CHAPTER 7: CADET AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

GENERAL. A variety of awards (medals, ribbons, certificates, etc.) are presented each year to members of the Big Red Battalion. These awards recognize meritorious performance in the areas of military, scholastic, physical and personal achievement. The awards are sponsored by the Army, national and local societies, organizations, businesses and by private individuals. Cadets will wear their ribbons in rows, 1/8 of an inch apart or stacked flush (maximum width of 4 ribbons) with the bottom row 1/8 of an inch above the top of the left breast pocket. Ribbons, medals, and badges will be worn in the order of precedence from the wearer’s right to left. All active service ribbons take precedence over “ROTC ribbons. No JROTC ribbons are authorized.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY AWARDS TO CADETS

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY SUPERIOR CADET AWARD. Awarded annually to the outstanding cadet in each year of Military Science who:
  - Is in the upper 25% of the academic and ROTC class.
  - Shows academic and military leadership.
  - Demonstrates strong officer potential.

ROTC MEDAL FOR HEROISM. Awarded by the Department of the Army to ROTC cadets who distinguish themselves by acts of heroism on or off campus meeting the following criteria:
  - The achievement is so outstanding it sets the cadet apart from fellow cadets/students in similar situations.
  - The performance must involve the acceptance of danger or extraordinary responsibilities, exemplifying praiseworthy fortitude and courage.

The Bn Cdr submits nominations to the Bde Cdr for final approval by CG, Cadet Command. The cadet receives a silver medal pendant with ribbon bar.

AWARDS SPONSORED BY ORGANIZATIONS, SOCIETIES AND INDIVIDUALS: These awards are normally given at the annual cadet awards ceremony held at the end of the school year. Awards consist of certificates and/or plaques, medals, and ribbons:

I. CHANCELLORS REVIEW AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

A. SCHOLARSHIPS AND MONETARY AWARDS

J. MICHAEL AGEE SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Awarded to a Pershing Rifleman each semester who demonstrates leadership, knowledge, integrity and desire for education. This scholarship commemorates the ideals of J. Michael Agee, Sr., by encouraging the pursuit of higher education. Cadet is chosen by Pershing Rifles team.

EDGAR J. BOSCHULT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: was created by the Nebraska American Legion with the University of Nebraska in 1947 in memory of Edgar J. Boschult who was a World War I veteran and a past Commander of the Nebraska American Legion. He was killed in action in on November 8, 1944 while serving as a lieutenant colonel in the Armed Forces in Germany. This scholarship is for a ROTC cadet or honorably discharged veteran who is enrolled full-time in the University of Nebraska system. Must display qualities of leadership and aptitude for military or naval
science, and must have a satisfactory scholastic record. Cadet receives a scholarship amount as
determined by the American Legion. Any cadet may apply using the form held in the ROTC offices and
recipients are chosen by the Executive Committee of the American Legion.

**CHANCELLOR’S ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD:** Awarded to two cadets from each ROTC
department who have demonstrated academic excellence. Cadets are nominated by the annual selection
committee and sent to the Chancellor for final approval. The award amount is determined by the
Chancellor.

**EARL AND MILDRED CLINE SCHOLARSHIP:** This is a fund of the Chancellor’s Office which has
been designated to ROTC. This scholarship, amount determined by the Chancellor, is awarded to a
cadet of junior standing or above who displays academic proficiency, outstanding leadership qualities
and good moral character. The recipient is selected by the scholarship selection committee and approved
by the Associate to the Chancellor.

**KINMAN-OLDFIELD SCHOLARSHIP:** Established by A. Barney Oldfield and Veda M. Oldfield
commemorating their parents. A scholarship is awarded to one male and one female junior/MSIII cadet
enrolled in the UNL Army, Navy or Air Force ROTC program. The cadets will have intent
to commission, are majoring in a subject with military applications, must be a worthy leader and
demonstrate financial need. Cadets are nominated by the annual selection committee and selection is
made by the Kinman-Oldfield Board composed of members of the Joint ROTC Advisory Board. The
selected cadet receives an amount as determined by the board. The scholarship may be renewed for
senior year.

