**Chapter 5 – Cadet Awards**

a. Awards are intended to recognize Cadets for their efforts while participating in the JROTC program. When done properly, the award system should build Esprit de Corps and serve as a recruiting tool to encourage more participation throughout the school.

b. The ASI is responsible for monitoring the program. They ASI should ensure that the Battalion Staff has the awards prepared in a timely manner, with appropriate documentation. The ASI should ensure that JUMS is being used to record Cadet’s accomplishments.

c. The senior AI is responsible for instructing the students on the proper wear and appearance of all decorations and awards.

d. Students are authorized to wear their awards on their ASU and Class B uniform. LET 3 and 4 Cadet leadership should serve as a role model in the proper wear of JROTC awards.

e. At no time should a cadet wear an award that they were not issued.

f. Cadets earning awards will be identified at staff call. The Battalion S-1 will produce the required certificate in JUMS and issue to the SAI / AI NLT the day prior to uniform inspections. The SAI / AI will issue awards to their Cadets at this time.

**5-1. Academic Awards**

The following awards are issued for a Cadets academic efforts while assigned to JROTC.

a. **N‑1‑1 Distinguished Cadet Award for Scholastic Excellence Ribbon**

**(1) Awarded by:** Superintendent

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded annually to one senior cadet in Duval County who exhibits the highest GPA in the School District.

b. **N‑1‑2 Academic Excellence Award Ribbon**

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded annually to one cadet in each LET level for maintaining the highest school academic GPA.

c. **N-1-3 Academic Achievement Ribbon**

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded annually to those cadets that maintain a grade of “A” in JROTC and a grade of “B” or higher in all other academic subjects for the term/year.

d. **N‑l‑4** **Perfect Attendance Ribbon**

**(1) Awarded by**: Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded to cadets with no unexcused absences during each semester/term.

### e. N‑1‑5 Student Government Ribbon

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Elected to a student government office.

f. **N‑l‑6** **LET Service Ribbon**

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded to cadets successfully completing the first semester of training of each LET level.

g. **N‑l‑7 Academic Performance Ribbon**

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded to those cadets who maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better and complete at least one honors or AP or DE or AICE course in the semester.

h. **N-1-8 National Honor Society Ribbon**

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded to cadets for membership in **ANY** National Honor Society

i. **N-1-9 Presidential Academic Achievement Award**

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded to those cadets selected and competing in the JROTC Leadership Academic Bowl

**j. N-1-10 Academic Superior Achievement Award**

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded for participation in an Academic based school sponsored club (Key, Interact, Math, Model UN, International, Chess)

**5-3. Military Awards (Series 3)**

**a. N‑3‑l** **Director of Army Instruction/Leadership Ribbon**

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded annually to one cadet per LET level who displays the highest degree of leadership.

b. **N‑3‑2 Personal Appearance Ribbon**

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded to cadets who consistently present an outstanding appearance.

c. **N‑3‑3 Proficiency Ribbon**

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded annually to those cadets who have demonstrated an exceptionally high degree of leadership, academic achievement, and performance of duty.

d. **N‑3-4 Drill Team Ribbon**

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded annually to drill team members.

### e. N-3-5 Orienteering Ribbon

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria**: Awarded annually to cadets who are members of the Orienteering team.

f. **N‑3‑6 Color/Honor Guard Ribbon**

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded to Cadets that perform at least one on school Honor Guard ceremony or off campus community ceremony.

g. **N-3-7 Marksmanship Team Ribbon**

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded to rifle team members that compete in one Air Rifle competition.

### h. N‑3‑8 Adventure Training Ribbon

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded annually to cadets who are members of the Raider team and compete in one competition.

### i. N‑3‑9 Commendation Ribbon

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded to cadets whose performance of duty exceeds that expected of a cadet in his/her grade and experience.

j. **N‑3‑10 Good Conduct Ribbon**

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded annually to the cadets who have demonstrated outstanding conduct throughout the school year.

k. **N‑3‑11** **JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge (JCLC) Participation Ribbon**

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded to cadets for JCLC participation.

### l. N-3-12 National Competition Ribbon

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded to the cadets who compete at any National Level Competition or compete at the second level of JROTC Academic or Leadership Bowl or Cyber Patriot Competitions.

m. **N‑3‑13 Florida State Competition Ribbon**

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded to the cadets who compete at any Florida State Level Competition.

