

Chapter 23

LOCAL/NATIONAL AWARDS & DECORATIONS

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS. The Cadet Awards and Decorations Program fosters morale, esprit-de-corps, and recognizes achievements of AFJROTC cadets. Awards sponsored by national organizations are funded by the sponsoring organization and donated through local chapters where available. Only Awards and Decorations approved by Holm Center/JR and listed in this guide may be worn.

Units cannot purchase matching medals for HQ AFJROTC Approved Ribbons. (Example: Outstanding Cadet, Patriotic Flag, Bataan March, etc.). Only medals specifically designated within this Operational Supplement and depicted on the AFJROTC Ribbon Chart are approved.

Units may not create or purchase local awards (ribbon and/or medals) for wear on the uniform.

Ribbons **will not** be worn with medals. Medals may be worn with the service dress uniform for formal and semi-formal occasions of a limited nature (such as dining ins/outs, military ball, change of command ceremonies, awards ceremonies, picture days, or other formal events as specified by the SASI.) Medals may not be worn on regular uniform days. Place medals on the mounting rack in the proper order of precedence (see para 7.6.3.1).

SASIs are authorized to impose additional criteria (**more stringent**) to meet local standards and needs without diminishing minimum standards (example: limiting the number of cadets who may earn the award where no guidance is stated, or below stated limits). If such additional criteria are imposed, they must be specifically stated in the Cadet Guide or Unit Operating Instructions.

Present awards at appropriate ceremonies. Invite school officials, local civil authorities and parents when practical. Representatives from organizations sponsoring awards will be offered the opportunity to make the award presentation. Display awards when possible for the benefit of the cadet corps. The SASI will ensure that Air Force endorsement of any agency's product or service is neither stated nor implied. Several distinctive awards are authorized for AFJROTC Cadets to recognize outstanding academic and leadership performance or for a specific display of valor. Medals, ribbons, and certificates are awarded in the following categories:

NATIONAL AWARDS: National awards are presented to cadets selected by the KY-951 Senior Aerospace Science Instructor (SASI). These awards are authorized by AFJROTC Publications. Cadets may refer to eligibility criteria upon request.

AFJROTC cadets are **not authorized** to wear ribbons/medals earned/issued from Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard Junior ROTC programs. Cadets will be given equivalent AFJROTC ribbons to wear in lieu of Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard Junior ROTC ribbons/medals the cadet earned while serving in sister-service JROTC program. It is up to the SASI to make the best determination as to what equivalent AFJROTC ribbon to issue.

Badges or insignia from Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, or any other non-AFJROTC group are not authorized on the AFJROTC uniform. Also, badges, ribbons or insignia from middle school programs such as Youth Leadership Corps are not authorized on the AFJROTC uniform.






Descriptions and Criteria of AFJROTC Medals and Ribbons. **Ribbons will not be worn with Medals (only the medals will be worn). NOTE: Medals will not be worn on regular uniform days or during any type of competition, i.e., drill, Cyber-Patriot, Academic Bowl, etc.**

Gold Valor Award. Awards consist of a medal, ribbon, and certificate. The Gold Valor Award recognizes the most outstanding voluntary acts of self-sacrifice and personal bravery by a cadet involving conspicuous risk of life above and beyond the call of duty. Forward recommendations for valor awards through HQ-OpsSupport@afjrotc.com for review and approval within 6 months of the incident. Include a detailed description of the situation, newspaper clippings (if available), statements by victims and observers, and any other information deemed appropriate to validate eligibility. In addition, submit a proposed citation to accompany the award. HQ-Ops Support will forward the valor award to the HQ AFJROTC Director for final approval. Upon approval, HQ-Ops Support will distribute the citation, medal, and ribbon for presentation. Ribbon for this award may be worn on the cadet's ribbon rack and worn on regular uniform days. For each additional award earned an additional small silver star will be awarded. **Medals will not be worn on regular uniform days or during any type of competition.**

Silver Valor Award. Awards consist of a medal, ribbon, and certificate. The Silver Valor Award is awarded to a cadet for a voluntary act of heroism which does not meet the risk-of-life requirements of the Gold Valor Award. Forward recommendations for valor awards through HQ-OpsSupport@afjrotc.com for review and approval within 6 months of the incident. Include a detailed description of the situation, newspaper clippings (if available), statements by victims and observers, and any other information deemed appropriate to validate eligibility. In addition, submit a proposed citation to accompany the award. HQ-Ops Support will forward the valor award to HQ AFJROTC Director for final approval. Upon approval, HQ-Ops Support distributes the citation, medal, and ribbon for presentation. Ribbon for this award may be worn on the cadet's ribbon rack and worn on regular uniform days. For each additional award earned an additional small silver star will be awarded. **Medals will not be worn on regular uniform days or during any type of competition.**

Cadet Humanitarian Award. Award consists of a ribbon and certificate. It is intended to recognize cadets who provide aid in response to a singular extraordinary event such as a natural disaster or other catastrophe that has placed or has the potential to place a hardship on their fellow citizens. This award is not to be used to recognize day-to-day service in the community. Forward recommendations for humanitarian awards to HQ-OpsSupport@afjrotc.com for review and approval within 6 months of the incident. Include a detailed description of the situation, newspaper clippings (if available), statements by victims and observers, and any other information deemed appropriate to validate eligibility. In addition, submit a proposed citation to accompany the award. Upon approval, HQ-Ops Support distributes the citation and ribbon for presentation. For each additional award earned an additional small silver star will be awarded.

