

WARNING ORDER 010-2425-007

1) SITUATION:

- a. Name of Event/Operation: Recondo Training Event
- b. Dates: 01 – 03 NOV 2024
- c. Important Start and End Times:
 1. **Rosters Due: 04 OCT 24**
<https://forms.office.com/r/82rtJJRya4?origin=lprLink>
 2. **Check-in: 01 NOV 24 1800**
 3. **Recondo Events: 01 - 03 NOV 24, 0500-2100**
 - a. **FOR ALL WISHING TO PARTAKE IN THE 5K RUN AT CAMP SAN LUIS OBISPO, YOU MUST ARRIVE 01 NOVEMBER 2023 BY 1800.**
 4. **Dismissal: 03 NOV 24 1200**
- d. Location: Camp San Luis Obispo
- e. Units Participating: All units are invited to attend.
- f. Registration link:
- g. Participation Requirements:
 - Recondo training is physically rigorous and demanding. All participants that have received clearance from their Commandant or Brigade Advisor are invited to attend.
 - **To attend weekend Recondo, Cadets are required to submit the RECONDO CHALLENGE SCORECARD with the following Events completed and standards met:**
 - 1) PT Test **OR 5K**
 - 2) **Squad Drill OR Color Guard**
 - Cadets need to show an interest in the Recondo Badge and be working toward the other challenges at their local unit.
- h. Training Events Planned (Training depends on availability of training areas): Map Reading Test, Land Navigation Course, Squad Drill, Color Guard, 8k Road March, Marksmanship, Obstacle Course and an Alternative Recondo Event (I.e. Hiking a Camp San Luis Obispo mountain.)

2) MISSION: The California Cadet Corps conducts the Recondo Training Events at Camp San Luis Obispo on 01 – 03 NOV 2024 that provides cadets with various challenges to assist them in completing their required tasks to earn the Recondo Badge as outlined in CR 3-2 Appendix D.

3) EXECUTION:

- a. Commander's Intent: To conduct a Recondo Training Day that allows cadets to complete many of the tasks they cannot perform at a local level while overcoming rigorous physical challenges and showcasing their underlying leadership abilities. This Recondo Event will inspire determined cadets to explore all they can do while demonstrating their excellence in both physically and mentally challenging activities. It will build character and confidence, instilling pride in the leaders of the future, and

getting cadets one step closer to earning the coveted Recondo Badge, a CACC honor that signifies their perseverance and success. Essayons!

b. Concept of Operations: The Recondo Training Event will focus on building cadets' skills while instilling a sense of determination in competing for this formidable award as an individual rather than as a unit.

1. Each participating cadet will complete the following Core Event challenges described in CR 3-2 and recounted below.

- RECONDO ROAD MARCH: The Recondo Road March is an 8 kilometer (5 miles) timed march with the cadet carrying a pack weighing 15% of the cadet's body weight. As with all Recondo events a parent or adult supervisor must observe the cadet throughout the event and certify the elapsed time. A track is preferable, but a road course or even city streets may be used. On a road, an automobile odometer may be used to measure the distance.

The standard for the Road March is 90 minutes (1 hour, 30 min)

- RECONDO SQUAD DRILL: The cadet is to act as Squad Leader. The series of commands is the same as the CACC Unarmed Squad Drill sequence from CR 3-8. The evaluation will be completed by the Commandant or another adult CACC or military member. The evaluation sheet in Enclosure 1 will be used. To a certain extent, the cadet will be graded on their command of the squad, not the squad's execution of the drill. However, the cadets in the squad must be proficient enough in squad drill so as to not detract from the Recondo cadet's score.

The standard for the Squad Drill is 40 points

- RECONDO COLOR GUARD: The cadet is to act as Color Guard Commander. The series of commands is the same as the CACC Color Guard sequence from CR 3-8. The color guard will be scored as a whole, with emphasis on the Recondo cadet's command proficiency. The evaluation will be completed by the Commandant and another adult CACC or military member. The evaluation sheet in Change 2, Enclosure 2, will be used.

The standard for the Color Guard Drill is 40 points

- RECONDO PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST: The Recondo Challenge will use the California Physical Fitness administered at all public schools. It will be administered, scored, and recorded by the Commandant. Tests administered as part of the CACC curriculum or school requirements may be used. The test will conform to the requirements in CR 3-12.