### n. N-3-14 District Competition Ribbon

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded to the cadets who compete in district wide competitive events.

o.**N-3-15 JROTC Program for Accreditation Ribbon**

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded to cadets who participate / contribute to a JROTC Program

for Accreditation Evaluation. This ribbon may be awarded to seniors who were not afforded the opportunity to participate in a JROTC Program for Accreditation but were in the program 4 years.

**5-2. Athletic Awards (Series 2)**

### N‑2‑l Varsity Athletic Ribbon

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded at the completion of Fall/Winter/Spring seasons to cadets that participate in varsity sports.

**N‑2‑2 Physical Fitness Ribbon**

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded annually to cadets who maintain excellent physical fitness. Cadets who receive 85 percentile rating or better in all 5 Cadet Challenge Events.

**N‑2‑3** **JROTC Athletic Ribbon**

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria** Awarded annually to cadets who maintain a basic yet challenging level of physical fitness. The ribbon will be presented to cadets receiving a 50 percentile rating or better in all 5 Cadet Challenge Events.

### N‑2‑4 Junior Varsity Athletic Ribbon

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded at the completion of Fall/Winter/Spring seasons to cadets that participate in junior varsity sports.

**N-2-5** **Physical Training Achievement Ribbon**

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded annually to cadets that participate in each event of the cadet challenge and earning a 25 percentile rating in all 5 Cadet Challenge events.

**5-4. Miscellaneous Awards (Series 4)**

a. **N‑4‑l** **Parade Ribbon**

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded to cadets who have participated in local community parades: i.e., Veterans Day Parade, Memorial Day Parade, Homecoming Parade, etc.

### b. N‑4‑2 Recruiting Ribbon

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded to the cadets who recruit 3 students into the JROTC program each school year or volunteer time at a school recruiting event.

c. **N‑4‑3** **Special Projects/ Community Service Ribbon**

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded to cadets who participate in special projects or community service.

d. **N‑4‑4** **Fund Raising Ribbon**

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded to cadets who participate in fund raising activities and raise $120.00 in profit.

e. **N‑4‑5** **Humanitarian Ribbon**

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Awarded to cadets who participate in JROTC community charitable events

f. **N-4-6 Service Learning Ribbon**

**(1) Awarded by**: Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria**: Awarded annually to Cadets who participate in Service Learning Projects

g. N-4-7 **Excellent Staff Performance Ribbon**

**(1) Awarded by**: Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria**: Awarded to Cadets who perform in an outstanding manner on Cadet Staff.

**5-5. Shoulder Cords.**

**a.** Shoulder Cords are authorized for wear on an annual basis to encourage participation. Shoulder cords will only be worn by current team members. Shoulder cords, passing under the shoulder loop will not exceed two in number for any one cadet. (one on each shoulder). When only one is worn it will be worn on the left side.

**There is no order of precedence for Cords.**

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:**

1. BN Commander Black and Red
2. National Honor Society Gold
3. Color Guard White (2 competitions)
4. Drill Team Red (2 competitions)
5. Honor Guard Orange (2 ceremonies)
6. Rifle Team Tan (2 competitions)
7. Raider Platoon Black (2 competitions)
8. Exhibition Drill Team Teal (2 competitions)
9. JLAB/Cyber Patriot Green

b. When participating in an activity as part of a special unit (Color Guard, Drill Team, and etc.), the shoulder cord for that special unit will be given priority and worn on the left shoulder.

**5-6. Metal Arc Pins.**

a. Metal Arc Pins are authorized for wear on an annual basis to encourage participation in conjunction with team cords. Metal Arc Pins will only be worn by current team members. **There is no order of precedence for Arc Pins.**

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:**

1. Academics: Authorized for wear by Cadets in their senior year if a member of the

academic team in their junior year.

1. Color Guard (3 competitions)
2. Honor Guard (3 ceremonies)
3. Flag Detail (25 ceremonies)
4. Drill (3 competitions)
5. Exhibition Rifle (3 competitions)
6. Raiders (3 competitions)
7. JCLC\*
8. Lead Challenge\*
9. Rappelling
10. Cadet Challenge (50 % or higher in each event of Cadet Challenge)
11. Orienteering
12. Land Navigation
13. Staff
14. Cadet of the Month: May be worn continuously once awarded to a cadet.
15. Cadet of the Year: May be worn continuously once awarded to a cadet.