Silver Star Community Service with Excellence Award. Award consists of a ribbon with Silver Star device and certificate. The Silver Star Community Service with Excellence Award will be an honor that emphasizes the value of community service, and establishes a greater sense of pride within the corps.

-  The award will be given to cadets in the Top 5% of units (approximately 45 units) who have the highest "per cadet average" community service hours
-  "Countable" hours must be logged into WINGS and be accomplished IAW published guidance (AFJROTCI 36-2010)
-  Countable hours will be the period from 11 April (previous year) to 10 Apr (current year). HQ will use the last PSR cadet enrollment and the hours submitted in WINGS for that period to calculate the Top 5% units and notify the units earning the Award
-  Instructors at the Top 5% units will determine which of their cadets have contributed to the unit earning the new award
-  Additional awards earned, an additional large silver star will be awarded

Community Service with Excellence Award. Award consists of a ribbon and certificate. It is intended to recognize those individual cadets who provide significant leadership in the planning, organizing, directing, and executing of a major unit community service project that greatly benefits the local community. This is not an award given to participants but to the key leader(s) of the project. Forward recommendations for Community Service with Excellence Award to HQ-OpsSupport@afjrotc.com for review and approval within 6 months of completion of the project. Include a detailed description of the contributions of the individual(s) along with newspaper clippings (if available) describing the outcome of the project, letters of appreciation from civic leaders, or other information deemed appropriate to validate eligibility. Ribbon must be purchased from a vendor using MilPer funds. For each additional ribbon earned an additional bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded. A single silver oak leaf cluster will be used for the award of the fifth bronze oak leaf cluster.

National-level Awards. These items may be issued to cadets, but medals from these organizations WILL ONLY be worn during events such as dining ins/outs, military ball, change of command ceremonies, awards ceremonies, picture days, or other formal events as specified by the SASI. Ribbons for this award may be worn on the cadet's ribbon rack and worn on regular uniform days. Medals will not be worn on regular uniform days or during any type of competition, (i.e., drill, Cyber-Patriot, Academic Bowl, etc.). ***Cadets may only receive one National-level Award for each year they are in AFJROTC and may not receive the same National-level award twice during their AFJROTC career (does not apply to National competition awards).*** Guidelines for National-level Awards will be followed to the fullest extent possible. Deviations from established award criteria will not be the norm, but based on a case, by case basis. Unit must uphold the "spirit of intent" of an award.

Grandfathered National Awards - Cadets receiving these National-level awards listed below (items 51-58) prior to 30 July 2018, and wish to wear these awards may do so as long as they remain in AFJROTC or NLT 1 August 2021 (grandfathered).











Medals may be worn on the semi-formal uniform only for formal and semi-formal occasions of a limited nature (such as dining ins/outs, military ball, change of command ceremonies, awards ceremonies, picture days, or other formal events as specified by the SASI.) Medals will not be worn on regular uniform days.

These ribbons may be worn by cadets (if earned prior to 30 July 2018) during regular uniform days and will be worn in the precedence listed below following the Patriotic Flag Ribbon. These ribbons will no longer be eligible for wear after 1 August 2021.

- 51. Daughters of the American Revolution Award**
- 52. National Sojourners Award**
- 53. Sons of the American Revolution Award**
- 54. Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction Award**
- 55. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Award**
- 56. Sons of Confederate Veterans H.L. Hunley Award**
- 57. National Society United States Daughter of 1812**
- 58. Non-Funded National Awards (i.e., NCOA, National Society, Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, American Military Retirees Association "LEAP", United Daughters of the Confederacy etc.)**









Air Force Association Award. This AFA-sponsored award consists of a medal and ribbon and is presented annually at each unit to the outstanding second-year (in a 3-year program) or third-year cadet (in a 4-year program). Cadets may only receive this award once. Ribbon for this award may be worn on the cadet's ribbon rack and

worn on regular uniform days. **Medal will not be worn on regular uniform days or during any type of competition.** The award recipient must possess/meet the following personal characteristics and eligibility criteria:

-  Positive attitude (toward AFJROTC and school)
-  Outstanding personal appearance (uniform and grooming)
-  Display personal attributes such as initiative, judgment, & self-confidence
-  Courteous demeanor (promptness, obedience, and respect for customs)
-  Growth potential (capacity for responsibility, high productivity, adaptability to change)
-  Possess the highest personal and ethical standards and strong positive convictions
-  Rank in the Top 1% of their AS class (academics, leadership, professionalism)
-  Rank in the Top 10% of their academic class (school ranking)
-  Perform over 100 hours of community service
-  Be recommended by the SASI for Outstanding Cadet Ribbon

Daedalian Award. The Order of Dandelions is a fraternity of commissioned pilots from all military services. It is named after the legendary figure, Daedalus, and was organized by WWI military pilots who sought to perpetuate the spirit of patriotism, love of country, and the high ideals of self-sacrifice which place service to the nation above personal safety and position. This award is offered to encourage the development of these traits in cadets and to interest them in a military career. The medal is fashioned after an ancient Grecian plaque discovered by a Dandelion in the village of Lavadia, Greece and depicts Daedalus and his son Icarus fabricating their legendary wings of wax and feathers. Cadets may only receive this award once. Ribbon for this award may be worn on the cadet's ribbon rack and worn on regular uniform days. **Medal will not be worn on regular uniform days or during any type of competition.**






The award includes a medal, certificate, and ribbon. This annual award recognizes one outstanding third-year cadet at each unit that meets the following criteria:

-  Demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of patriotism
-  Love of country and service to the nation
-  Indicate the potential and desire to pursue a military career
-  Demonstrate leadership qualities
-  Actively participate in student activities
-  Rank in the top 10% of their AFJROTC class ranking
-  Rank in the top 20% of their High School class ranking
-  Perform over 100 hours of community service

The **SASI** selects the recipient and requests the award from the nearest Daedelion flight. A minimum of 90 days' notice is required to allow the local chapter to obtain the award from their national headquarters and to schedule a Daedelion flight presenter for the award.

