



# Cadeting Today

A newsletter for friends and supporters of the Calvinist Cadet Corps

## Welcome New Clubs

We are excited to see churches join the Cadet family.

Over the past year, we have welcomed the following:

**Pelham United Reformed Church**  
*Fenwick, Ontario*

**Heritage Reformed Congregations of Jordan**  
*Jordan Station, Ontario*

**Tulare Community Church**  
*Tulare, California*

**Grace United Reformed Church of Simcoe County**  
*Orillia, Ontario*

**The Cross Fellowship**  
*Grandville, Michigan*

**Edgewood Baptist Church**  
*Nicholasville, Kentucky*

**Grace Reformed Bible Church**  
*Newton, New Jersey*



## Discovering God's Word

A major part of Cadets is opening God's Word. We have badges on basic knowledge of the Bible, how to explore and study the Bible, about the history of the Bible, as well as teachings from the Bible and stories from the Bible. In Canada and the USA, most cadets either have a Bible or have easy access to one. Churches are more than willing to provide a copy for a boy who doesn't already own one.

It's much more difficult to teach boys how to live for Jesus when they don't have a Bible to understand what that means. In Kenya there were entire Cadet clubs with only one or two Bibles; boys taking turns to bring it home and then re-

turn it the next week. Leaders asked for help in getting God's Word into the boy's hands.

Thanks to donations from Cadet clubs and supporters, we have been able to provide thousands of Bibles to clubs in Kenya. These photos show cadets in Kitale and Kapsao, proud owners of their own Bible.



If you love me, you will keep my commandments.



## Cadets & Fathers Explore the USS Midway

**How do you plan an activity to start the Cadet season, get the boys and counselors excited, and include as many of the fathers as possible?**

Southern California Council found just the way when they scheduled a sleep-over on the USS Midway, a former US Navy aircraft carrier now acting as a museum. Ten clubs totaling over 250 boys and men from the Southern California Council were represented.

After check-in on Friday evening, the “campers” boarded the ship and were separated into groups called squadrons, each named after actual squadrons which had served on the USS Midway during its active service. Cadets and adults were guided to their berthing areas in actual U.S. Navy three-high beds called “racks”. After storing their gear, squadron members returned to the designated area on the ship’s hangar deck for further instructions. Guided by members of the museum’s Education Department, each squadron followed a different schedule to visit the different areas of this massive floating museum.

After each squadron had visited four areas, everyone enjoyed some free time on the flight deck. Cadets and parents were able to step back into history and relive the active service of rescue helicopters, cargo planes, and powerful fighter jets, climbing in and out of cockpits, cargo holds, and taking in the sheer size and power of these mighty machines.



Council President Bill Mulder led the group in reciting the Cadet Landmarks, where they got to declare a mutual commitment and love for Christ to each other and to the Midway

staff. Lights out promptly at 2200 (or 10pm in civilian time) signaled a brief pause in the adventure. Reveille (or lights on) occurred at 0600 (or 6am).

A full breakfast was provided by the museum’s kitchen staff at 0615 and regrouping was called at 0700 for a continuation of the adventure. Each squadron visited the areas of the ship not visited the evening before. By the end everyone had visited the bridge, the flight deck, the Combat Information Center, an engine room, the Damage Control Central, and the the living spaces of the United States Marine Corps detachment on-board the ship.

Mid-morning on Saturday found the intrepid “Honorary Midway Museum crew members” back on the hangar deck for a final briefing and dismissal. The overnight adventure was ended but with a promise to return in 2028 for a new generation of Southern California Cadets.



## Camping With A Purpose

In the summer of 2026, we will be having our tri-annual International Cadet Camporee. This is a large event, with preparations starting years ahead of time. Work on the site, preparing materials, planning menus, scheduling activities, booking entertainment, and more have all been taking place for years. The boys and men who plan on attending Kamp Longview need to be prepared as well. Badges need to be earned and certification work completed.

This spring, the Niagara and Berean East Councils of southern Ontario held a certification course. Seventy cadets, 6 junior counselors and over 25 counselors, from 12 different clubs attended. Despite the cool weather for a May weekend, they had a great time cooking meals and building shelters. By the end of the event, everyone was looking forward to the 2025 Ontario Camporee, and further ahead to 2026 in Alberta.



## Cadets On Display

The Tulip Time Festival is an annual event, held in Pella, Iowa, on the first Thursday-Saturday of May. The festival celebrated its 90th occurrence this past year. Each afternoon and every evening included a parade through town.

The Cadet clubs of Hawkeye Council have been participating in the parades for many years. Each parade has the cadets from a different church riding the float. With over 100,000 people attending the festival each year, the Cadet float provides a wonderful opportunity to promote the ministry.





## From The Director's Desk: Stand Firm

**"Be on your guard; stand firm in your faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love". - 1 Corinthians 16:13-14**

This is our theme verse(s) for the 2025-26 Cadet season. The tagline we are using is: Stand Firm.

Boys today have a lot of pressure to conform to the ways of the world. But for those who know Jesus, and the way they are expected to live, they need to

stay firm. They can't let the world sway them from what they know is right.

For the boys, and for all of us, standing firm may include being sure enough of your faith that you can display it wherever you go. I have the Cadet logo and the motto, "Living for Jesus," on the back of my vehicle. My driving habits and reactions will always be viewed as representing Jesus – am I doing everything in love?

We speak thousands of words a day. Looking back at them, are we willing to have our name connected to each of them? Have we been standing firm and guarding what comes from our mouths?

As an organization, how does Cadets stand firm? We recently recognized our 73rd birthday. For over seven decades we have been helping boys grow more Christlike in all areas of life. We've tried to stay true to our calling and to our mission. We celebrated with a "Stand Firm" fundraising dinner. Guests with decades of involvement, and those hearing about us for the first time, joined together in hearing how Cadets has, and continues to, help boys grow into Christian men, able to be strong, and stand firm in their faith.



Part of what we recognize with a dinner like this is that we don't have to stand firm by ourselves. We aren't the only one standing guard. It's much easier being courageous when you are surrounded by others being strong with you. And that is what the extended Cadet community is all about. Together we work to bring God's word to the boys. Together we work on passing on the truths about living for Jesus from one generation to the next. Together we do this all in love.



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