

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

PURPOSE:

1. To honor and recognize students enrolled in high school JROTC programs for their leadership, community service, academic achievements, and successes.
2. To strengthen the legacy of Vietnam Veterans of America by bringing attention to the honorable service to country and community by Vietnam veterans.

AWARD CRITERIA:

1. Cadet exemplifies core values of the Vietnam Veterans of America: Advocacy, Meaningful Achievement, Integrity, Compassion, Camaraderie.
2. Cadet must have completed second year of JROTC at end of current school year.
3. Cadet is in the upper 25 percent of his/her class academically and in JROTC achievements.

GENERAL RULES & GUIDELINES:

- The number of medals presented each year is determined by the JROTC unit commanders and, if they choose, the participating local VVA Chapter.
- There is no limit to the number of medals that may be awarded each year.
- There is no set deadline for requesting medal & ribbon sets; they may be presented at any point in the year. **To ensure timely delivery, submit your requests two weeks prior to your scheduled ceremony. Cost is \$15/medal & ribbon set. Shipping costs are covered by VVA national office.**
- To order, contact Kathleen Grathwol at kgrathwol@vva.org, or by calling (301) 585-4000, x. 178; or Mokie Porter at mporter@vva.org, or by calling (301) 585-4000, x. 146.
- On request, the VVA national office will provide certificates and medals. For certificate requests, please include the cadet(s)' name(s). A fillable certificate template is also available for download at: <https://vva.org/what-we-do/outreach-programs/education/>
- Please pay by check on receipt of your materials. Send payment to Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Rd, Ste. 100, Silver Spring, MD 20910, Attn: Medals Program.
- For questions or further information, contact: Dennis Howland, Public Affairs Committee chair at Dennishowland46@hotmail.com, or by calling (801) 389-1893.

CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT:

- VVA Chapters are responsible for contacting their local schools with JROTC units to explain the program and to present award(s) to the selected cadet(s) at a ceremony of the school's choosing.
- VVA Chapters are responsible for purchasing the medals for their local schools.

JROTC UNITS WITHOUT AN AFFILIATED VVA LOCAL CHAPTER

- JROTC units in communities without a VVA chapter may request medal & ribbon sets directly and may also present the awards yourself.
- In this case, the JROTC Unit is responsible for purchasing the medals and ribbons for their cadet(s).

For information regarding JROTC National Top Cadet Competition, please visit:
<https://vva.org/docs/> to download the document.