

**VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (JROTC)
MEDAL AND RIBBON PROGRAM**



PURPOSE:

- 1) TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE STUDENTS ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL JROTC PROGRAMS FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP, COMMUNITY SERVICE, ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND SUCCESSES IN THE THOUSANDS OF JROTC UNITS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES.
- 2) TO STRENGTHEN THE LEGACY OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA.
- 3) TO BRING ATTENTION TO THE HONORABLE SERVICE TO BOTH COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY BY VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM WAR.
- 4) TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL AVENUE INTO OUR SCHOOLS TO SUPPORT OUR VETERANS IN CLASSROOMS PROGRAMS.

AWARD CRITERIA

- 1) The Cadet exemplifies the Core Values of the Vietnam Veterans of America
- 2) Advocacy
- 3) Meaningful Achievement
- 4) Integrity
- 5) Compassion
- 6) Camaraderie
- 7) The Cadet must have completed their second year of JROTC at the end of the current school year.
- 8) Cadet academically is in the upper 25 percent of his class academically.
- 9) Top 25 percent of his unit in JROTC achievements – Classes emphasizing JROTC course of study.
- 10) Each top State Cadet forwarded for National Competition is required to submit an essay of not less than 500 words, the subject selected by the National Public Affairs Committee and announced prior to the new school year.**

INVOLVEMENT

Chapter Involvement in Area JROTC Units

VVA Chapters will be responsible for contacting their local educational institutes that have JROTC Units to explain the award to the school and the cadets, offer selection assistance, and be available to present the award to the Top Cadet at a ceremony of the school's choosing. A narrative of the Cadet's accomplishments and reason for selection would be provided by the school to the Chapter.

Chapters will be responsible to purchase the medals and ribbons for their schools. Approximate cost \$15 per medal/ribbon. Medals and ribbons are purchased from National VVA – Mokie Porter at mporter@vva.org or by calling 301-585-4000.

The Top Cadet to receive the medal and ribbon will be selected by the faculty and advisors to each school's JROTC Units.

The recipient information of the Unit Top Cadet award from each school will then be sent to the respective State Council, by the Chapter, with a nomination narrative. The Cadet will compete with each of the schools' Top Cadets for the State Council Top Cadet designation.

State Councils

State Councils will create a selection committee made up of members of the State Council. This committee will be responsible for selecting their individual State Top Cadet. Any rewards for this selection would be strictly the decision and responsibility of the State Council. Only one selection, sent forward for national competition, will be made per State Council.

Once the State Council makes their Top Cadet selection that one State Council Top Cadet narrative, Cadet's essay and information will be forwarded to the National VVA Communications Director (Mokie Porter – mporter@vva.org) for judging by the VVA National Awards Committee. Cadets will be selected to receive (1st Place), \$2500, (2nd Place) \$1500, and (3rd Place) \$1000). **Deadline for the submission for National Competition will be NLT 1 April of the current school year – emailed to mporter@vva.org**