KUNROTCU INSTRUCTION 1650.1

Subj: UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS MIDSHIPMEN AWARDS CRITERIA AND RIBBON GUIDANCE

Ref: (a) NSTCINST 1533.2A

1. Purpose. To provide information and guidance on the various awards, decorations, medals, badges, ribbons and other devices awarded to midshipmen in recognition of outstanding performance, meritorious achievement or active participation in unit activities.

2. Background. Criteria for awarding ribbons are established and authorized by the Commanding Officer. There are two award/ribbon categories: individual achievement and unit participation. Ribbons are awarded to midshipmen for individual achievements and participation in various unit activities. The following is a listing of ribbons that may be authorized for wear by midshipmen:

   a. Individual Achievement:
      (1) All-Around Performance
      (2) Academic Excellence
      (3) Academic Achievement
      (4) Commendation Award
      (5) Leadership Award
      (6) Community Service
      (7) Physical Fitness
      (8) Recruiting

   b. Unit Participation:
      (1) Drill Team
      (2) Color Guard
      (3) Intramurals
      (4) Rifle/Pistol Team
      (5) Sailing Team
      (6) Cruise Ribbon

3. Wear of Ribbons. Midshipman eligible for active duty ribbons by virtue of previous military service, or presentation while on cruise, may wear them, but must do so per the following regulations:

   a. Active duty ribbons are authorized for wear on cruise and after commissioning, and at these times will be worn alone. Active duty ribbons are not authorized for wear with the Unit ribbons. Midshipmen will wear only active duty ribbons or only Unit ribbons.

   b. Ribbons are to be worn on the Service Khaki, Summer White and Service Dress Blue uniforms. Ribbons are centered above the left breast pocket at 1/4” for Navy Option and 1/8” for Marine Option.
4. **Description of Awards and Ribbons**

   a. Personal awards and ribbons have specific qualifications and an order of precedence listed below from highest to lowest.

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<th>Award Category</th>
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<td>1. All Around Performance</td>
<td>Awarded to the midshipman ranked 1st in their academic class for the most outstanding performance in the field of academics, physical fitness, community service and military criteria.</td>
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<td>2. Academic Excellence</td>
<td>Awarded annually to midshipmen with an overall GPA of ≥3.75 – 4.0 (on a 4.0 scale).</td>
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<td>3. Academic Achievement</td>
<td>Awarded annually to midshipmen with an overall GPA of 3.50 – &lt;3.75 (on a 4.0 scale).</td>
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<td>4. Commendation Award</td>
<td>Awarded to the Midshipman of the Semester (MOTS) for recognition of meritorious achievements.</td>
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<td>5. Leadership Award</td>
<td>Awarded to midshipmen who have shown exemplary conduct and leadership. Nominations are by fellow midshipmen.</td>
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<td>6. Community Service</td>
<td>Awarded to those recognized for meritorious services to the community. At least ten recorded hours are required per semester.</td>
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<td>7. Physical Fitness</td>
<td>Awarded per PRT/PFT to midshipmen who achieve an overall Outstanding on their PRT or a score of 285 on their PFT.</td>
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<td>8. Drill Team</td>
<td>Awarded to midshipmen participating in Drill Team for one academic semester.</td>
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<td>9. Color Guard</td>
<td>Awarded to midshipmen participating in a minimum of 3 Color Guard events or at 1 ROTC Color Guard competition.</td>
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<td>10. Intramurals</td>
<td>Awarded to those who participated in a battalion sponsored intramural sports team for one academic semester.</td>
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11. Rifle/Pistol Team

Awarded to any member of the Rifle/Pistol Team for at least one academic semester and participation in a ROTC shooting competition.

12. Sailing Team

Awarded to midshipmen who qualify as Skipper B and are part of the Sail Team.

13. Recruiting

Awarded to midshipmen instrumental in the enrollment of new NROTC recruits.

14. Cruise Ribbon

Awarded to those midshipmen who have completed either a 2/C and/or 1/C summer training cruise.

5. **Organization Awards.** Organization award ribbons are ranked less than the Leadership Award and higher than the Community Service Award. Accompanying medals may be worn only when prescribed in the Plan of the Day and/or authorized by the Commanding Officer.
6. Ribbon Devices.
   a. Stars representing subsequent awards will be worn as follows: center a single star on the ribbon with two rays pointing down. Place multiple stars in a horizontal line centered on the ribbon.

   (1) Gold Stars – Wear 5/16” gold stars for second and subsequent awards and ribbons.

   (2) Silver Stars – Wear 5/16” silver stars in lieu of five gold stars.
7. Medals.

a. Medals that accompany organizational awards are only to be worn when Dinner Dress uniforms are prescribed and when authorized by the Commanding Officer.

8. Awarding, Control, and Issuance of Awards and Ribbons

a. The Commanding Officer has ultimate responsibility, however at his discretion, responsibility for the awarding, control and issuance of awards and ribbons can be delegated to the Midshipman Battalion Commander.

b. Individual Achievement Awards:

(1). Are contingent upon the midshipman’s status of “good standing” with the unit. The midshipman must not have been subject to a PRB or received deficient grades during the time stipulated in the award period.

(2). Midshipmen who are awarded individual achievement awards will receive both their award and accompanying ribbon during a ceremony at the unit’s Leadership Laboratory.

c. Midshipmen are responsible for ensuring they have received and are wearing the properly warranted awards and ribbons.

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