

CALIFORNIA CADET CORPS OBJECTIVES

TO DEVELOP QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP in each cadet which will be useful in their civilian life and/or military service.

TO DEVELOP QUALITIES OF CITIZENSHIP by training Cadets to follow rules, to work together as a team, set goals and work to achieve those goals.

TO DEVELOP PATRIOTS who believe in our democratic way of life, honor the symbols of our nation, and appreciate the role of the military in our society.

TO DEVELOP ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE so that cadets develop a well rounded core of knowledge, a desire for lifelong learning, and achieve success in school.

TO DEVELOP BASIC MILITARY KNOWLEDGE which is useful in both military and civilian careers.

TO DEVELOP SKILLS OF HEALTH, WELLNESS AND FITNESS in Cadets

CALIFORNIA CADET CORPS FACTS

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| Q. When was the Cadet Corps founded? | A. The California Cadet Corps began on April 5, 1911 and was the first school program of its kind in the United States. Until 1935 it was called the High School Cadet Corps. |
| Q. Who is the founder of the Cadet Corps? | A. The Cadet Corps was the idea of Brigadier General Edwin A. Forbes who is known as "The Father of the California Cadet Corps". |
| Q. What is the motto of the Cadet Corps? | A. The motto of the Cadet Corps is 'ESSAYONS' (pronounced as "Es-A-On") and means 'Let Us Try' in the French language. |
| Q. What is the symbol of the Cadet Corps? | A. The symbol of the Cadet Corps is the distinctive shoulder patch, which is worn on the left sleeve of your uniform. It is royal blue with gold letters and symbols. Here are what the colors and symbols mean: |



COLORS: Blue and Gold are the official colors of the State of California.

GRIZZLY BEAR: This represents the State of California because the grizzly bear is the official state animal.

TORCH OF LEARNING: This represents the Cadet Corps as a school program.

SWORD: This represents the military part of the Cadet Corps.