

## **JROTC Awards and Decorations Policy**

1. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this regulation is to establish the awards and criteria for the medals, ribbons, and other awards a cadet in JROTC is eligible to win.

2. **GENERAL:** The following is a detailed listing of the awards and decorations.

a. Medals:

(1) **MEDAL FOR HEROISM**

Criteria: The Medal of Heroism is a U.S. Military Decoration awarded by the Department of the Army to any JROTC Cadet who shall have distinguished himself by an act of heroism. The achievement must have resulted in an accomplishment so exceptional and outstanding as to clearly set the individual apart from fellow students or from other persons in similar circumstances. The performance must have involved in the acceptance of danger or extraordinary responsibilities exemplifying fortitude and courage.

(2) **LEGION OF VALOR BRONZE CROSS FOR ACHIEVEMENT**

Criteria: The criteria for selecting students for the Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement will be similar to that for Superior Cadet Decoration. The recipient must be the most well rounded LET 4 in the entire JROTC Battalion. He/she must be in the top 10 percent of his/her JROTC class and top 50 percent over all.

(3) **SUPERIOR CADET DECORATION**

Criteria: These medals are U.S. Military decorations awarded by Department of the Army and limited to one outstanding cadet in each leadership development class in each JROTC Institution. To be considered for these awards, an individual must be in the top 10 percent of his/her JROTC class and top 50 percent overall. Awarded to LET 1, 2, 3, and 4.

(4) **SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (SAR)**

Criteria: A Let 2 cadet should be in good standing militarily and scholastically at the time of selection and presentation of the award, show a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, soldierly bearing, and excellence. Excellence is defined as all around excellence in the Army JROTC program studies and activities.

(5) **THE MILITARY ORDER OF WORLD WARS (MOWW)**

Criteria: Be in good standing in all military aspects and scholastic grades at the time of selection and presentation of award. Have shown marked improvement in both military and scholastic grades at the time of selection and presentation of the award. Have indicated by military and scholastic grades, extracurricular activities, or individual endeavor a desire to serve his country. Not have previously received this award. Award may be made to a deserving cadet in each class or to a single cadet at a school.

(6) **DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (DAR)**

Criteria: The cadet must be a member of the graduating class. Be in the top 25 percent of the cadets in JROTC and academic subjects. Have demonstrated qualities of dependability and good character, adherence to military discipline, leadership ability, and a fundamental and patriotic understanding of the importance of JROTC training.

(7) **AMERICAN LEGION AWARDS**

Criteria: A cadet may receive an award for general military excellence and an award for scholastic excellence for the same school year for more than one year.

(7A) **SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE AWARD:** The cadet must be in the top 10% of his class in academic subjects. Be in the top 25% of his class in JROTC subjects. Have demonstrated qualities of leadership. Have actually participated in related student activities, such as student organizations, constructive activities, or sports.

(7B) **GENERAL MILITARY EXCELLENCE AWARD:** The cadet must be in top 25% of his class in academic subjects and JROTC subjects. Have demonstrated outstanding qualities in military leadership, discipline, character and citizenship.

(8) **THE NATIONAL SOJOURNERS AWARD**

Criteria: The cadet must be in the second or third year of JROTC. Be in the top 25% of his academic class.

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Have encouraged and demonstrated the ideals of Americanism by deed or conduct or both. Have demonstrated a potential for outstanding leadership. Not have previously received the award.

(9) **U.S. ARMY RECRUITING COMMAND MEDAL**

Criteria: Awarded to an outstanding Let 3 cadet who shows unusual devotion to the United States of America and the JROTC Program. Has demonstrated high moral character and suitability to wear the uniform. Academic grades must be C average or above.

(10) **VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS MEDALS**

Criteria: Patriotism, devotion to school, community, America. An individual(s) who practices service through repeated acts of support.

