

## **Kelly Cup**

**Mission.** The Commandant's Department conducts a Kelly Cup Squad Drill Competition culminating on Parents' Day in order to help upperclass cadets develop the skills associated with planning, preparing, executing, and assessing training, to help fourthclass cadets reach a new level of excellence in drill and teamwork, and to recognize superior performance both of the trainers and the squads.

**Intent.** That squad leaders will use the five steps of CTM to build in themselves and their squad a shared commitment to excellence and that those efforts will be appropriately recognized and rewarded.

**Concept of Operations.** The Assistant Commandant for Operations and Training issues an order for the Kelly Cup competition. During Challenge Week, the cadre selects fourthclass cadets who demonstrate exceptional proficiency in drill to be members of their company's Kelly Cup Squad. After selection, the selected Kelly Cup Squad Sergeant conducts training to develop the ad hoc squad into a cohesive team that is prepared for the competition. Prior to Parents' Weekend, Cadet Drill Masters under the supervision of TAC NCOs use the standards in the order to evaluate each company's Kelly Cup squad in personal appearance and drill performance. The top four squads continue to the final competition which is conducted on Parents' Day. The winning squad and squad leader are awarded a weekend. The second, third, and fourth place finishers are awarded an overnight.