American Legion Scholastic Award. This award consists of a bronze medal accompanied by a ribbon with a distinctive miniature attachment depicting a scholastic scroll. This award is presented annually to one second or third-year cadet (in a 3-year program) or a third or fourth-year cadet (in a 4-year program) based on the cadet's overall scholastic achievements. Cadets may only receive this award once. Ribbon for this award may be worn on the cadet's ribbon rack and worn on regular uniform days. **Medal will not be worn on regular uniform days or during any type of competition.**





Each Cadet must:

-  Rank in the top 10% of the high school class
-  Rank in the top 25% of their AS class
-  Demonstrate leadership qualities
-  Perform over 100 hours of community service
-  Actively participate in student activities

The **SASI**, as chairman, with the ASI and at least one faculty member, selects the recipient and must request the award not later than 15 February of each calendar year. The award devices and presenter can be requested from the nearest American Legion Post. If there is no local post, contact the American Legion Headquarters.








American Legion General Military Excellence Award. This award consists of a bronze medal accompanied by a ribbon with a distinctive miniature attachment depicting a torch. This award is presented annually to one second/third-year cadet (in a 3-year program) or a third/fourth-year cadet (in a 4-year program) based on the cadet's general military excellence. Cadets may only receive this award once. Ribbon for this award may be worn on the cadet's ribbon rack and worn on regular uniform days. **Medal will not be worn on regular uniform days or during any type of competition.**

Each cadet must:

-  Rank in the top 25% of their AFJROTC class
-  Demonstrate outstanding qualities in military leadership, discipline, character, and citizenship
-  Actively participates in student activities
-  Perform over 100 hours of community service

The **SASI**, as chairman, with the ASI and at least one faculty member, selects the recipient and must request the award not later than 15 February of each calendar year. The award devices and presenter can be requested from the nearest American Legion Post. If there is no local post, contact the American Legion Headquarters.





American Veterans (AMVETS) Awards. This award consists of a medal pendant and ribbon. Cadets may only receive this award once. Ribbon for this award may be worn on the cadet's ribbon rack and worn on regular uniform days. **Medal will not be worn on regular uniform days or during any type of competition.** This award is presented annually to one qualified cadet that possesses individual characteristics contributing to leadership such as:






-  A positive attitude toward AFJROTC programs and service in the Air Force
-  Personal appearance (wearing of the uniform, posture, and grooming, but not physical characteristics per se)
-  Personal attributes (initiative, dependability, judgment, and self-confidence)
-  Officer potential (capacity for responsibility, adaptability, and maintenance of high personal standards)
-  Obtained a grade of "A" (or numerical equivalent) in their AS class
-  Perform over 100 hours of community service
-  Be in good scholastic standing in all classes at the time of selection and at the time of presentation

The **SASI** selects the recipient of the award and submits a brief nomination letter and biographical sketch of the cadet to the state AMVETS department where the school is located. An AMVETS representative should make the presentation if a participating local post or department representative is available.

Reserve Officers Association Award. This award consists of a bronze medal, ribbon, and certificate. This award is presented annually for military and academic achievement to an outstanding third-year cadet (fourth-year cadet in a 4-year program). Cadets may only receive this award once. Ribbon for this award may be worn on the cadet's ribbon rack and worn on regular uniform days. **Medal will not be worn on regular uniform days or during any type of competition.**

The recipient must possess individual characteristics contributing to leadership such as:

-  Positive attitude toward the AS curriculum
-  Outstanding personal appearance (wear of uniform, posture, & grooming).
-  Attributes of initiative, judgment, and self-discipline
-  Courtesy (promptness, obedience, and respect)

-  Growth potential (capacity for responsibility, high productivity, work ethic, and adaptability to change)
-  Demonstrate the highest personal, ethical standards & strong positive convictions (military orientation)
-  Rank in the top 10% of AFJROTC class/25% of HS Class
-  Perform over 100 hours of community service
-  Recognized as having knowledge of civic responsibility




The **SASI**, as chairman, with the ASI selects the recipient of the award. The local ROA chapter contacts each SASI before 15 January and furnishes the name of the ROA representative for presentation purposes. If no contact is made by 15 Jan, the SASI must communicate directly with the National Headquarters of the Reserve Officers Association.