(11) **VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS LADIES AUXILIARY MEDAL**

Criteria: Same as the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

(12) **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY AWARDS**

Criteria: A cadet may receive an award for general military excellence and an award for scholastic excellence for the same school year or for more than one year. Same as American Legion awards except awards will carry Auxiliary descriptions and be award by the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

(12A) **SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE AWARD:** The cadet must be in the top 10% of the class in academic subjects. Be in the top 25% of the class in JROTC subjects. Have demonstrated qualities of leadership. Have actually participated in related student activities, such as student organizations, constructive activities, or sports.

(12B) **GENERAL MILITARY EXCELLENCE AWARD:** The cadet must be in top 25% of the class in academic subjects and JROTC subjects. Have demonstrated outstanding qualities in military leadership, discipline, character and citizenship.

(13) **RETIRED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION MEDAL**

Criteria: Individual must have demonstrated outstanding loyalty and support to JROTC. His/her record must be flawless and his academic standings must be above average.

(14) **RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION**

Criteria: Must be one of the top cadets militarily and scholastically in the JROTC Program. Cadet must show loyalty to the JROTC program by acts, works, and deeds.

(15) **ASSOCIATION OF THE U.S. ARMY MEDAL**

Criteria: Outstanding JROTC Cadet who demonstrates qualities of leadership above and beyond most persons of high school age and experience. Academic grades must be of the quality to make the cadet competitive for JROTC scholarships. (GPA above 3.0 and SAT score above 950). Individuals potential for service to country must be superior to most others and has been demonstrated through JROTC and other school activities

(16) **KIWANIS CLUB MEDAL FOR PATRIOTISM**

Criteria: Awarded to those cadets who go "above and beyond the call of duty" in support of patriotic activities, normally during time when school is not in session.

(17) **SENIOR ARMY INSTRUCTOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL**

Criteria: Known as the "Rainbow" award. Awarded annually to outstanding cadets who have made significant contributions to the success of the JROTC Program.

(18) **ARMY INSTRUCTOR (AI) MEDAL**

Criteria: The AI Medal is a special award presented to a few selected cadets who go above and beyond in their support of and loyalty to the Spalding High School JROTC Program. Persons selected for this award would maintain satisfactory grades in JROTC, participate in JROTC extracurricular activities and community support

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events and demonstrates 100% dedicated service to the policies and procedures outlined by the JROTC Department.

(19) **GOOD CITIZEN MEDAL**

Criteria: The Good Citizen Medal is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5448. It is for those JROTC Cadets who display extraordinary examples of service to the school, JROTC, community and nation. It may be awarded for a completion of exploits or one single act. The recipient of a Good Citizen Medal will have put duty and love of country first and self second.

(20) **GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD MINUTEMAN AWARD**

Criteria: The "Spirit" award for loyalty and devotion to JROTC above and beyond the call of duty. The one individual each year who best exemplifies the spirit and interest of America's original Minutemen.

(21) **OUTSTANDING PLATOON SERGEANT AWARD**

Criteria: Awarded annually to one Platoon Sergeant from each company recommended by the Company Commander and approved by the Company Advisor.

(22) **COMMUNITY SERVICE MEDAL**

Criteria: The Community Service Medal is reserved for those individuals who go above and beyond the call of duty in volunteering their time and efforts in service to the community. Any cadet who performs 25 hours of community service will be awarded the Community Service Medal; 35 hours earns the citizenship pin on the medal. After 50 hours, a special plaque will be presented.

(23) **OUTSTANDING CADET OF THE MONTH**

Criteria: Selected as the single best LET 1, 2, and 3 cadet in the battalion each month.

(24) **OUTSTANDING CADET OF THE SEMESTER**

Criteria: Selected as the single best LET 1, 2, and 3 cadet in the battalion each semester.

(25) **PHYSICAL FITNESS MEDAL**

Criteria: Awarded to any cadet who scores 255 or higher on the U.S. Army PT test and 85 percent or higher on Cadet Challenge.

(26) **CADET ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL**

Criteria: Awarded to cadets who exceed the JROTC expectation in fund raising, service and the like. An impact award from the SAI.

(27) **JAGUAR MEDAL**

Criteria: Awarded to LET 4 cadets who best live up to the Army values of honest, love of country, and the American value of family.

