

CHAPTER 15

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

A number of distinctive and coveted awards are authorized for wear by JROTC cadets based upon demonstrated performance of academic and leadership excellence or valor in a number of areas. There are two categories of awards with accompanying medals, ribbons and certificates. These categories are:

Some JROTC ribbons are presented during the school year. Ribbons are yours to keep. Protect them from getting dirty by placing them in a plastic baggy when not pinned on your uniform. Lost or dirty ribbons will cost you money to replace. On uniform days, try not to wear your book bag over your left shoulder. This tends to pull your ribbons off or damage the ribbon holder. Wear them with pride and always know why each was awarded.

Awards authorized by HQ JROTC/JR are presented to cadets by the SASI/ASI.

It is the cadet's responsibility to update their ribbons periodically. The procedure is as follows:

- Ensure you meet the requirements for the ribbon
- Show proof that you meet the requirements to the ASI
- Once ribbon is given, take care of the ribbon and wear appropriately
- Initial ribbons are free; replacement costs are the student's responsibility.

15-1 WEARING OF YOUR AWARDS

All medals, ribbons, and badges will be worn in accordance with the AFJROTC Consolidated Operational Supplement, Chapter 7 (located at the back of this guide). Criteria for awards at the unit level will be described in paragraph 15-2.

Air Force and Space Force JROTC Ribbon Chart



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15-2 CRITERIA FOR AWARD OF RIBBONS AT THE UNIT-LEVEL

A. Outstanding Flight Ribbon. Awarded twice a year at the end of each semester. The criteria for the award is as follows:

- Uniform wear
- Physical training uniform wear
- Weekly required knowledge assignment
- Community service hours
- Extra-curricular activities/teams
- Promotion test
- Deductions for tardies

Points are awarded and deducted from the above weighted criteria. The flight with the most points at the end of the semester will be the Outstanding Flight.

B. Outstanding Cadet Ribbon. This ribbon is awarded annually to the top AFJROTC 100, 200, 300, and 400 cadet who meets the following requirements:

- A semester grade of “A” for both semesters of AFJROTC
- Minimum of 3.0 GPA for both semesters
- A minimum of 20 hours of community service for the year
- Participation on at least one AFJROTC team
- No AIM or out of school suspensions

C. Leadership Ribbon. Awarded for outstanding performance in a position of leadership as an AFJROTC cadet. Recipients must have served in the following corps positions for at least one semester (one quarter for flight commanders) and be evaluated by the SASI for eligibility:

- Squadron (Corps) Commander
- Squadron Deputy Commander
- Squadron Operations Officer
- Squadron Executive Officer
- Squadron First Sergeant/Standardization and Evaluation Officer
- Select Flight Commanders and Flight Sergeants

D. Superior Performance Ribbon. This ribbon is awarded to no more than the top 10 percent of the cadet corps annually for outstanding achievement or meritorious service rendered specifically on behalf of AFJROTC. This ribbon can be awarded for superior performance as a project officer, outstanding community service, leadership on a unit team, or in a command or staff position. The SASI will evaluate potential cadets for this award at the end of the 3rd quarter.

E. Achievement Ribbon. Awarded once per year to cadets for significant achievements in AFJROTC or other school activities. The ribbon will be presented to the overall cadet of the quarter and to others for significant achievements as determined by the SASI.

- F. Academic Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded to cadets who have a semester grade of “A” in AFJROTC, and no less than a “B” in all other classes.
- G. Cadet Leadership Course (CLC) Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded to cadets who successfully complete an approved leadership school program that is at least five days in duration.
- H. Special Teams Competition Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded to cadets for placing in the top three positions of a competition. OH-022 teams eligible for this award are:
- Academic Challenge Team
 - Cyber Patriot Team
 - Drill Team
 - Raider Team
- I. All-Service National Competition Ribbon.** Awarded to members of the drill team that compete at the All-service National Championships (typically in Daytona Beach, Florida).
- J. Air Force Nationals Competition Ribbon.** Awarded to members of the drill team that compete at the Air Force National championship (currently held in Dayton, Ohio)
- K. Orienteering Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded to members of the Orienteering Team who compete in a minimum of three orienteering meets hosted by the Miami Valley Orienteering Club (or other sanctioned club approved by the instructors). Cadet must also be able to complete the mile run in 15 minutes or less.
- L. Leadership Development Requirement (LDR) Leadership Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded at the SASI’s discretion for leadership in AFJROTC Leadership Development Requirement activities (i.e., team commander, project officer, etc.). The activity should be a major event, such as project officer for a drill meet, cadet leadership course, or unit team (drill team, Cyber Patriot, etc.).
- M. Drill Team Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded to drill team members who attend a minimum of 75 percent of all drill meets and practices for the school year.
- N. Color Guard Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded to cadets for performing a minimum of five cumulative color guard events.
- O. Sabre Team Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded to cadets who attend a minimum of 75-percent of practices and events during a school year (OH-022 does not have a team at this time).