Military Order of World Wars Award. This award consists of a bronze medal pendant, certificate, and ribbon. This award is presented annually to an outstanding cadet who has committed to continue the aerospace science program the following school year. Selection is based on outstanding accomplishments or service to the AFJROTC unit. Cadets may only receive this award once. Ribbon for this award may be worn on the cadet's ribbon rack and worn on regular uniform days. **Medal will not be worn on regular uniform days or during any type of competition.**

The **SASI**, with the concurrence of the principal, selects the recipient and completes the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) citation by summarizing the cadet's outstanding accomplishments or service to the unit. The citation and request for the medal, certificate, and ribbon are sent to the nearest local chapter of the MOWW. The SASI will make arrangements for a MOWW representative to make the presentation at an appropriate ceremony. If a local chapter is unavailable, Contact the MOWW National Headquarters. If a member is not available, any active, reserve, or retired commissioned officer may present the award.

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Award. This award, formerly known as The Retired Officers Association Award, consists of a medal pendant with ribbon. This award is presented annually to an outstanding second-year cadet (third-year cadet in a 4-year program) who shows exceptional potential for military leadership. Cadets may only receive this award once. Ribbon for this award may be worn on the cadet's ribbon rack and worn on regular uniform days. **Medal will not be worn on regular uniform days or during any type of competition.**

Each cadet must:











-  Be a member of the junior class
-  Be in good academic standing (Top 25% of class)
-  Be of high moral character

-  Show a high order of loyalty to the unit, school, and country
-  Show exceptional potential for military leadership
-  Perform over 75 hours of community service

The **SASI** selects the recipient subject to the final approval of the sponsoring MOAA chapter. The SASI requests the award devices from the nearest MOAA chapter. A MOAA representative will make the award presentation. If a MOAA chapter is not available in the area, the SASI sends the request to the MOAA headquarters.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Award. This award consists of a medal pendant with ribbon. This award presented annually to an outstanding second or third-year cadet in a 3-year program (third or fourth-year cadet in a 4-year program) who is actively engaged in the AFJROTC program and who possesses individual characteristics contributing to leadership. Cadets may only receive this award once. Ribbon for this award may be worn on the cadet's ribbon rack and worn on regular uniform days. **Medal will not be worn on regular uniform days or during any type of competition.**







Each cadet must:

-  Have a positive attitude toward AFJROTC
-  Have outstanding military bearing and conduct
-  Must be enrolled as a 10th -12th grade AFJROTC student
-  Possess strong positive personal attributes (such as courtesy, dependability, punctuality, respect, and cooperation)
-  Demonstrate patriotism (being a member of the color guard or drill team) and actively promote Americanism
-  Demonstrate leadership potential
-  Attain a grade of "A" in AFJROTC with an overall average grade of "B" in all subjects for previous semester
-  Be active in student activities
-  Perform over 75 hours of community service
-  Have not previously been a recipient of this award

The **SASI** selects the recipient subject to the final approval of the sponsoring VFW chapter. The SASI requests the award from the nearest local post in February for presentation in April or May. AVFW representative will present the award at an appropriate ceremony. If no local post is available, or if the local post does not offer the award, obtain information by contacting the headquarters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Military Order of the Purple Heart. This award consists of a medal pendant with a ribbon. This award annually recognizes an outstanding second or third-year cadet (third or fourth-year cadet in a 4-year program) who is enrolled in the AFJROTC program and demonstrates leadership ability. Cadets may only receive this award once. Ribbon for this award may be worn on the cadet's ribbon rack and worn on regular uniform days. **Medal will not be worn on regular uniform days or during any type of competition.**





Each cadet must:

-  Have a positive attitude toward AFJROTC and country
-  Hold a leadership position in the cadet corps
-  Be active in school and community affairs
-  Attain a grade of **"B" or higher** in all subjects for previous semester
-  Perform over 75 hours of community service
-  Have not previously been a recipient of this award

The **SASI** selects the recipient and requests the award from the nearest Military Order of the Purple Heart unit in February for presentation in April or May. A representative of the Military Order of the Purple Heart will make the presentation at an appropriate ceremony. If no local unit is available, or if the local unit does not offer the award; obtain information by contacting the national headquarters of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) Award. This annual award consists of a medal pendant with a ribbon. This award recognizes an outstanding second- or third-year cadet in a three-year program (third- or fourth-year cadet in a 4-year program). The recipient must demonstrate outstanding qualities in military leadership, discipline, character, and citizenship. Cadets may only receive this award once. Ribbon for this award may be worn on the cadet's ribbon rack and worn on regular uniform days. **Medal will not be worn on regular uniform days or during any type of competition.**






Each cadet must:

-  Be in top 10% of the AFJROTC class
-  Demonstrate outstanding qualities in military leadership, discipline, character, and citizenship
-  Perform over 75 hours of community service
-  Have not previously been a recipient of this award

The **SASI**, as chairperson, with the ASI, recommends the recipient of the award at least 60 days prior to the desired presentation date, but not later than 15 Feb of each calendar year. The SASI requests the award and an AFSA presenter from the

nearest AFSA chapter. If information on the nearest chapter is not available, or if there is no active AFSA chapter in the area, the SASI will contact the AFSA International headquarters to obtain the name and address of the division president whose area of responsibility is nearest the requesting school.