The standard for the Recondo PT Test is meeting the Healthy Fitness Zone for the cadet's age

- RECONDO MAP READING TEST: The Recondo Map Reading Test will require the competitor to identify various symbols and terrain features on a topographical map, and to determine distance and direction on the map. The test may be obtained by the Commandant from HQCACC Operations, and will be returned to Operations for grading.

The standard for passing the Recondo Map Reading Test is 80%
- RECONDO MARKSMANSHIP: The Recondo Marksmanship challenge will use the same format as the CACC Marksmanship Qualification. Cadets will fire either the .22 caliber rifle or an air rifle. Cadets may complete the qualification course locally or may request an event be established at Camp San Luis Obispo by HQ CACC Operations. Cadets who participate in qualification training during a CACC Summer Encampment may use that experience as their Recondo Marksmanship Challenge, with their orders awarding their marksmanship badge as proof of completion of the challenge.

The standard for passing the Recondo Marksmanship challenge is to qualify Marksman per CR 3-17.

- RECONDO LAND NAVIGATION COURSE: The Recondo Land Navigation Course will take place at Camp San Luis Obispo as coordinated with HQ CACC Operations.

The standard for passing the Recondo Land Nav Challenge is 3 out of 5 or 2 out of 3 points found, depending on the course used. Returning to the Start Point does not count as a Point on the course. The course must include at least 3 points.

- RECONDO MILITARY OBSTACLE COURSE: The Recondo Military Obstacle Course will take place at Camp San Luis Obispo, or at another approved military obstacle course. HQ CACC Operations will approve or disapprove use of courses other than at CSLO based on their similarity to the CLSO Obstacle Course. Cadets can attempt each obstacle 3 times. After they have failed 20% of the obstacles, they may reattempt the course (must start over).

The standard for passing the Recondo Military Obstacle Course is overcoming 80% of the obstacles (without assistance).

4) Goals

- I. Goal 1 is to create a safe and competitive environment for cadets to showcase their excellence in all California Cadet Corps topics.
- II. Goal 2 is to enhance self-confidence, perseverance, and all cadets to explore their capabilities as leaders.
- III. Goal 3 is to produce an engaging environment for cadets to interact with top-tier cadets around the state.

5) Objectives:

- I. All cadets will complete the events they need to complete the Recondo challenges.
 - II. No cadets will be injured during the event.
 - III. Cadets will leave the event with a greater appreciation for the CACC motto and greater enthusiasm.
 - IV. All cadets will explore their leadership strengths and weaknesses and know how to improve themselves by the end of the event.
- Cadet Leaders and Staff Assignments: The cadet staff and leaders for this event will be the available 10th Brigade.

6) Application Process: Interested cadets can sign up at the link below **NLT 04 OCT 24**. *Commandants will be contacted following the sign-up deadline verifying the cadet has approval to attend the state-level event, is maintaining a good performance in school, and has a method of transportation for the event.*

a. Cost: There will be no cost associated with this event.

b. Key Suspense Dates:

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7) Uniform: For cadets, the uniform will be Class C and CACC PT gear. Water bottles to use throughout the event are required. Commandant uniform is CMU/OCP.

8) Chaperones: Commandants bringing cadets are required to stay with cadets at the training facility throughout the entirety of the weekend. Commandants are encouraged to help facilitate the events. Interested personnel should contact operations@cacadets.org.

9) Awards: All cadets that complete ten Recondo Challenge Events on their score cards outlined in CR 3-2 will be eligible to receive the Recondo Badge.

10) SUSTAINMENT:

a. Meals: Meals will be provided for this event.

b. Transportation: Commandants, Brigade Advisors, and/or schools can request rental vehicles by filling out the online request form. The state may be able to provide rental vans/cars and reimburse drivers via CalATERS. Cadets' parents may transport them to CSLO if their commandants are also attending the event. All participants are responsible for their transportation to and from Camp San Luis Obispo.

c. Billeting: Barracks or tents will be provided for Cadets.

11) COMMAND AND CONTROL:

a. Cadet Commander TBD

b. Recondo Advisor: CPT Wallis

c. Recondo OIC: 2LT Galdamez

Questions may be addressed to CPT Wallis or 1LT Galdamez.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

Wallis
CPT, CACC

DISTRIBUTION:

All Commandants

All BDE & BN Commanders

All Cadets Participating in Recondo Challenge

CACC Website & Social Media Accounts