- P. Marksmanship Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded to cadets who attend a minimum of 75-percent of practices and events during a school year (OH-022 does not have a team at this time).
- Q. USAA Foundation JLAB Ribbon.** This Is a ribbon awarded to cadets who participate in the Joint Leadership and Academic Bowl (JLAB) Practice Test and the subsequent rounds of JLAB competition. The award recognizes individual efforts toward achieving a clear understanding of core subjects including math, science, language arts, leadership, current events, and financial literacy. This ribbon replaces the former AFJROTC JLAB Team Ribbon. The former JLAB Ribbon may not be worn, it will be replaced with the new USAA EF JLAB Ribbon to qualifying cadets. For each additional ribbon earned an additional bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded.
- R. Cyber Patriot Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded to cadets who attend a minimum of 80 percent of all practices and meets during the school year.
- S. StellarXplorers Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded to cadets who attend a minimum of 80 percent of all practices and meets during the school year.
- T. Raiders Team Ribbon.** Awarded to cadets who attend a minimum of 80 percent of practices and meets during the school year. Cadets must attend at least 50 percent of the meets in addition to the 80 percent attendance to earn the ribbon.
- U. Military Model Building Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded to cadets who attend a minimum of 80 percent of all practices and events during the school year. (OH-022 does not have a team at this time).
- V. Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded to cadets who attend a minimum of 80 percent of all practices and events during the school year. (OH-022 does not have a team at this time).
- W. Robotics Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded to cadets who attend a minimum of 80 percent of all practices and meets during the school year. (OH-022 does not have a team at this time).
- X. Good Conduct Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded to cadets who have not received a referral (administrative detentions, in school suspensions, and out of school suspensions) for the entire year. Further, cadets cannot miss for than five days of school (unexcused absences) for the entire school year.
- Y. Service Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded to cadets who complete a minimum of 15 hours of SASI/ASI-approved community service. The hours are cumulative and do not have to be earned in a quarter or semester.

- Z. Health and Wellness Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded to cadets who participate in the unit's health and wellness program. To earn the ribbon, the cadet must score 65 or higher on the assessment. Cadets will receive a bronze star device for scoring in the 75-84 percentile; silver star device for 85-94 percentile; and gold star device for 95-100. Cadets who earn more than one star will place the higher star on the ribbon. Stars will not be mixed.
- AA. Recruiting Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded to cadets who recruit at least two new members to AFJROTC.
- BB. Activities Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded to cadets who participate on the following teams:
- Awareness Presentation Team
 - Academic Challenge Team
 - Cyber Patriot Team
 - Model Rocketry and RC Team
 - Orienteering Team (must compete in at least 75 percent of the meets)
- CC. Attendance Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded to cadets who have no more than three absences during the entire school year.
- DD. Dress and Appearance Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded to cadets who maintain a 90 percent or better average of weekly uniform grades (service uniform and physical training uniform) for the entire year.
- EE. Longevity Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded to cadets who successfully complete a year of AFJROTC. The student must pass both semesters with a 60-percent or better.
- FF. Bataan Death March Memorial Hike Ribbon.** Awarded to cadets who complete a minimum 14 mile hike organized by the unit as the recognized annual march.
- GG. Patriotic Flag Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded to cadets who participate 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. Cadets may earn this ribbon by participating in any ceremony that honors the American Flag. The ceremony can be held locally at the school during a school-approved event, or by jointly participating with another school's activity. The ceremony must be a minimum of one hour long for the cadet to receive credit. To earn the ribbon, the cadet must be a full participant in the ceremony and not simply attend. Simply witnessing the ceremony is not justification for award of the ribbon.
- HH. Resiliency Ribbon.** Awarded to cadets who were members of the corps during the authorized period designated by HQ AFJROTC.

