








Cadet Ranks

Cadets are eligible for promotion in rank following regulations outlined in CATO 13-02. These requirements are set at the National level of the Cadet Program. Cadets are to be addressed by their rank & last name. Warrant Officers and above are referred to as Ma'am or Sir.

Insignia	Name of Rank	Rank Requirements
	Cadet (Cdt)	This is the rank you have upon enrolling.
	Lance Corporal (LCpl)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participated in the first year of Army Cadet Program for a minimum period of 5 months, and 2. Recommended by the Platoon Commander
	Corporal (Cpl)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold the rank of LCpl, 2. Successfully completed year one (Green Star) of the Army Cadet Program, 3. Participated in the Cadet Fitness Assessment, and 4. Recommended by the Platoon Commander <p>*Note: Cadets fast tracked to Red Star or Silver Star shall be promoted to rank of Corporal five months after date of registration.</p>
	Master Corporal (MCpl)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completed at least six months of service at the rank of Cpl, 2. Successfully completed year two (Red Star) of the Army Cadet Program, 3. Participated in the Cadet Fitness Assessment, and 4. Recommended by the Platoon Commander
	Sergeant (Sgt)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completed at least six months at the rank of MCpl, 2. Successfully completed third year (Silver Star) of the Army Cadet Program, 3. Achieved a minimum of "Completed without Difficulty" in PO 303 (Leadership), 4. Participated in the Cadet Fitness Assessment, and 5. Recommended by the Platoon Commander

	<p>Warrant Officer (WO)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completed at least six months service at the rank of Sgt, 2. Successfully completed fourth year (Gold Star) of the Army Cadet Program, 3. Achieved a minimum of “Completed without Difficulty” in PO 403 (Leadership) 4. Participated in the Cadet Fitness Assessment, and 5. Recommended by the Platoon Commander
	<p>Master Warrant Officer (MWO)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completed at least six months service at the rank of WO, 2. Successfully completed fourth year (Gold Star) of the Army Cadet Program, 3. Achieved a minimum of “Completed without Difficulty” in PO 503 (Leadership) 4. Participated in the Cadet Fitness Assessment, 5. Recommended by the Platoon Commander, and 6. Identified as a successful candidate through the Merit Review Board process
	<p>Chief Warrant Officer (CWO)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completed at least six months service at the rank of MWO, 2. Recommended by the Platoon Commander, and 3. Identified as a successful candidate through the Merit Review Board process

Recommendation by Platoon Commander/Level Officer

The CATO stipulates that all cadets must be recommended for promotion by the appropriate Platoon Commander with the Platoon Commander position being designated as an Officer position.

The criteria for recommendation is described in CATO 13-02. In addition to the above criteria, the Platoon Commander also needs to consider the following additional leadership attributes:

- a. Dress and deportment;
- b. Conduct, discipline, and attitude;
- c. Participation;
- d. Response to direction;
- e. Ability to interact positively and comfortably with others;
- f. Ability to make sound judgements regarding their own actions;
- g. Willingness to accept responsibility;
- h. Ability to solve problems effectively;
- i. Ability to communicate effectively;
- j. Ability to set a positive example for others;
- k. Initiative; and
- l. 60% attendance for mandatory training.

Any additional questions can be directed to your Platoon Commander.