

To All Hands:

Plankowners! As we are approaching a new year and building our new unit and we can take great pride in the efforts we have done for our community. Also, we are all having fun and really learning something about the US Navy, US Marines, and the other services every drill. I want to mention something about the three core value that the US Navy emphasizes to the sailors and that is Honor, Courage, and Commitment.

Honor:

By serving in the unit and assisting your shipmates you are honoring you country. How? Well you are helping to show how a good cadet interacts with his fellow cadets by example. I know we do not discuss this much. It is because it has been apparent that our unit practices this at each drill that I have observed. So, congratulations on these values and keep up the good work.

Courage:

I think that my quote down below said it best. Sometimes we are faced with something that is hard to do and we fear the unknown. However, by working together with your shipmates we can and do overcome. We have seen this in our drills where you and your shipmates have done new and exciting activities. See the quote by John Wayne at the bottom of this message and understand that it takes courage to do the right thing.

Commitment;

By joining the US Naval Sea Cadets you have made an adult commitment to start something and finish it. With that said, attending all drills is mandatory. If you are having trouble making the drills you should be a good shipmate and inform the CO, XO, or our great Staff through your LPO. I cannot stress the importance of making all the drills. We do take muster and will inform those that will need to make up drills. The reason why you should be concerned is because you will not get credit if you miss too many drills and might be dropped from the program. I do understand that in order to get scholarships you must have more than one activity on your resume; however, one of those things that will help you get scholarships is attending and participating in the unit.

So, as we are going into the new training year, make a renewed effort to maintain your commitments and help out another shipmate if they need it. A basic rule is that in order to be a good leader you should lead by example. If you are not living the Navy values then make a renewed effort to do so. Lead by example and make you commitments not just for your parents, family, or your community, but most of all do it for yourself. You will not regret it.

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"Courage is being scared to death, but saddling up anyway." John Wayne