**POWELL SCHOLARSHIP:** This scholarship, given by the Chancellor’s Office, is awarded to a
freshman cadet who is a resident of Nebraska and entered the ROTC program with a 3-year or 4-year
ROTC Scholarship. Cadet must complete his/her freshman year with 24 graded credit hours and a
cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. This scholarship may continue each year if the cadet remains on
ROTC scholarship and maintains at least a 3.0 cum GPA with 12 graded credit hours each semester.

**ALBERT SCHULTZ ARMY ROTC SCHOLARSHIP:** Established in 2007 by Albert and Karen Schultz to
commemorate the graduates of the UNL Army ROTC who served in the U.S. army and gave their lives
in Vietnam. This scholarship is awarded to one cadet completing his/her MSII year and one completing
his/her MSIII year with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above and who exemplify the seven Army Values.

**KATHERINE BAUER-WEBER SCHOLARSHIP:** Commemorates Katherine Bauer-Weber who served in
the Army during World War II. She served more than four years on active duty and retired as a major
from the Air Force Reserve. Two scholarships are awarded to two junior/MSIII cadets from each service
who:

- Is a junior/MSIII.
- Show qualities of personal honor and integrity, scholarship, diligence, application to duty,
  unquestioned loyalty to the USA, and the lawful aims, purposes and objectives of its armed forces.
- Nursing students are not eligible.

Cadets are chosen by annual selection committee with final approval by PMS. Scholarship amount varies
based on available funds.

**B. ORGANIZATION AWARDS**

**THE AMERICAN LEGION AWARD FOR GENERAL MILITARY EXCELLENCE (Gold or Silver):** is
awarded annually by the American Legion Post #3 of Lincoln to one cadet in each class meeting the
following Criteria:
- Be in the top 25% academically of the University.
- Be in the top 25% of the ROTC class.
- Display outstanding qualities of military leadership, discipline, character and citizenship.

Cadet receives a medal pendant with ribbon bar and ROTC crest from the local post. Cadet is chosen by annual selection committee with final approval by the PMS.

**THE AMERICAN LEGION AWARD FOR SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE** *(Gold or Silver)* is awarded annually by American Legion Post #3 of Lincoln to one cadet from each class who meets the following criteria:

- Be in the top 10% of his/her class in academic subjects.
- Be in the top 25% of his/her class in ROTC.
- Have demonstrated qualities of leadership. Have actively participated in related student activities such as student organizations, constructive activities, or sports.

Cadet receives a medal pendant with ribbon bar and ROTC crest from the local post. Cadet is chosen by annual selection committee with final approval by the PMS.

**ARMED FORCES COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS (AFCEA) AWARD** is awarded annually to a cadet in each ROTC unit who:

- Is an MSIII.
- Is majoring in electronics, communications engineering, electrical engineering, mathematics, computer technology, or information management systems.
- Has demonstrated excellence in leadership and academics.

Cadet receives merit-ribbon bar and certificate from AFCEA. Cadet is nominated by annual selection committee and forwarded to AFCEA for final approval.

**DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION (DAR) AWARD** is awarded annually to an ROTC cadet for outstanding ability and achievement and who meets the following criteria:

- Be a member of the graduating class (MSIV).
- Be in the top 25% of the cadets in ROTC and academic subjects.
- Have demonstrated loyalty and patriotism, dependability and good character, adherence to military discipline, leadership ability, and a fundamental and patriotic understanding of the importance of ROTC training.

Cadet receives gold medal pendant and ribbon bar from the local chapter. Cadet is chosen by annual selection committee with final approval by PMS.

**DAUGHTERS OF THE FOUNDERS AND PATRIOTS OF AMERICA AWARD** is awarded to an ROTC Basic Course cadet at each battalion who has excelled in a specific MS course or related activity based on the following criteria:

- Be enrolled in MSI or MSII.
- Be in the top 25% of the ROTC class.
- Have accomplished a high degree of excellence in military history or related course.
- Have demonstrated a potential for good leadership.
- Have demonstrated similar or related accomplishments reflecting the ideals of patriotism.
- Not have previously received this award.

Cadet receives gold medal pendant from the state chapter. Cadet is nominated by the annual selection committee and forwarded to the local chapter for approval.