(28) **SCOTTISH RITE JROTC EDUCATION AND AMERICANISM AWARD**

Criteria: Recognizes an outstanding LET 3 cadet who:

- a. Has contributed the most among any cadets on campus to encourage citizenship.
- b. Demonstrated academic excellence by being in top 25% of academic class.
- c. Display potential for outstanding leadership and values.

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### b. Ribbon:

(1) **DISTINGUISHED CADET AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE (N-1-1)**

Criteria: Awarded annually to cadet who exhibits the highest degree of excellence in scholastics by scoring the highest SAT score for the year.

(2) **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE RIBBON (N-1-2)**

Criteria: One cadet in each LET level who has the highest school Grade Point Average (GPA).

(3) **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT RIBBON (Annually) (N-1-3)**

Criteria: Awarded annually to all cadets who maintain a grade of "A" in all subjects at Griffin High School.

\* (4) **PERFECT ATTENDANCE RIBBON (N-1-4)**

Criteria: Awarded to all cadets who have been counted present at school for a semester. Each semester counts as a separate award.

(5) **STUDENT GOVERNMENT RIBBON (N-1-5)**

Criteria: JROTC cadet must have been elected or appointed to a student government position, the Principal's Round Table, or attended Boys' or Girls' State.

(6) **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SERVICE RIBBON (N-1-6)**

Criteria: Awarded to all cadets successfully completing each LET year.

(7) **EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION RIBBON (N-1-7)**

Criteria: Awarded to a cadet who earns the rank of Eagle Scout. May be retroactive. Bronze Palm-2nd Award; Gold Palm-3rd Award; Silver Palm-4th Award.

(8) **N-1-8 (Open)**

(9) **COMPANY ADVISOR COMMENDATION RIBBON (N-1-9)**

Criteria: Selected as the single best LET 1, 2, and 3 cadet in the company each month.

(10) **ACADEMIC RIBBON (N-1-10)**

Criteria: A cadet must obtain an average grade of A in JROTC subjects at the end of the school year.

(11) **VARSITY ATHLETIC RIBBON (N-2-1)**

Criteria: Awarded to cadets who earn a position on a varsity sports team .

(12) **PHYSICAL FITNESS RIBBON (N-2-2)**

Criteria: Must run one mile in 7:30 (male) 9:00 (female).

(13) **CADET CHALLENGE RIBBON (N-2-3)**

Criteria: Awarded to cadets who average 85% or better on Cadet Challenge.

(14) **RAIDER TEAM RIBBON (N-2-4)**

Criteria: Awarded to a cadet upon acceptance to the Raider Team. Second Year - Bronze, Third Year - Silver, Fourth Year - Gold.

(15) **PT TEST RIBBON (N-2-5)**

Criteria: Awarded to any cadet who successfully passes the Army Physical Fitness Test. Bronze - 210; Silver - 240; Gold - 270.

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(16) **SAI LEADERSHIP RIBBON (N-3-1)**

Criteria: Awarded to cadet who serves successfully in a leadership position for the previous year. Second - Bronze, Third - Silver, Fourth - Gold.

(17) **PERSONAL APPEARANCE RIBBON (N-3-2)**

Criteria: Awarded to any LET 2, 3 or 4 cadet in JROTC who did not receive a uniform violation during the previous year.

(18) **PROFICIENCY RIBBON (N-3-3)**

Criteria: Awarded to cadets who successfully participate in AFI.

(19) **DRILL TEAM RIBBON (N-3-4)**

Criteria: Awarded to a cadet upon acceptance to the Drill Team. Second Year - Bronze, Third Year - Silver, Fourth Year - Gold.

(20) **ORIENTEERING RIBBON (N-3-5)**

Criteria: Awarded to those cadets who have completed an official orienteering course.

(21) **COLOR GUARD RIBBON (N-3-6)**

Criteria: Awarded to a cadet upon acceptance to the Color Guard. Second Year - Bronze; Third Year - Silver; Fourth Year - Gold.

(22) **RIFLE TEAM RIBBON (N-3-7)**

Criteria: Awarded to a cadet upon acceptance to the Rifle Team. Second Year - Bronze; Third Year - Silver; Fourth Year - Gold.