\* Awarded to JCLC Leadership Company. Once awarded, Lead Challenge and JCLC arc pins may be worn as long as the cadet is enrolled in JROTC.

b. No other arcs pins will be authorized and a maximum of twelve (12) arc pins can be worn at any time.

c.  **How Worn.**

**(1) Male**: On the ASU gray shirt arc pins are centered on the right pocket, evenly spaced between the flap and bottom of pocket and the ASU coat. Arc are spaced 1/8” apart. A maximum of six Arc pins may be worn in a column with a maximum of two columns with ½ inch between rows. A column of six is completed before starting the second column. The first column is positioned to the left side of the breast pocket. The second ½ inch to the right of the first column.

**(2) Female**: On the ASU gray shirt arc pins are centered on the right side between the second and third button. Arc Pins are centered on the ASU coat even with the bottom of the first button. Arc Pins will be spaced 1/8 inch apart. A maximum of six Arc pins may be worn in a column with a maximum of two columns with ½ inch between rows. A column of six will be complete before starting the second column. The first column will be positioned to the left side. The second column will be to the right of the first column.

**5-7 School Crests.** Once approved by the Institute of Heraldry school crests may be worn by males 1/8 inch above the right pocket on the ASU gray shirt and coat in accordance with CCR 145-2. Females wear the crest 1/8 inch above the name plate. When worn with the Instructor Badge, it is worn ¼ inch above the Instructor Badge. If the Unit Award is present, the Unit Award is ¼ inch above the nameplate and the Unit Crest is ¼ inch above the Unit Award.

**5-8 School Varsity Letter.** Duval County JROTC programs will follow the criteria listed below in selecting recipients for a JROTC School Varsity Letter.

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:**

1. Third or Fourth year JROTC Cadet
2. Must be at least a SSG.
3. Must have participated or currently participating in at least one after school JROTC activity.
4. Must have participated in at least one JROTC Program for Accreditation (waived if no inspection was completed by the unit).
5. Must have attended at least one JCLC.
6. Must have participated in at least one parade.
7. Must have been awarded the Instructor Badge.
8. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in JROTC and a 2.0 overall GPA.

**Note:** The Senior Army Instructor may waive one of the above requirements, except GPA.

**5.9. Instructor Badge.**

**(1) Awarded by:** Senior Army Instructor

**(2) Criteria:** Cadets successfully present formal classes in accordance with the requirements established by the program. The Instructor Badge will be on a black nametag with only the word “INSTRUCTOR” engraved onto it.

**a. How Worn:**

(1) **Male:** Centered ¼ inch above the right pocket of the ASU uninform. Directly in line and over the nametag.

1. When Star Insignia / Academic Wreath Insignia are worn, it will be worn ¼

inch above Star / Academic Wreath Insignia as specified above.

1. When School DUI is worn with Instructor Badge, it will be worn ¼ inch

above Instructor Badge.

(2) **Female:** Centered on right side of Coat only, ½ inch above the nametag, directly in line and over the nametag.

1. When Star Insignia/ Academic Insignia are worn, it will be worn ¼ inch and

centered above the Star/ Wreath Insignia.

1. When School Crest is worn with Instructor Badge, it will be worn ¼ inch

above Instructor Badge.

**5-10. National, State and Special Awards.** This section covers cadet awards given for participation in National and State competitions and other special recognition.

a. National Awards

(1) National Champion Medal – Awarded to cadets who are members of teams finishing in the top 5 at national competitions. The medal is the same for all teams with a different colored drape signifying the different type teams.

1. Black Drape: Raider
2. Red Drape: Drill
3. Gold Drape: Marksmanship
4. Red, White and Blue Star Drape: JLAB / Cyber Patriot

(2) National Top 15 Medal – Awarded to cadets who are members of teams

finishing in the top 15 places in national competitions. The medal and the Black and Yellow drape is the same for the different type teams.

b. State Awards

1. State Champion Medal - Awarded to cadets who are members of teams

finishing first in state competitions. The medal is the same for all teams with a different colored drape signifying the sport.

1. Black Drape: Raider
2. Red Drape: Drill
3. Gold Drape: Marksmanship
4. State Top 5 Medal – Awarded to cadets who are members of teams finishing

in the top 5 places in state competitions. The medal and the Red, White and Blue drape is the same for all team types.

c. Superintendent’s Medal – Awarded to cadets who place first in any National level event.

d. Director of Army Instruction (DAI) Special Awards

(1) DAI Coin. Awarded to cadets selected by the Senior Army Instructor for outstanding performance of duty when no existing award applies. Request DAI coins through Supply

(2) DAI Excellence Award. Awarded to cadets for performance of duty greatly exceeding that which is expected. Request DAI Excellence Awards through Supply.