**FORTY AND EIGHT AWARD** is awarded to an outstanding cadet or midshipman of each department who has demonstrated academic excellence. Cadet is chosen by annual selection committee with final approval by PMS.
**LEGION OF VALOR BRONZE CROSS FOR ACHIEVEMENT** is presented annually to a cadet who has demonstrated scholastic excellence in military and academic subjects. One award is authorized for each 1,000 MS III cadets enrolled within a Region. The award is based on the following criteria:

- Be a Junior MS III cadet or MS IV cadet scheduled for mid-year graduation will be considered.
- Be in the top 25% of the ROTC and academics subjects
- Demonstrated qualities of military leadership and academic leadership.

Nomination is made by the award selection committee; the PMS will submit to Cadet Command who forwards the nomination to the Legion of Valor of the USA for final selection. Cadet receives a bronze cross with certificate.

**MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MOAA) AWARD** is awarded to recognize an outstanding MS III cadet who shows exceptional potential for military leadership. The cadet must:

- Be in the next-to-last year of the ROTC (MSIII).
- Be in good academic standing.
- Be of high moral character.
- Show a high order of loyalty to his unit, school and country.
- Demonstrate exceptional potential for military leadership.

The award consists of a bronze disc pendant with ribbon bar, and certificate. Selection is made by the award selection committee with final approval by the MOAA local chapter.

**MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART (MOPH) AWARD** is awarded to an outstanding cadet who demonstrates leadership ability. Each cadet must:

- Have a positive attitude toward ROTC and country;
- Hold a leadership position in the cadet corps;
- Be active in school and community affairs;
- Attain a grade of 3.0 or better in all subjects for the previous semester; and
- Not been a previous recipient of this award.

This award consists of a medal pendant with a ribbon and a certificate. The cadet is nominated the award selection committee and forwarded to the local chapter for approval.

**MILITARY ORDER OF WORLD WARS (MOWW) AWARD OF MERIT** is awarded annually to a freshman/MS1, sophomore/MS II and an MS III/ who intends to continue with the ROTC program with the intention of becoming an officer. The cadet excels in all military and scholastic aspects of the ROTC program. The cadets must not have previously received the award. The award consists of a ribbon bar and a citation. Cadets are chosen by the selection committee with final approval by the PMS.

**NATIONAL DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION (NDIA) AWARD** is presented annually to the top ROTC cadet at each institution who meets the eligibility criteria. The cadet must:

- Be in the upper half of his/her class in academic grades.
- Have received B or above in all ROTC course grades.
- Be rated in the top 20 percent of platoon and company in ROTC camp evaluation scores. A cadet who is otherwise eligible for this award but who will not attend camp until after completion of academic studies may be considered for the award provided ROTC course standing is in the top 20 percent of the total ROTC enrollment at the institution.
- Participate actively in athletics and/or campus activities.
- Demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities.
- Have demonstrated achievement and concentrated effort in military and academic subjects and/or demonstrated capability and diligence in a related activity of the ROTC program.

Cadet receives medal, certificate, and service ribbon from NDIA. The cadet is nominated by the section committee and forwarded to NDIA for final approval.
**NATIONAL SOJOURNERS AWARD** is awarded annually to an outstanding cadet who has contributed the most to encourage and demonstrate Americanism within the Corps of Cadets and on campus. The cadet must meet the following criteria:

- Be a sophomore (commissioned MSII or plans to commission) or a junior (MSIII).
- Be in the top 25% of the academic class.
- 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 this award.

Cadet receives a ribbon with medal pendant from the local chapter. The cadet is chosen by the selection committee with final approval by the PMS and donor.

**PALLAS ATHENE AWARD** is awarded annually to the outstanding graduating MS-IV female cadet in each Region. The cadet must:

- Be an outstanding female MS-IV ROTC cadet.
- Be graduating from undergraduate or graduate school at the end of the school year.
- Have successfully completed the ROTC National Advanced Leadership Camp.
- Be in the top 50 percent of her MS and academic class.

**RAYTHEON/HUGHES TROPHY AWARD** - This trophy, provided by the Raytheon/Hughes Aircraft Company, is awarded each year to the previous year's most outstanding commissioned graduate. The "production year" 1 September through 31 August will be used.

Nominees are selected from the Order of Merit List (OML). HQ Cadet Command will notify Bn Cdrs of the top OML candidates (two per Region) and request nomination packets. CG, Cadet Command selects the nominee with final approval by the DA DCSPER.