(23) **ADVENTURE TRAINING RIBBON (N-3-8)**

Criteria: Awarded to cadets who participated in adventurous JROTC training. Must be approved as adventure activity by SAI.

(24) **SENIOR ARMY INSTRUCTOR (SAI) COMMENDATION RIBBON (N-3-9)**

Criteria: Awarded to cadets of the Honor Company of the Year.

(25) **GOOD CONDUCT RIBBON (N-3-10)**

Criteria: Awarded to any LET 2, 3, or 4 cadet who serves a previous year in JROTC and does not receive any demerits.

(26) **SUMMER CAMP (N-3-11)**

Criteria: Awarded to any JROTC cadet who successfully completes JROTC Summer Camp.

(27) **BEST MARCHING SQUAD (N-3-12)**

Criteria: Awarded annually to those cadets who were in the Best Marching Squad selected during the AFI.

(28) **BEST MARCHING PLATOON (N-3-13)**

Criteria: Awarded annually to those cadets who were in the Best Marching Platoon selected during the AFI.

(29) **OUTSTANDING CADET RIBBON (N-3-14)**

Criteria: Awarded to any cadet (LET 1, 2, 3, and 4) who in the opinion of the Company Advisor and Company Commander deserve special recognition.

(30) **MILITARY FUNERAL RIBBON (N-3-15)**

Criteria: Awarded for each Military Funeral in which a cadet participates.

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(31) **PARADE RIBBON (N-4-1)**

Criteria: The Parade Ribbon is awarded each time a cadet participates in a parade or military ceremony. Second Award - Bronze, Third Award - Silver, Fourth Award - Gold.

(32) **RECRUITING RIBBON (N-4-2)**

Criteria: Awarded to any cadet who personally recruits people for JROTC who were not signed up at the first of the year.

(33) **MERIT RIBBON (N-4-3)**

Criteria: A cadet must earn 50 merits in extracurricular activities other than during normal school hours. Second Award - Bronze is awarded for 100 merits. Third Award - Silver is awarded for 150 merits. Fourth Award - Gold is awarded for 200 merits.

(34) **EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE RIBBON (N-4-4)**

Criteria: Awarded to a cadet who earns 300 merits in extracurricular activities other than during normal school hours. Second Award - Bronze is awarded for 400 merits; Third Award - Silver is awarded for 500 merits; Fourth Award - Gold is awarded for 600 merits.

(35) **COMMUNITY SERVICE RIBBON (N-4-5)**

Criteria: Awarded to any JROTC cadet who performs five hours community service as a uniformed member of the JROTC Program. It must be of an extracurricular nature and it is performed solely for JROTC community relations.

c. Other:

(1) **ACADEMIC WREATH**

Criteria: Must be in top 10% academically in JROTC for entire year.

(2) **DRILL TEAM SHOULDER CORD**

Criteria: Awarded to all JROTC cadets who participate in, remain current in and achieve all goals and objectives of the team

(3) **RIFLE TEAM SHOULDER CORD**

Criteria: Awarded to all JROTC cadets who participate in, remain current in and achieve all goals and objectives of the team

(4) **COLOR GUARD SHOULDER CORD**

Criteria: Awarded to all JROTC cadets who participate in, remain current in and achieve all goals and objectives of the team

(5) **RAIDER SHOULDER CORD**

Criteria: Awarded to all JROTC cadets who participate in, remain current in and achieve all goals and objectives of the team

(6) **DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY JROTC CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT**

Criteria: Awarded to a cadet who earns special recognition for an exceptional achievement or outstanding accomplishment.

(7) **MARKSMANSHIP BADGE**

Criteria: The Expert Marksmanship Badge is awarded to a cadet who has fired on the range and achieved a score of 200-300. The Sharp Shooter Badge is awarded to a cadet who has fired on the range and achieved a score of 175-199. The Marksman Badge is awarded to a cadet who has fired on the range and achieved a score of 150-174.

(8) **JUNIOR ROTC CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT**

Criteria: Awarded to a cadet who earns special recognition for an exceptional achievement or outstanding

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accomplishments.