Tuskegee Airman Incorporated (TAI) AFJROTC Award. This TAI sponsored award consists of a ribbon and a certificate. This award is presented annually to two cadets. Cadets may be first-year, second-year, or third-year Cadets (in a 3- or 4-year program). Cadets may only receive this award once. Ribbon for this award may be worn on the cadet's ribbon rack and worn on regular uniform days. **Medal will not be worn on regular uniform days or during any type of competition.** Each cadet must meet the following criteria:












-  Attain a grade of **"A"** or better in their AS class
-  Be in good academic standing
-  Actively participate in cadet corps activities
-  Accumulate over 75 community service hours minimum
-  Participate in at least **50%** of all unit service programs

The SASI selects the recipients. This award is mailed to all units **proactively** by AFJROTC Unit SC-065, C.A. Johnson Preparatory Academy not later than 1 March. AFJROTC Unit NC-20022, Vance High School will mail all award devices in one mass mailing. A follow-up report is required after the award is presented. Provide NC-20022 the names and grades of the recipients and date award was presented on the supplied mail back form.

The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA) Award. Awarded annually, at the SASI's discretion, for exceptional leadership to the most outstanding AFJROTC cadet while serving in an Enlisted Rank. The selected enlisted cadet must have shown outstanding leadership throughout the course of the school year. This award consists of a medal, ribbon, and certificate from TREA. Recipient of this award must complete 75 hours or more of community service. Cadets may only receive this award once. Ribbon for this award may be worn on the cadet's ribbon rack and worn on regular uniform days. **Medal will not be worn on regular uniform days or during any type of competition.**

Celebrate Freedom Foundation/ERAU Award. The CFF/ERAU JROTC Award consists of a certificate and ribbon and is presented annually to the outstanding first or second-year (in a 3-year program or 4-year program) cadet. Cadets may only receive this award once. Ribbon for this award may be worn on the cadet's ribbon rack and worn on regular uniform days. **Medal will not be worn on regular uniform days or during any type of competition.**

The award recipient must possess/meet the following personal characteristics and eligibility criteria:

-  Positive attitude (toward AFJROTC and school)
-  Outstanding personal appearance (uniform and grooming)
-  Display personal attributes such as initiative, judgment, and self-confidence
-  Courteous demeanor (promptness, obedience, and respect for customs)
-  Growth potential (capacity for responsibility, high productivity, adaptability to change)
-  Possess highest personal/ethical standards/strong positive convictions
-  Indicate the potential and desire to pursue a military career
-  Rank in the top 5% of their AS class with a grade of "A" or equivalent
-  Rank in the top 15% of their academic class
-  Perform over 75 hours of community service
-  Be recommended by the SASI for the Outstanding Cadet Ribbon

The nomination process is now online. To nominate a Cadet via our website www.thecelebratefreedomfoundation.org

POC: Terrie Miller at tmiller@cff-soar.org

Air Commando Association Award. Awarded annually at the SASI's discretion for completing a one-page essay based on a historical AF Special Operations Mission possessing the thirteen critical attributes of success: integrity, self-motivation, intelligence, self-discipline, perseverance, adaptability, maturity, judgment, selflessness, leadership, skilled, physical fitness and family strength. This award consists of a ribbon and certificate. Recipient of this award must complete 75 hours of community service. Cadets may only receive this award once. Ribbon for this award may be worn on the cadet's ribbon rack and worn on regular uniform days. **Medal will not be worn on regular uniform days or during any type of competition.**

Local AFJROTC Awards: These awards are authorized by AFROTCI 36-2010 and are presented to cadets selected & approved by the SASI. The awards and criteria are as follows:

Distinguished Unit award with Merit (DUAM). Awarded to cadets enrolled during the same academic year in which 1) the unit receives a HQ AFJROTC evaluation with an overall rating of Exceeds Standards and 2) the unit is selected by HQ AFJROTC to receive the DUA. Both criteria must occur during the same academic year. The unit will receive a congratulatory letter, a certificate of recognition which will be posted in WINGS, and a unit streamer. AFJROTC Operations Support will post criteria for this award annually, results should be

posted in Wings by May of each calendar year. For each additional ribbon earned, a small silver star will be awarded.

Distinguished Unit Award (DUA). Awarded to cadets enrolled during the academic year when a unit is selected by HQ AFJROTC to receive the DUA. The unit will receive a congratulatory letter, a certificate of recognition which will be posted in WINGS, and a unit streamer. AFJROTC Operations Support will post criteria for this award annually, results should be posted in Wings by May of each calendar year. For each additional ribbon earned, a small silver star will be awarded

Outstanding Organization Award. Awarded to cadets enrolled during the academic year when a unit is selected by HQ AFJROTC to receive the OOA. The unit will receive a congratulatory letter and a certificate of recognition which will be posted in WINGS. OOA recipients do not receive a streamer. AFJROTC Operations Support will post criteria for this award annually, results should be posted in Wings by May of each calendar year. For each additional ribbon earned, a small silver star will be awarded









Outstanding Flight Ribbon. Awarded each academic term to members of the outstanding flight determined by the SASI. Flights will be given an overall score from the following categories: Academic Average, Uniform Wear, Drill & PT participation, and overall function as the best flight of the semester in regards to discipline and team work/development. For cadet to receive this award, they must have a "B" or higher in JROTC, a cadet in good standing, and complete over 50 hours of community service. For each additional ribbon earned, a bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded. A single silver oak leaf cluster will be used for the award of the fifth bronze oak leaf cluster.

Top Performer Award. The Cadet Top Performer Award is a Headquarters, AFJROTC award presented to a maximum of 2% of the current unit cadet corps population (unduplicated headcount). This award is only presented during a formal Unit Evaluation conducted by HQ AFJROTC personnel. The award consists of a certificate and a ribbon, which is presented by the Region Director during the visit, unless personal observation of the cadet warrants otherwise. Once awarded, the ribbon may be worn for the duration of a Cadet's tenure in AFJROTC. This ribbon will be awarded at the end of each year.