15-3 BADGES

- A. Ground School Badge.** Awarded for completion of the JROTC aviation honors ground school curriculum or completion of another aviation ground school program prescribed by the FAA. Cadets may wear the badge after the first grading period if they received a passing grade.
- B. Flight Solo Badge.** Awarded to any cadet possessing a solo flight certificate signed by a FAA certified flight instructor for either powered or non-powered aircraft.
- C. Flight Certificate Badge.** Awarded to any cadet who possesses a valid FAA pilot's certificate for either powered or non-powered aircraft.
- D. Awareness Presentation Team Badge.** Awarded for participation on an Awareness Presentation Team. Awareness Presentation Team members will be selected by the SASI/ASI from volunteers who have provided a synopsis and/or presentation of their proposed presentation subject.
- E. Kitty Hawk Air Society Badge.** Awarded to cadets who are members of the Kitty Hawk Air Society. The Kitty Hawk charter should spell out the requirements for entry into the society.
- F. Academy Modeling of Aeronautics (AMA) Wings.** Awarded to cadets who are members of a local AMA chartered model airplane club.
- G. Distinguished JROTC Cadet Badge.** The award recognizes one outstanding third-year cadet in a 4-year program selected at the end of each school year. The recipient must be of high moral character, demonstrate positive personal attributes, display outstanding military potential, and maintain consistent academic and military excellence. The recipient should hold the following awards prior to selection:

 - a. Leadership Ribbon
 - b. Achievement Ribbon
 - c. Superior Performance Ribbon
 - d. Academic Ribbon
 - e. Co-curricular Activities Leadership Ribbon
 - f. Service Ribbon
- H. Distinguished JROTC Cadet Badge.** The award recognizes one outstanding third-year cadet in a 4-year program selected at the end of each school year. The recipient must be of high moral character, demonstrate positive personal attributes, display outstanding military potential, and maintain consistent academic and military excellence.
- I. Aerospace Education Foundation (AEF) Academic Cadet Badge.** Awarded to rising Junior and Senior cadets for academic excellence as signified by attaining an overall 3.3 grade point average with no grade below "C" on their transcript.

- J. Model Rocketry Badge.** Awarded to cadets who have fulfilled model rocketry program requirements in accordance with the JROTC and OH-022 model rocketry program guide.

AUTHORIZED AIR FORCE JROTC BADGES AND INSIGNIA



Hap Arnold Optional
Enlisted/Officer Service
Cap Insignia



OFFICERS
SERVICE CAP
INSIGNIA



MODEL ROCKETRY
BADGE



KITTY HAWK
AIR SOCIETY
BADGE



DISTINGUISHED
CADET BADGE



METAL OR CLOTH



GROUND SCHOOL
BADGE



FLIGHT SOLO
BADGE



FLIGHT CERTIFICATE
BADGE



AWARENESS
PRESENTATION
TEAM BADGE

Cadets can choose only one badge. Either the APT badge or the Marksmanship Shield. Follow APT placement criteria if cadets wear the Marksmanship Shield.



AEF BADGE

The National Finalists CyberPatriot badge is the only CyberPatriot badge that may be worn. See placement in Attachments 9, 10, 11, and 12. Notes 15 and/or 16.



Badges/Insignia not listed here are unauthorized for wear.


AUTHORIZED AIR FORCE JROTC BADGES AND INSIGNIA

Marksmanship Badges – Wear Only One



CMP Awarded Badges Unit Awarded Badges

If earned choose only one – CADETS MAY ONLY WEAR ONE on their uniform. Place directly underneath ribbons. Cadets may NOT wear Marksmanship Shield (see below) with Marksmanship Badge.
Do not wear Marksmanship badges with medals



Marksmanship
Shield

Choose either the APT or Marksmanship Shield and a Marksmanship Badge. Only one may be worn.

Males and females may wear the marksmanship badge (may only wear one) below the ribbons on the blue shirt or service dress uniform or

Marksmanship badges will not be worn with medals.

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