The Secretary of the Army presents the award in Washington, DC. Raytheon/Hughes Aircraft personnel will provide the trophy. Subsequent to this ceremony, an award will again be presented at a ceremony at the institution from which the winner graduated. The trophy will remain on display at the institution until the following year. A miniature replica of the trophy will be presented to the winner for permanent retention, and a second replica will be presented to the institution.

**RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (ROA) AWARD** is presented annually to an outstanding MS II, MS III and an MS IV (bronze, silver and gold) who meets the following criteria:

- Be in the top 10% of their ROTC class.
- Be commissioned or plans to obtain a commission.
- Have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities, moral character and high aptitude for military service.

Cadet receives a medal pendant with ribbon bar and a certificate from the local chapter. Cadet is chosen by the award selection committee with final approval by the PMS and donor.

**SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS (SAME) AWARD** is awarded to impress upon undergraduate engineering students, by the appropriate recognition of meritorious promise of achievement in the field, the importance of engineering to national security. Selection is made by Cadet Command. The following criteria must be met:

- The cadet must be pursuing either a four-year or five-year engineering program.
- Cadets in five-year programs are eligible during their fourth and fifth years only.
- Be in the upper 25 percent of ROTC class.
- Be in the upper 25 percent of their engineering class.
Cadets are nominated by annual selection committee and forwarded to Brigade who forwards to Cadet Command for review and submission to the Director of SAME for final approval. Cadets receive medal and citation from the Director of SAME. A maximum of 20 medals per service may be given.

**SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812 AWARD**. Awarded annually to one outstanding cadet from each battalion meeting the following criteria:
- An academic sophomore MSII.
- In good academic standing.
- Of high moral character.
Cadet is chosen by the selection committee with final approval by the PMS. A medal and certificate are presented to the recipient.

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (SAR) AWARD** is awarded annually to a meritorious cadet who:
- Is an MS I.
- Is in good military and scholastic standing.
- Shows a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities and soldierly bearing.
- Displays all around excellence in the Army ROTC Program studies and activities.

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR AWARD** is awarded to a cadet in each department who:
- Shows a high degree of patriotism to his/her Nation.
- Has demonstrated a high degree of academic performance and leadership.
Cadet is chosen by the selection committee with final approval by the PMS. A medal and certificate are presented to the recipient.

**SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY ROTC AWARD** is for one outstanding MS II or MS III per school. The cadet must:
- Contributed the most among cadets on campus to encourage and demonstrate patriotism by deeds or conduct during participation in extracurricular activities or community projects.
- Have demonstrated academic excellence by being in the top 25 percent in ROTC and academic standing.
- Be recommended by PMS- as an outstanding student and cadet.
- Have demonstrated a potential for outstanding leadership by exhibiting qualities of dependability, good character, self-discipline, good citizenship, and patriotism.
The PMS may submit one nomination request to the nearest Scottish Rite Valley of the Southern Jurisdiction or to the national headquarters. The organization makes the final selection.

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) AWARD** is awarded annually by the to an undergraduate cadet meeting the following criteria:
- Be an undergraduate student in MS1, MS11, MS111 or MS1V.
- Be in good academic and military standing.
- Have demonstrated achievement and concentrated effort in military and academic subjects and/or demonstrated capability and diligence in a related activity of the ROTC program.
- Not have previously received this award.
Cadet is chosen by annual selection committee with final approval by PMS. Cadet receives medal pendant and ribbon bar from VFW post.
II. ARMY ROTC AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

A. SCHOLARSHIPS AND MONETARY AWARDS

**ARMY ROTC ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded to one or more cadets who have demonstrated financial need, leadership, and made contributions to the ROTC. Cadet receives amount as determined by the PMS. Cadet is chosen by annual selection committee with final approval by PMS.

**MEN OF G-COMPANY AWARD** is in honor of the Japanese-American soldiers of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team of G-Company who fought in World War II. The award is for an outstanding cadet with a high level of dedication to service in the Army ROTC program. The cadet receives a certificate and a monetary award. The cadet is chosen by the selection committee with the final approval by the PMS.

**2ND LIEUTENANT KEI TANAHASHI MEMORIAL AWARD** is sponsored by the Men of G-Company Fund to honor of 2nd LT Tanahashi for his gallantry and dedicated service during World War II. He was killed in action in 1944 while serving in Italy. The recipient of this award will be an outstanding cadet who has demonstrated a high level of dedication and service to the Army ROTC program. The cadet receives a certificate and monetary award. The cadet is chosen by the selection committee with the final approval by the PMS.