***All currently enrolled cadets may be considered, but specific consideration should be given to cadets not previously recognized for superior performance. SASIs may nominate a maximum of 2% of their cadets to their Region Director based on a cadet's performance in the following key areas: Leadership and job performance: in primary duty and specifically in preparation for the unit's assessment. Leadership qualities: involvement and positions held in Leadership Development Requirement activities. Academic performance: nominee must be in good academic standing in all high school course work. Significant self-improvement. Community involvement. Other accomplishments.*









Outstanding Cadet Ribbon. Awarded annually at the SASI's discretion to the outstanding first-year, second-year, third-year, and fourth-year cadet. The recipient from each class must be of high moral character, demonstrate positive personal attributes, display outstanding military potential, and attain academic and military excellence. This ribbon will be awarded at the end of each year. For each additional ribbon earned, a bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded. A single silver oak leaf cluster will be used for the award of the fifth bronze oak leaf cluster.

Each cadet will meet the following criteria:

-  Positive attitude (toward AFJROTC and school)
-  Outstanding personal appearance (uniform and grooming)
-  Attributes such as initiative, judgment, and self- confidence
-  Courteous demeanor (promptness, obedience, and respect for customs)
-  Growth potential (capacity for responsibility, high productivity, adaptability to change)
-  Possess highest personal/ethical standards/strong positive convictions
-  Perform over 100 community service hours
-  Must have an **"A"** in AFJROTC









Leadership Ribbon. Awarded at the SASI's discretion for outstanding performance in a position of leadership as an AFJROTC cadet in corps training activities. Limit this award to 10% of the cadet corps to ensure recognition of cadets who have consistently displayed outstanding leadership ability **"Above and Beyond"** expected performance. This ribbon will be awarded at the end of each year. For each additional ribbon earned, a bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded. A single silver oak leaf cluster will be used for the award of the fifth bronze oak leaf cluster.

Each cadet will meet the following criteria

-  Positive attitude (toward AFJROTC and school)
-  Outstanding personal appearance (uniform and grooming)
-  Attributes such as initiative, judgment, and self- confidence
-  Courteous demeanor (promptness, obedience, and respect for customs)
-  Growth potential (capacity for responsibility, high productivity, adaptability to change)
-  Effectively held a position with the unit (SNCO or above)
-  Perform over 75 community service hours
-  Must have an **"A"** in AFJROTC








Achievement Ribbon. Awarded for a significant achievement as deemed appropriate by the SASI. Limit this award to 15% of the cadet corps. Individuals may not receive more than one ribbon during a 1-year period. Examples of this award given in the past is: **“Cadet-of-the-Quarter/Semester”** and special **“Above & Beyond”** moments that all other cadets missed to perform. For each additional ribbon earned, a bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded. A single silver oak leaf cluster will be used for the award of the fifth bronze oak leaf cluster.

Each cadet will meet the following criteria

-  Positive attitude (toward AFJROTC and school)
-  Outstanding personal appearance (uniform and grooming)
-  Attributes such as initiative, judgment, and self- confidence
-  Courteous demeanor (promptness, obedience, and respect for customs)
-  Growth potential (capacity for responsibility, high productivity, adaptability to change)
-  Effectively held a position with the unit (SNCO or above)
-  Perform over 50 community service hours
-  Must have an **“A”** in AFJROTC

Superior Performance Ribbon. Awarded annually at the SASI’s discretion for outstanding achievement or meritorious service rendered specifically on behalf of AFJROTC. Present the ribbon for a single or sustained performance of a superior nature. Limit this ribbon to 20% of the cadet corps to ensure award is presented in recognition of achievements and services which are **“Clearly Outstanding and Exceptional”** when compared to achievements and accomplishments of other cadets. This ribbon will be awarded at the end of each year. For each additional ribbon earned, a bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded. A single silver oak leaf cluster will be used for the award of the fifth bronze oak leaf cluster.

Each cadet will meet the following criteria

-  Positive attitude (toward AFJROTC and school)
-  Outstanding personal appearance (uniform and grooming)
-  Attributes such as initiative, judgment, and self- confidence
-  Courteous demeanor (promptness, obedience, and respect for customs)
-  Effectively held a position with the unit (NCO or above)
-  Perform over 75 community service hours
-  Must have an **“A”** in AFJROTC

Academic Ribbon. Awarded for academic excellence as signified by attaining an overall grade point average of at least **“3.0 G.P.A.”** for one academic term, in addition to having an **“A”** average in AFJROTC. This ribbon will be awarded at the end of each year. For each additional ribbon earned, a bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded. A single silver oak leaf cluster will be used for the award of the fifth bronze oak leaf cluster.

Cadet Leadership Course Ribbon. Awarded for completion of an approved leadership school program lasting at least 5 days in duration. Add a bronze oak leaf cluster for each additional leadership school completed. Add a silver star for outstanding performance or leadership ability at a Leadership School. Limit the star to 10% percent of the class. For each additional ribbon earned, a bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded. A single silver oak leaf cluster will be used for the award of the fifth bronze oak leaf cluster.