(9) **JUNIOR ROTC CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION**

Criteria: Awarded to a cadet who earns special recognition for an exceptional achievement or outstanding accomplishments.

(10) **COMPANY CADET OF THE MONTH/SEMESTER SHOULDER ROPES**

Criteria: Awarded for wear to winners of Cadet of the Month competition only until the next month's winners are announced.

3. **OTHER AWARDS:**

a. **COLONEL ROBERT HOWELL BEST DRILL CADET AWARD**

Presented to three JROTC cadets who win in a Best Drill Cadet Competition. Usually a \$100.00 prize and a trophy for each cadet.

b. **IRON MAN AWARD**

Presented to the one JROTC cadet, normally a LET 4, who has made unusually big contributions to JROTC and has gotten very little recognition for it. Attitude has remained outstanding and he/she never let up. Sponsored by the Griffin Kiwanis Club.

c. **BADGE OF HONOR**

Awarded to each DEP enlistee and member of the National Guard of Reserves. The badge will be the emblem of the military service the cadet has joined. It will be worn centered on his/her right breast pocket. Cadets must join DEP prior to March to be eligible for the award..

4. Other ribbons, medals and awards may be added on a case-by-case basis.

5. Bronze, Silver and Gold lamps will be worn to show additional awards on the various ribbons. The procedure will be maintained in the JROTC Supply Room.

6. In the event of error or omission of a cadet who qualified for an award, but cadet's name is left off the awards order, cadets have fifteen (15) school days to request correction of the error by using Form 15, Individual Awards Request, and submit it to his or her Unit Commander. After 15 school days, the award will not be issued. It is the individual's responsibility to initiate the request.

7. The order of merit is shown at Enclosure 1.

8. Staff responsibilities are also shown at Enclosure 1.

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### ORDER OF MERIT

#### 1. MEDALS

a. Medals sponsored by outside organizations take precedence over medals sponsored by the school administration.

b. The order of merit for medals is chronological.

c. Ribbons are provided with some medals. Cadets may not wear both the medal and the ribbon. It must be one or the other. If a ribbon representing the medal is worn, it takes precedence over all other ribbons.

#### 2. RIBBONS

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>
N-1-1	Distinguished Cadet Award	JROTC SEC
N-1-2	Academic Excellence	JROTC SEC
N-1-3	Academic Achievement	JROTC SEC
N-1-4	Perfect Attendance	JROTC SEC
N-1-5	Student Government	S1
N-1-6	Leadership Development Service	S1
N-1-7	Eagle Scout Recognition	S5
N-1-8	Open	
N-1-9	Company Advisor Commendation	BN XO
N-1-10	Academic	JROTC SEC
N-2-1	Varsity Athletic	S5
N-2-2	Physical Fitness	S2
N-2-3	Cadet Challenge	S3
N-2-4	Raider Team	S2
N-2-5	PT Test	S2
N-3-1	SAI Leadership	S1
N-3-2	Personal Appearance	S3
N-3-3	Proficiency	S1
N-3-4	Drill Team	S2
N-3-5	Orienteering	S2
N-3-6	Color Guard Team	S2
N-3-7	Rifle Team	S2
N-3-8	Adventure Training	S2
N-3-9	SAI Commendation	S1
N-3-10	Good Conduct	S3
N-3-11	Summer Camp	S3
N-3-12	Best Marching Squad	S3
N-3-13	Best Marching Platoon	S3
N-3-14	Outstanding Cadet	S3
N-3-15	Military Funeral	S5
N-4-1	Parade	S3
N-4-2	Recruiting	S5
N-4-3	Merit	S3
N-4-4	Exceptional Service	S3
N-4-5	Community Service	S5

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### 3. Other Responsibilities

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>
a. Academic Wreath	JROTC SEC
b. Team Shoulder Cords	S2
c. Honor Shoulder Cords	BN XO
d. Badge of Honor	JROTC SEC
e. LET 1, 2, 3 Cadet of the Month	BN XO
f. LET 1, 2, 3, Cadet of the Semester	BN XO