**JAMES PANGBORN MEMORIAL AWARD**. This fund was established to commemorate the life of James Alan Pangborn, a 1962 of the UNL Army ROTC program. Cadet must:
- Be an MS II, III or IV.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in their military and civilian studies.
- Have demonstrated strong leadership capabilities.
Preference is given to cadets who are active members of Pershing Rifles in Company A at UNL and who have been selected for Military Intelligence Branch. Cadet receives a monetary award based on funds available. Selection is made by the selection committee with final approval by the PMS.

**COL CARL R. YOST MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** is for an Army ROTC cadet who meets the following criteria:
- Be a full-time undergrad with 3.0 GPA or above
- Preference to Business Admin majors
Selection is made by the selection committee with final approval by the PMS. The cadet receives a scholarship with the amount determined yearly by the funds available.

B. ORGANIZATION AWARDS

**THE AMERICAN DEFENSE PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION (ADPA) AWARD** is awarded annually to the ROTC cadet at each battalion who meets the following criteria:
- Be in the upper half of their class academically.
- Have received a B or above in all ROTC course grades.
- Be rated in the top 20% of the platoon and company in ROTC camp evaluation scores.
- A cadet otherwise eligible for this award but who will not attend camp until after completion of academic studies may be considered for the award provided ROTC course standing is in the top 20% of the total ROTC enrollment at the battalion/institution.
- Participate actively in the athletics and/or campus activities.
- Demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities.
**THE AMERICAN LOGISTICS ASSOCIATION (ALA) AWARD** is awarded annually to 10 MSIII and 10 MSIV outstanding cadets nationwide based on the following criteria:

- Enrolled in ROTC and an academic course, which is of particular interest to the Quartermaster Corps.
- In the top 25% of ROTC and academic standing.
- Recommended jointly by the battalion commander and the dean as an outstanding student and cadet.

**AMERICAN VETERANS OF WWII, KOREA AND VIETNAM (AMVETS) AWARD** is awarded annually to a cadet who:

- Has demonstrated diligence in the discharge of duty and willingness to serve both God and Country.
- Is a full-time undergraduate in the advanced course (MSIII or MSIV).
- Is in good standing in all military aspects and scholastic standing.

Cadet receives medal pendant and ribbon bar. Cadet is nominated by annual selection committee and forwarded to the local post for final approval.

**ARMY AVIATION ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA AWARD.** Awarded annually to the most outstanding ROTC cadet who has been selected for Army Aviation Branch. (See CC Reg 672-5-1 for criteria).

**ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY (AUSA) AWARD** is provided annually for the outstanding MS-III cadet of each unit who contributes most toward advancing the standing of the ROTC Departments at the institution. AUSA will supply medals based on Advanced Course enrollment.

Criteria: The cadet must:

- Be enrolled in MS-III.
- Be in the top 10 percent in ROTC grades.
- Be in the top 25 percent in academic grades.
- Have contributed the most, through leadership, to advancing the standing of the ROTC unit and Department of Military Science at the institution.

Selection is made by the selection committee with final approval by the PMS. The award consists of a medal pendant with ribbon bar and a certificate.

**THE AUSA HISTORY AWARD** is awarded annually by the Association of the United States Army to a cadet recognized for excellence in the study of military history and who:

- Has the highest numerical average in History 303-304 or equivalent.
- Ranks in the top 10% of the ROTC class.
- Ranks in the top 25% of the academic class.

The cadet is chosen by the selection committee with the final approval by the PMS. The award consists of a certificate and book of historical value provided by AUSA.

**GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM AWARDS:**

**1st LIEUTENANT KEVIN J. GASPER MEMORIAL AWARD** is honoring 1st LT Gaspers, an alum of the UNL ROTC Program, who was killed in action in Iraq in April, 2007. The recipient of this award will have demonstrated leadership excellence and strong moral character.

