

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, Change 1 (located at the back of this guide). Criteria for awards at the unit level will be described in paragraph 15-2.



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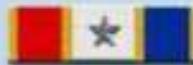
1. Air Force JROTC Gold Valor Award



2. Air Force JROTC Silver Valor Award



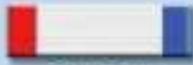
3. Cadet Humanitarian Award



4. Silver Star Community Service with Excellence Award



5. Community Service with Excellence Award



6. Air Force Association Award



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8. American Legion Scholastic Award



9. American Legion General Military Excellence Award



10. American Veterans Award



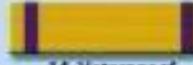
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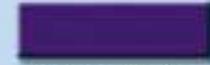
12. Military Order of World Wars Medal



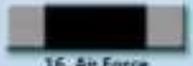
13. Military Officers Association Award



14. Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Award



15. Military Order of the Purple Heart



16. Air Force Sergeants Association



17. Tuskegee Airman Inc. AFJROTC Cadet Award



18. The Retired Enlisted Association Award



19. Celebrate Freedom Foundation Award



20. Air Commando Association Award



21. Distinguished Unit Award With Merit



22. Distinguished Unit Award



23. Outstanding Organization Award



24. Outstanding Flight Ribbon



25. Top Performer Award



26. Outstanding Cadet Ribbon



27. Leadership Ribbon



28. Achievement Ribbon



29. Superior Performance Ribbon



30. Academic Ribbon



31. Cadet Leadership Course (CLC) Ribbon



32. Special Teams Placement Ribbon



33. Joint/All-Service National Competition Ribbon



34. Air Force Nationals Competition Ribbon



35. Orienteering Ribbon



36. Leadership Development Requirement (LDR) Leadership Ribbon



37. Drill Team Ribbon



38. Color Guard Ribbon



39. Sabre Team Ribbon



40. Marksmanship Ribbon



41. Good Conduct Ribbon



42. Service Ribbon



43. Health and Wellness Ribbon



44. Recruiting Ribbon



45. Activities Ribbon



46. Attendance Ribbon



47. Dress and Appearance Ribbon



48. Longevity Ribbon



49. Bataan Death March Memorial Hike Ribbon



50. Patriotic Flag Ribbon

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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 First Sergeant
- Select Flight Commanders

D. 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.

E. 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.

- 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
- I. Orienteering Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded to members of the OH-022 Orienteering Team who place in the top-three at an orienteering meet, or compete in over 50-percent of the meets during the school year.
- J. 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.).
- K. 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.
- L. Color Guard Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded to drill team color guard members who compete in at least 75 percent of drill meets that have a color guard category. Cadets may also receive the ribbon for performing at least five color guard events during the school year.
- M. 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.
- N. 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.

- O. Health and Wellness Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded to cadets who participate in the unit's health and wellness program's Presidential Fitness Challenge. To earn the ribbon, the cadet must score in the 40 percentile or higher. Cadets will receive a bronze star device for scoring in the 75-84 percentile; silver star device for 85-95 percentile; and gold star device for 96-99 percentile. Cadets who earn more than one star will place the higher percentile star on the ribbon. Stars will not be mixed.
- P. Recruiting Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded to cadets who recruit at least two new members to AFJROTC.
- Q. 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 50 percent of the meets)
- R. Attendance Ribbon.** This ribbon is awarded to cadets who have no more than three excused absences, and no unexcused absences during the entire school year.
- S. 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.
- T. 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.
- U. 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.

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
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- 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.

15-4 UNIT AWARDS

The corps established four unit awards recognizing cadets for milestone promotions. These awards are named after prominent SASI's/ASI's in the unit's history. Cadets receive a certificate for the following (there is no ribbon):

- A. **SMSgt John M. Norman Award.** Named in honor of former ASI SMSgt John Norman, who guided the Stebbins drill team to 17 consecutive state championships and six national championships, this award is presented to cadets upon promotion to cadet staff sergeant.
- B. **TSgt Floyd O. Woods Award.** Named in honor of Stebbins AFJROTC's first enlisted instructor, this award is presented to cadets upon promotion to cadet master sergeant.
- C. **Lt Col Joseph R. Bryan Award.** Named in honor of Lt Col Joseph Bryan, who was the SASI from 2010-2014, before passing away in 2014. This award is presented to cadets upon promotion to cadet second lieutenant.
- D. **Col Jack E. Grapentine Award.** Named in honor of Stebbins' first officer instructor, this award is presented to cadets upon promotion to cadet colonel.

AUTHORIZED AIR FORCE JROTC BADGES AND INSIGNIA

 Optional Enlisted/Officer Service Cap Insignia	 OFFICERS SERVICE CAP INSIGNIA	 MODEL ROCKETRY BADGE	 ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS SILVER WINGS
 KITTY HAWK AIR SOCIETY BADGE	 DISTINGUISHED CADET BADGE	 SHOULDER TAB METAL OR CLOTH	
 GROUND SCHOOL BADGE	 FLIGHT SOLO BADGE	 FLIGHT CERTIFICATE BADGE	 AEF BADGE (NEW)
 Marksmanship Shield	 AWARENESS PRESENTATION TEAM BADGE	 MARKSMANSHIP SHARPSHOOTER EXPERT	
Choose <u>one</u> only. Follow APT placement criteria. May NOT wear Marksmanship Shield and a Marksmanship Badge.		Choose <u>one</u> only. Place directly underneath ribbons. May NOT wear Marksmanship Shield and Marksmanship Badge. Do not wear Marksmanship badges with medals.	