Special Teams Competition Ribbon. Awarded to team members for placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an Air Force or Joint Service Competition to include Drill Teams, Color Guard Teams, Marksmanship Rifle Teams, Saber Teams, Academic Bowl Teams, CyberPatriot, StellarXplorers etc. For each additional ribbon earned an additional bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded. A single silver oak leaf cluster will be used for the award of the fifth bronze oak leaf cluster. For each additional ribbon earned, a bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded. A single silver oak leaf cluster will be used for the award of the fifth bronze oak leaf cluster.

Joint/All-Service National Competition Award. Is a medal/ribbon awarded to team members who competed at a Joint/All Service national-level competition to include Drill Teams, Color Guard Teams, Marksmanship Rifle Teams, Saber Teams, Academic Bowl Teams, CyberPatriot, StellarXplorers etc. For each additional ribbon earned, an additional bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded. A single silver oak leaf cluster will be used for the award of the fifth bronze oak leaf cluster. Medal/Ribbon may be obtained from the host of the competition or purchased from a vendor using MilPer funds. **Medal may not (ribbon may) be worn during competitions and regular uniform wear days.**






Air Force Nationals Competition Award. Is a medal/ribbon awarded to team members who competed at an Air Force only national-level competition to include Drill Teams, Color Guard Teams, Marksmanship Rifle Teams, Saber Teams, Academic Bowl Teams, CyberPatriot, StellarXplorers etc. For each additional ribbon earned an additional bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded. A single silver oak leaf cluster will be used for the award of the fifth bronze oak leaf cluster. Medal/Ribbon may be obtained from the host of the competition or purchased from a vendor using MilPer funds. **Medal may not (ribbon may) be worn during competitions and regular uniform wear days.**

Orienteering Ribbon. Is a ribbon awarded to team members for completing a unit-specific Orienteering program as part of unit curriculum. Criteria for this award will be published in the unit’s Cadet Guide. For each additional ribbon

earned an additional bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded. A single silver oak leaf cluster will be used for the award of the fifth bronze oak leaf cluster.

Leadership Development Requirement (LDR) Leadership Ribbon. Awarded at the SASI's discretion for leadership in AFJROTC LDR activities (*such as but not limited to PT team commander, orienteering team commander, drill team commander, color guard team commander, dining-in chairperson, military ball chairperson, etc.*). The recipient must have demonstrated **“exceptional leadership”** in achieving objectives through the coordinated efforts of others. For each additional ribbon earned, an additional bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded. A single silver oak leaf cluster will be used for the award of the fifth bronze oak leaf cluster. This ribbon will be awarded at the end of each year.

Each cadet will meet the following criteria

-  Managed the activity with minimal input from instructors
-  Successfully build a continuity book for project
-  Train a junior cadet to run project the following year
-  Perform over 35 community service hours
-  Must have an **“A”** in AFJROTC

Drill Team Ribbon. Awarded for distinguished participation in at least **75%** of all drill team events per academic year, minimum of **4 drill team events** (i.e.; competitions, special school events, community demonstrations (cumulative)). in an academic year. This ribbon will be awarded at the end of each year. For each additional ribbon earned, a bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded. A single silver oak leaf cluster will be used for the award of the fifth bronze oak leaf cluster.

Color Guard Ribbon. Awarded for distinguished participation in at least **75%** of all color guard events per academic year, or **10 color guard events** in an academic year. For each additional ribbon earned, a bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded. A single silver oak leaf cluster will be used for the award of the fifth bronze oak leaf cluster. This ribbon will be awarded at the end of each year.

Saber Team Ribbon. Awarded for distinguished participation in at least **75%** of all saber team events per academic year, or **4 saber team events** in an academic year. An oak leaf cluster should be added to this ribbon for each year of active membership beginning with the second year. For each additional ribbon earned, an additional bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded. A single silver oak leaf cluster will be used for the award of the fifth bronze oak leaf cluster. This ribbon will be awarded at the end of each year.

Marksmanship Team Ribbon. Cadets must be on the marksmanship team for an entire season to be eligible to qualify and must have competed in at least 3 marksmanship postal competitions. For each additional ribbon earned, an additional bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded. A single silver oak leaf cluster will be used for the award of the fifth bronze oak leaf cluster.

Good Conduct Ribbon. This ribbon is awarded to Cadets must not have received a referral (this includes no ISS/OSS) and not missed more than 4 days of school (unexcused absences) for an entire school year to be eligible to qualify for this award. For each additional ribbon earned, an additional bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded. For each additional ribbon earned, an additional bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded. A single silver oak leaf cluster will be used for the award of the fifth bronze oak leaf cluster. This ribbon will be awarded at the end of each year.

Service Ribbon. This ribbon is awarded to cadets for participation in AFJROTC sponsored community service events. **Limit to members whose active participation in a service project contributed significantly to the goals of the organization.** To be considered for this award, each cadet must have over **35 service hours** for the year and participated in **4 service events (minimum) each semester** of the school year. For each additional ribbon earned, an additional bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded. A single silver oak leaf cluster will be used for the award of the fifth bronze oak leaf cluster. This ribbon will be awarded at the end of each year.

