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This instruction implements Air Force Policy Directive (AFPD) 36-28, *Awards and Decorations Programs*, by establishing procedures for managing the USAF Academy (USAFA) Cadet Awards Program through the Cadet Awards Council (CAC) and the Cadet Awards Branch (HQ USAFA/CMA) of the Directorate of Communications. It governs all responsibilities and procedures pertaining to organizational, individual, and specialty awards and defines criteria for selecting award winners and applies to all USAFA organizations dealing with cadet awards. Refer recommended changes and conflicts between this and other publications to HQ USAFA/CMA, 2304 Cadet Drive, USAF Academy CO 80840, on Air Force (AF) Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with AFMAN 33-363, *Management of Records*, and disposed of in accordance with the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule (RDS), located in <https://www.my.af.mil/gcss-af61a/afirms/afirms/rims.cfm>.

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Updates current office symbols and numbering throughout instruction. Reflects voting representatives of Cadet Awards Council (3.1.1., 3.1.2., 3.1.3., and 3.1.4.) and updates number of voting representatives (3.1.4.). Adds Outstanding Cadet in Character Award (A2.5.16.) as an Individual Award. Adds Personal Ethics and Education Representatives (PEERs) Award (A3.4.25.), Outstanding and Scholarly Award for Excellence in Biological Research Award (A3.5.15.), Systems Engineering, Electrical Engineering Track Award (A3.5.34.) Political Science/FAS Majors Award (A3.5.57.), Second-Classman Leadership and Service Award (A3.5.58.) and Political Science Department's Major Subfields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, American Politics, and National Security Awards (A3.5.59.) as Specialty Awards. Updates Outstanding Wing Commanders Award to include Summer Wing Commander Award (A2.5.2.) and Group/Squadron Outstanding First Class Cadet of the Semester

Award to include CS-37, Todd Spangler Award (A3.4.2.). Removes all references to the Outstanding Cadet in Research Award. Reflects award name changes to Outstanding Cadet in Mathematics Award (previously named Outstanding Cadet in Mathematical Sciences Award) (A2.4.22.), Most Valuable Football Defensive Player Award (previously named Most Valuable Football Lineman Award) (A2.7.10.), Most Valuable Football Lineman or Special Teams Player Award (previously named Most Valuable Football Special Teams Player Award) (A2.7.11.), Most Valuable Football Offensive Player Award (previously named Most Valuable Football Back Award) (A2.7.12.), Most Valuable Track and Field Competitor Award--Men (previously named Outstanding Track and Field Competitor--Men)(A2.7.28.), Most Valuable Track and Field Competitor Award--Women (previously named Outstanding Track and Field Competitor--Women) (A2.7.29.), Outstanding Cadet Honor Chairperson Award (previously named Cadet Honor Committee Chairperson Award) (A2.5.14.),Wing “Fourth Class Cadet” Competition Award (previously named Wing “Doolie” Competition Award) (A3.4.6.), Outstanding Squadron Honor Representatives Award (previously named Outstanding Group Honor Representatives Award) (A3.4.24.), Outstanding Cadet in the Aeronautics Major Award (previously named Outstanding Achievement in Aeronautical Engineering Award) (A3.5.1.), Award for Excellence in Applied Aeronautics Research (previously named Outstanding Achievement in Applied Aeronautics Research Award) (A3.5.2.), Award for Excellence in Basic Aeronautics Research (previously named Outstanding Achievement in Basic Aeronautics Research Award) (A3.5.3.), Outstanding Cadet in Thermodynamics and Propulsion Award (previously named Thermodynamics and Propulsion Award) (A3.5.7.), Propulsion Directorate’s Award for Excellence in Propulsion Design (previously named Outstanding Achievement in Aeropropulsion Design Award) (A3.5.8.), Air Vehicles Director’s Award for Excellence in Aircraft Design (previously named Outstanding Achievement in Aeronautical Design Award) (A3.5.9.) and Outstanding Achievement in Biology Research Award previously named Outstanding and Scholarly Award for Excellence in Biological Research) (A3.5.15.). Reflect criteria updates for Intercollegiate Athletics Squadron Award (A1.6.2.4.), Outstanding Cadet in Chemistry Award (A2.4.5.),Outstanding Cadet in Management Award (A2.4.21.), Outstanding Cadet in Airmanship Award (A2.5.10.), Outstanding Cadet in Powered Flight Award (A2.5.12.), Outstanding Cadet in Citizenship Award (A2.5.15.), Outstanding Cadet in Character Award (A2.5.16.), Group/Squadron Outstanding First Class Cadet of the Semester Award (A3.4.2.), Commandant Pin Award (A3.4.14.),Group/Squadron Outstanding Second Class Cadet of the Semester Award (A3.4.3.), Group/Squadron Outstanding Third Class Cadet of the Semester Award (A3.4.4.), Group/Squadron Outstanding Fourth Class Cadet of the Semester Award (A3.4.5.), Wing/Group Outstanding Cadet Squadron Commander of the Semester Award (A3.4.7.), Squadron Outstanding Flight Commander of the Semester Award (A3.4.8.), Squadron Outstanding Element Leader of the Semester Award (A3.4.9.), Group Outstanding First Sergeant of the Semester Award (A3.4.10.), Wing Outstanding Squadron Superintendent of the Semester Award (A3.4.11.)and Deputy Wing Honor Chairperson Award (A3.4.22.). Reflects the suspense to have Organizational Awards identified (12.4.) and the OPR for the Outstanding Cadet, United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School Graduate Award (A2.5.9.).

