- a) When qualified, corps cadets should offer to serve as Sunday school teachers, or in other young people's local-officer positions.
- b) They should offer to assist the young people's sergeant major with the total Sunday school program.
- c) They should give active support to the youth programs.
- d) Corps cadets should participate in meetings as requested.

## 3. Corps Cadet Sunday Observances

A corps cadet Sunday shall be held at least once during each course, usually on the date indicated on the territorial calendar of events, for the purpose of encouraging and developing the meeting participation skills of the corps cadets and securing new members for the brigade. This is a good opportunity to connect the families of corps cadets to the corps.

- a) Each corps cadet should be encouraged to invite a prospective corps cadet to this meeting, and pray in advance for the success of the meeting.
- b) Usually the corps cadet counselor will lead the meeting, assisted by the corps cadets.
- c) Some weeks prior to corps cadet Sunday, the counselor should hand to the corps officer proposals for using all corps cadets in the meeting. Each should be given ample time for preparation. Some corps cadets should be encouraged to give short messages or to help lead the meeting; the less experienced should read the Scripture or testify.
- d) The corps cadet counselor should report brigade activity, present course certificates, and recognize corps cadet graduates.
- e) During each meeting, the corps officer, the corps cadet counselor, or a selected corps cadet should explain the conditions and advantages of the corps cadet program and make an appeal for new members for the next course.
- f) The corps officer should take this opportunity to recognize the corps cadet counselor.

## CHAPTER V

### POINTS, CERTIFICATES, AND TRANSFERS

#### 1. Points

Points are awarded for active participation (Weekly Workout) and for monthly questions (Checkpoints). The maximum number of points obtainable for each lesson is 100 per month, or 500 per course.

#### 2. Certificates

Certificates will be awarded as follows:

- a) At the completion of each course, based upon the total points earned on the CrossTraining Monthly Report:

Gold	90%	450
Silver	75%	375
Bronze	60%	300

- b) At least four month's lessons and question papers must be completed to receive a course completion certificate. No certificate shall be awarded to any corps cadet who has earned less than 300 points.

- c) Certificates will be given upon the completion of Level 1 and Level 2.
- d) A graduate certificate and pin will be awarded to each corps cadet who has completed five years' study (ten courses) and has received ten certificates.

CHAPTER VI  
CANDIDATESHIP AND  
COLLEGE/SCHOOL FOR OFFICER TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Officership

Corps cadets should recognize that God may call them to serve as officers in The Salvation Army and should earnestly seek His guidance on this matter.

2. Eligibility for Scholarships

Accepted candidates who have completed the required number of courses and have earned the required number of corps cadet certificates are eligible to make application through the divisional youth secretary for scholarships to the College/School for Officer Training. All scholarships represent amounts that will be applied as credit toward payment of the tuition fee at the College/School for Officer Training.

3. Requirements for Scholarships

Scholarships for the College/School for Officer Training will be awarded on the following basis:

- a) *Corps Cadet Graduate -- \$1,500*  
To be awarded upon application to those who have completed Levels 1-3 (5 years of corps cadets).
- b) *Completion of Levels 1 & 2 -- \$1,000*  
To be awarded upon application to those who have completed Levels 1 and 2 (4 years of corps cadets).
- c) *Completion of Level 1 -- \$500.00*  
To be awarded upon application to those who have completed Level 1 (2 years of corps cadets).

CHAPTER VII  
OFFICIAL RECORDS

1. Corps Cadet Roll

At each corps the names of corps cadets will be kept on the corps combined roll, or master roll.

- a) Full information must be entered when the corps cadet is accepted, and when corps cadetship is terminated (either by removal from the roll, or by graduation) in accordance with the notification sent to the corps officer from divisional headquarters.
- b) Entry on the corps cadet roll does not make a young person a senior soldier. A corps cadet, who is fourteen years of age or over, will be placed on the senior soldiers' roll after completing the Senior Soldiers' Preparation Class, signing of the "Articles of War" and being publicly enrolled as a senior soldier.

## 2. Records at Divisional Headquarters

Each corps cadet's application and record sheet, containing the grade points earned for each lesson completed and certificates issued, will be retained at divisional headquarters.

- a) When a corps cadet is removed from the roll, the record will be removed from the active file and placed in the inactive file. In the case of reacceptance, the old record will be reactivated and placed in the active file.
- b) When request is made to transfer a corps cadet to another division or territory the corps officer will initiate the transfer by sending the corps cadet's records to the divisional youth secretary, with a copy to the territorial youth secretary. A copy should remain at the corps.

## 3. Records at Territorial Headquarters

- a) Level 1 and Level 2 completion certificates will be issued by the divisional corps cadet counselor.
- b) All graduate certificates will be issued from territorial headquarters by the territorial youth secretary and be forwarded to the divisional youth secretary who will make suitable arrangements for a public presentation of the awards.

# CHAPTER VIII INSPECTIONS, RALLIES, ETC.

## 1. Visiting Officers

When visiting any corps, the divisional commander and members of the divisional headquarters' staff should meet with the corps cadets, if possible, to encourage the young people and recognize their accomplishments.

## 2. Central Gatherings

Regular divisional or sectional rallies or activities, with reasonable frequency, at convenient centers in the division, should be arranged by the divisional youth secretary and/or divisional corps cadet counselor, to maintain interest of the corps cadets and to promote the corps cadet program.

## 3. Youth Councils

Corps cadets, who have reached the required age, should be encouraged to attend, and possibly participate in, youth councils.

## 4. Inspections

Corps cadet records at the corps should be regularly inspected for accuracy during the corps youth review by the divisional youth secretary.