**** Participation in Drill Teams, Saber Teams or Color Guard Teams does not qualify for the Service Ribbon.***

Health and Wellness Ribbon. Awarded by the SASI for participation in the Presidential Physical Fitness Program. **All cadets who participate in the Presidential Physical Fitness Program will receive the ribbon.**

The Bronze Star device will be awarded and worn on the ribbon to any cadet scoring in the 75-84 percentiles in the Presidential Physical Fitness Program. If a cadet earns a percentile score of 85-95 they will wear a Silver Star. If they receive a 96-100 percent, they will wear the Gold Star on the ribbon. The percentiles are computed automatically under the Presidential Physical Fitness Program. Awarding of the ribbon is based on the **“final baseline.”**

Duplicate awards of the Bronze, Silver or Gold percentile will be denoted by the addition of another star on the ribbon. Should a cadet score in a higher percentile, only the star representing higher percentile will be worn. In no case will a cadet mix different color stars on the same ribbon.

NOTE: The percentiles are computed automatically under Presidential Physical Fitness Program Assessment in WINGS.

Also, a KY-951 may be awarded by **“SASI Discretion”** for participation in the health and wellness physical fitness program. All cadets who **“actively”** participate in the wellness program, and do not receive **“O”** for not bringing their **“PFTG”** uniform,

will be considered to receive the Health and Wellness Ribbon. This ribbon will be awarded at the end of each year.

Recruiting Ribbon. Awarded for outstanding effort in support of unit recruiting activities. For a KY-951 Cadet to earn this award, a cadet must **recruit 3 students**, and those students must commit to becoming a cadet and actually “pass and finish” an academic year of AFJROTC. For each additional ribbon earned, an additional bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded. A single silver oak leaf cluster will be used for the award of the fifth bronze oak leaf cluster. This ribbon will be awarded at the end of each year.

Activities Ribbon. Awarded for participation in Leadership Development Requirement (LDR) activities other than those that qualify for the Color Guard, Drill Team, and Special Teams Competition ribbons. These include, but are not limited to Orienteering teams, Model Rocketry clubs, AFJROTC Academic teams, and AFJROTC sports teams. An oak leaf cluster should be added to this ribbon for ***each year of membership*** beginning with the second year. For a KY-951 cadet to earn this award, the cadet must participate for the full season of activity. This award is for starting, committing, and completing the activity that they signed up for and completed. Showing maturity and growth in a “Team Philosophy.” For each additional ribbon earned, an additional bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded. A single silver oak leaf cluster will be used for the award of the fifth bronze oak leaf cluster. This ribbon will be awarded at the end of each year.

Attendance Ribbon. This ribbon is awarded to cadets with **NO** more than **“2 Excused Absences”** and **“No Unexcused Absences”** in an academic year. The award of a cluster will recognize each subsequent award. This ribbon will be awarded at the end of each year.

Dress and Appearance Ribbons. This ribbon is awarded to cadets who wear the JROTC uniform on all designated uniform days and conforming to all AFJROTC dress and appearance standards. Cadets receiving this award will maintain the highest grooming and dress standards possible.

For KY-951 Multi-Year Cadets to earn this award, they must maintain a **95%** or above average with **NO MISSED** uniform inspections during the whole year.

For KY-951 First-Year Cadets to earn this award, they must maintain an **90%** or above average with **NO MISSED** uniform inspections during the whole year.

For each additional ribbon earned, an additional bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded. A single silver oak leaf cluster will be used for the award of the fifth bronze oak leaf cluster. This ribbon will be awarded at the end of each year.

Longevity Ribbon. This ribbon is awarded to cadets for successful completion of each AFJROTC academic year and must be a cadet in **“Good Standing.”** For each additional ribbon earned, a bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded. A single silver oak leaf cluster will be used for the award of the fifth bronze oak leaf cluster. This ribbon will be awarded at the end of each year.

Bataan Death March Memorial Hike Ribbon. To honor and remember the sacrifices of the victims and survivors of World War II’s Bataan Death March, AFJROTC units may conduct an optional 14-mile Bataan Death March Memorial Hike. This event must be accomplished on a locally-determined 14-mile course (trails, road courses, tracks, etc.). Units may complete the full hike in a span of one to no more than three days. Cadet safety must be monitored at all times and advanced planning for any first aid/medical attention is paramount. Cadets who fully complete the 14-mile hike are authorized to wear the ribbon. For each additional ribbon earned, a bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded. A single silver oak leaf cluster will be used for the award of the fifth bronze oak leaf cluster. This ribbon will be awarded at the end of the year.

Additionally, no fees can be charged to participate in the Memorial March. However, units are encouraged to collect donations which will be given to reputable organizations that benefit disabled veterans such as The Air Force Association’s Wounded Airman Program, the Wounded Warrior Project, Special Operations Warrior Foundation, etc.

Patriotic Flag Ribbon. May be awarded for participation in *non-color guard* events specifically designed to honor our nation’s flag. Such events include flag raising ceremonies, flag retirement ceremonies, flag folding ceremonies, and historical flag demonstrations. The easiest way for a KY-951 cadet to earn this ribbon, a cadet must independently be responsible for school’s daily **“raising or retiring”** of Christian County High School building flag for one full school calendar month (20 school days or more consecutively). A cadet could also organize a community flag retirement ceremony with the local DAV or organize a flag-folding seminar with a district elementary or middle school. **Again, showing organization of a project (leadership) and honor to the nation’s flag are instrumental in earning this ribbon.** For each additional ribbon earned, a bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded. A single silver oak leaf cluster will be used for the award of the fifth bronze oak leaf cluster. This ribbon will be presented at the end of the year.