**1st LIEUTENANT EDWARD D. IWAN MEMORIAL AWARD** is presented in honor of 1st LT Edward Iwan, an alum of the UNL ROTC Program who was killed in action in Iraq in November, 2004. The recipient of this award demonstrates character and exemplifies the seven Army values with a preference for infantry branch.
**CPT ROBERT J. YLLESCAS MEMORIAL AWARD** is given in memory of CPT Yllecas, an alum of the UNL Army ROTC Program. CPT Yllecas died December 1, 2008 from wounds suffered while serving in Afghanistan. The recipient of this award will have demonstrated a passion for the military and an attitude of “mission first.” Preference is given to Ranger Team members and cadets enrolled in the SMP program.

**MAJ DAN C. KINGMAN JR. MEMORIAL AWARD** is in honor of MAJ Kingman, alum of the program, who was killed in action in Vietnam in 1972. The cadet who receives this award must:
- Be an MS IV.
- Be in the top 15% of the order of merit list.
- Preferably be the highest ranked ROTC flight program graduate.

The cadet is chosen by the selection committee with the final approval by the PMS. The cadet has his name added to the plaque which remains as the institution and receives a plaque and certificate.

**GEORGE C. MARSHALL ROTC AWARD**: is provided by the George C. Marshall Research Foundation to the outstanding MS IV cadet at each institution. The cadet must:
- Be the most outstanding cadet in MS-IV.
- Have completed National Advanced Leadership Camp or equivalent.
- Demonstrate those leadership and scholastic qualities that epitomized the career of General Marshall.

Selection is made by the Bn Cdr. The award consists of a certificate, a copy of the official biography of General Marshall, and an opportunity to attend a National Security Conference sponsored by the Foundation. Travel arrangements will be made by the Bn Cdr and funded by the Rgns.

**MOST IMPROVED CADET AWARD** is presented to the cadet whose GPA has improved the most from spring semester of the previous academic year to the end of the fall semester of the current academic year, and who has had the biggest increase in APFT score.

**GENERAL JOHN J. PERSHING AWARD** is awarded to a cadet who is a member of the Pershing Rifles and is in the top 50% of the ROTC and academic class. Cadet receives a coin and letter. Cadet is chosen by the annual selection committee with final approval by the PMS.

**COL WILLIAM V. SAYNER LEADERSHIP AWARD** is for the two highest ranking MSIV cadets in the Army ROTC based on order of merit list and outstanding performance at the ROTC Advanced Camp. Must be a distinguished military student who has demonstrated exceptional leadership. Cadets receive engraved sabers. Cadet is chosen by the selection committee with final approval by PMS.

**COL DONALD L. WOOD MARKSMANSHIP AWARD** is presented to the cadet with the highest score in rifle marksmanship. The cadet receives a certificate and his name is added to the large trophy with remains with the institution.

**UNITED STATES CAVALRY ASSOCIATION (USCA) ROTC AWARD**: For a cadet who has made a contribution to the preservation of the US Cavalry history and spirit (i.e. written articles, volunteer assistance, etc.). Cadet receives a ribbon medal, certificate, and one year membership in the USCA. Cadet is nominated by annual selection committee and forwarded to USCA who selects ten winners annually.

**UNITED STATES FIELD ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION AWARD**. Awarded annually to the top-ranking Field Artillery graduate cadet. (See CC reg 672-5-1 for criteria).
**THE AFCEA AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED PERFORMANCE.** Awarded annually for the top-ranking Signal Corps cadet graduate. (See CC Reg 672-5-1 for criteria).

**NATIONAL DEFENSE TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION (NDTA) AWARD** is awarded annually to approximately 20 of the most outstanding MSIII cadets enrolled in ROTC units nationally based on the following criteria:
- Is Enrolled in MSIII year in an academic course the main portion of which is of particular interest to the Transportation Corps. (Engineering and Computer Science majors are included in this category).
- In the top 25% in ROTC and academic standing.
- Recommended by the battalion commander and dean of the institution as an outstanding student and cadet.

**UNITED STATES CAVALRY ASSOCIATION (USCA) ROTC AWARD.** The purpose of the USCA ROTC Award is to recognize up to ten ROTC cadets each year who make a contribution to the preservation of U.S. cavalry history.
Criteria: Cadet must have contributed to the preservation of U.S. cavalry history and esprit through written articles, volunteer assistance, etc.
Selection: Bn Cdr forwards nominations and supporting information to the USCA who selects the winners each year.
# ROTC Cadet Awards

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