

The MOAA Junior ROTC (JROTC)/ROTC Awards Program

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The MOAA Junior ROTC (JROTC)/ROTC awards program recognizes an outstanding cadet or midshipman who has demonstrated exceptional potential for military leadership (exceptional academic achievement in the case of the Marine Corps JROTC [MCJROTC] program.) All military services officially have approved the medal for presentation.

The presentation of an MOAA ROTC/JROTC medal and certificate is an excellent way for chapters to gain exposure in their community and, at the same time, foster a positive military recognition among the youth of the community. Accordingly, it has always been the desire of national MOAA that the medals are awarded by a local chapter and not the national organization.

The typical award consists of a red, white, and blue ribbon 13/8 inches wide with a bronze disc pendant 15/8 inches in diameter and a matching service ribbon and a certificate of presentation.

Our chapter sponsors and presents the MOAA JROTC medal and certificate to the following local high schools: Alonzo, Armwood, Blake, Chamberlin, Freedom, Gaither, H.B. Plant, Hillsborough, Jefferson, King, Leto, Middleton, Plant City, Robinson, Sickles, Strawberry Crest, Tampa Bay Technical, and Wharton.

Our chapter sponsors and presents the MOAA ROTC medal and certificate to the following college ROTC programs: University of Tampa Army ROTC, University of South Florida Army ROTC, University of South Florida Naval ROTC, and University of South Florida Air Force ROTC.

A chapter member usually volunteers and presents the award at the school's award ceremony. Our chapter also sponsors the high school award winners at our April luncheon.

