

SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY OF
THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

JROTC AWARDS PROGRAM

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From: Norm Pigeon
To: Chapter Presidents

Subj: SAR JROTC Enhanced Award

Enclosure: A Primer for Chapter Presidents regarding the JROTC Award Program

The purpose of this letter is to provide the Chapter President or his designee with a reminder concerning the JROTC Enhanced Award.

Paragraph 4 of the enclosure defines the award. The critical action required is for the Chapter to receive the completed unit nominations before February 1st, 2008. This will allow the Chapter to select its choice and nominee and forward that nomination to me by February 15th.

That equates to the interested cadets with their respective SMI completing their submissions. The Holiday break, or often-called Christmas holidays, provides an opportunity for the cadets to prepare their essay. I therefore strongly recommend that you or your designee contact your sponsored unit and remind the SMI of the award and the necessity of preparing any submission/nomination during this break.

I remain available to assist the Chapter in any way I can. (I'm not from the government, but I am still here to help you.) Please allow me an opportunity to assist you in rewarding our youth.

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Subj: A Primer for the Chapter President regarding the JROTC Award Program or,
One method for a successful program of rewarding our cadet youth.

Enclosure: National JROTC Recognition Program brochure

The purpose of this letter is to provide the Chapter president with guidelines in implementing this program.

1. The Chapter President should designate a Chapter member as Chapter JROTC Chairperson. That member needs to have the time, ability and motivation to interact with the Chapter's assigned JROTC units. This designation should be for the entire academic year. Email capability is a plus.
2. The designee, or if none, the Chapter President is responsible for:
 - a. Establishing communication with the Senior Military Instructor (SMI) of the Chapter's assigned units, either personally, by telephone or email. This is preferably done after the academic year commences, although the summer recess finds the SMI with time to meet and understand the program.
 - b. Providing the SMI with information concerning the JROTC unit award.
 - c. Providing the SMI with information concerning the JROTC enhanced (or State) award.
 - d. Determining from the SMI the date of the unit's annual award ceremony, normally in the spring of the year.
 - e. Presenting the unit award at the unit's award ceremony, and insuring that a picture and text are assembled for media input.
 - f. Establishing contact with the SCSSAR JROTC award program chairperson.
3. The JROTC unit award:
 - a. Is awarded to the unit's cadet, selected by the SMI, who has attained the highest degree of merit with respect to leadership abilities and accomplishments, military bearing and overall academic excellence. The award can be given to a cadet of any year group. The award is a bronze medal hung from a ribbon. A ribbon is also included. The

award package with certificate is available from National at a cost of **\$7.50**.

4. The JROTC enhanced award:

- a. Is awarded to the SCSSAR JROTC cadet through the following process:
 - (1) Eligibility: The cadet nominated by the SMI must complete an application and essay. Additionally, the cadet must provide an SMI recommendation and verification of academic progress. The cadet should be in his or her junior year in JROTC. The cadet nominated must also be the cadet selected by the SMI to receive the unit JROTC award.
 - (2) This cadet shall submit his or her nomination package to the Chapter. Annually, the date of submission should be by late January.
 - (3) The Chapter will review any and all nomination packages from their assigned JROTC units and select a Chapter nomination to be forwarded to SCSSAR for consideration for the enhanced (or State) award. The nomination should be submitted by early February. The Chapter may award a bronze star to wear on the unit award, a bronze frame and star for the ribbon, and a monetary award.
 - (4) A board convened by the SCSSAR JROTC award chairperson will select the enhanced (or State). The cadet will be presented with a silver star to wear on the medal ribbon, a silver frame and star for the ribbon bar, a silver presentation medal with neck ribbon, and a monetary award.
 - (5) The SCSSAR winner's nomination package will be submitted to National to be considered for the National JROTC award.

There is a finite cost in this program. Certainly there is a cost of interaction with the units, the education of and assistance to the SMI, the collection and review of enhanced nominations, and the presentation of awards at the units' award ceremonies. Additionally there is a cost of approximately **\$7.50** for each unit award presented. In some Charters, this may be a burden in manpower and resources. However, we must remember that we are recognizing the youth of today that will be our citizens in the very near future. They are achieving and their efforts need to be recognized and rewarded. Further more, the recognition process also provides SCSSAR with publicity that can generate membership.

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