



**2016**  
**Flagship Competition and**  
**Recruit Training Preparation.**



Dear Sea Cadets, Recruits and Families,

**Flagship** is an opportunity for Sea Cadet Units show off their seamanship skills. This is where boots meet the deck plates. Nearly every region in the country holds a competition of this nature at least once a year. In past years, Region 9 Flagship was held at the Great Lakes Naval Station. For the past 3 years, our new Region 097 has been running a Flagship competition here in Minnesota.

Typical events include basic seamanship and line handling events such as heaving line, mooring line, splicing, knot tying (Marlinspike) and damage control. New this year will be a dynamic field medical competition, which will take place in the CTF/MOUT (Mobile Operations On Urban Terrain) training facility. This is where the Cadet teams will put their land navigation, breech & entry, room clearing, first aid and radio skills learned over the past year to the test under extreme pressure. Teams will be judged on their ability to locate, recover, treat & transport a victim to an evacuation area and call in an evacuation order to stop the timer. Other events will showcase a units marching, Color Guard and military bearing skills. But most of all, flagship is about FUN, teamwork and a great Navy day, outdoors showing of their outstanding skills.

**Recruit Training Preparation** Cadets will experience many of the same training evolutions and daily activities he/she will encounter this summer at Recruit Training. This will allow the recruit to avoid the "culture shock" many cadets feel upon arrival at Recruit Training and prepare them for both content and rigors of RT. The seabag list for this training will exactly match the RTIL Seabag list to allow Cadets to adjust to carrying the weight of their "full" seabag prior to arriving at RTIL. Be prepared with your knowledge and have fun.

**Marksmanship:** Both the Flagship teams and RTP cadets will fire on the Army's EST 2000 small arms simulation trainer. This state of the art multimedia simulator will run the Navy's M9 pistol qualification.

We look forward to seeing all of you on deck at Camp Ripley.

Regards,

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