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1. Program References:

- 1.1. Headquarters USAF (AFPTR) letter, Air Force Academy Cadet Awards Program, 16 March 1960.
- 1.2. General Order Number 13, Headquarters USAFA, 15 May 1959.

2. Why USAFA Has a Cadet Awards Program. The USAFA Cadet Awards Program offers incentives to USAFA cadets for higher achievements in academic, athletic, leadership, military training, and related activities; it rewards these achievements materially and through public recognition. The awards foster unit and individual competition and enhance morale.

3. Who Comprises the Cadet Awards Council (CAC) and What It Does:

- 3.1. The CAC meets quarterly and consists of the following members appointed by the Superintendent, who also designates the Chairperson:
 - 3.1.1. One voting representative from the Dean of Faculty (HQ USAFA/DF).
 - 3.1.2. One voting representative from the Commandant of Cadets (HQ USAFA/CW).
 - 3.1.3. One voting representative from the Directorate of Athletics (HQ USAFA/AD).
 - 3.1.4. Two voting representatives from the Directorate of Communications (HQ USAFA/CM). The Development and Alumni Programs Division (HQ USAFA/CMA) will provide administrative support for the Council.

3.1.5. One representative from the Association of Graduates (AOG).

3.2. The CAC advises the Superintendent (HQ USAFA/CC) on all aspects of coordination and administration of the USAFA Cadet Awards Program. It establishes procedures (subject to the Superintendent's approval) and coordinates guidelines for establishing and administering cadet awards. It recommends approval or disapproval on any request for a cadet award to memorialize or honor an individual. It designates one member to serve as a voting member of the USAFA Memorial Board.

4. How USAFA Establishes Awards:

4.1. The CAC, through HQ USAFA/CMA, evaluates all proposed cadet awards and forwards to the Superintendent a recommendation for approval or disapproval of all organizational or individual cadet awards. The CAC evaluates and approves appropriate specialty awards. Activities or individuals desiring to establish a cadet award for any purpose must submit a written request to HQ USAFA/CMA by 31 December if the presentation is to be made in that academic year.

4.2. A cadet award may be established to memorialize a deceased person who has made a significant contribution to air and space power or, in some other way, contributed to national defense. The next-of-kin must concur, and the USAFA Memorial Board must approve all such memorializations.

4.3. A cadet award may also be established to honor or recognize a living person or organization who has made a significant contribution or sacrifice to air and space power or, in some other way, contributed to national defense.

4.4. Whenever possible, deceased USAFA graduates receive priority in memorializations to honor individuals whose records reflect outstanding accomplishments with special meaning to the Cadet Wing.

4.5. Cadet awards are established through an endowment or for a renewable 1- or 5-year period. All awards named in honor of a person or awards memorializing a deceased person are based on 5-year renewable terms. USAFA reserves the right to rename awards, as appropriate, after a 5-year period.

4.6. USAFA makes no cash awards, nor does it give as awards any form of commercial instrument such as bonds, shares of stock, drafts, or other similar instruments having present or future monetary value.

5. Organizational Awards and Presentation. These awards recognize a cadet squadron or group for outstanding unit achievement in academics, military training, athletics, extracurricular endeavors, or a combination thereof. Award winners are announced by the Superintendent each year by the second Wednesday in May (usually during a noon meal formation). The awards consist of trophies, plaques, and guidon streamers. Organizational awards are presented during the Organizational Awards Parade or during the Individual Awards Ceremony during graduation week and remain in USAFA custody for appropriate display. See Attachment 1 for specific titles and selection criteria.

6. Individual Awards and Presentations. These awards recognize individuals who achieve excellence in academics, military training, or athletics. The award consists of a bronze casting of the eagle and fledglings sculpture with a nameplate affixed to the base. In the case of Tapping Ceremonies, a nameplate is affixed to an honor plaque. A cadet may receive more than one award but will receive only one sculpture with appropriate identification plates added to its base. Individual awards are presented during the Individual Awards Ceremony or Tapping Ceremonies during graduation week. See Attachment 2 for specific categories, titles, and selection criteria.

7. Specialty Awards and Presentation. These awards recognize cadets who have distinguished themselves by outstanding performance and achievement in individual academic disciplines or specialized areas of interest. Specialty Awards are established for specific purposes and are presented at various times during the year. These awards are under the general jurisdiction of the CAC with the responsible departments or activities providing specific administration. Specialty Awards are limited to a maximum monetary value of \$150 each and normally consist of a plaque, reference books, or some other form of appropriate recognition. See Attachment 3 for titles, selection criteria, and presentation details.

8. Selecting Award Winners. The department or activity with jurisdiction over the award selects the winner.

9. Financial Restrictions. Appropriated funds may be used to support administrative expenses of conducting the Cadet Awards Program and associated awards social functions as authorized by current Air Force directives.

9.1. The award donor bears all expenses, other than administrative, of acquiring and engraving gifts presented as awards.

9.2. The award donor or presenter bears all travel costs and subsequent expenses while at USAFA to attend a Cadet Awards presentation ceremony. Individual government or military agencies will bear all costs for personnel or other government officials who travel to USAFA on official duty in connection with a Cadet Awards presentation ceremony.

10. HQ USAFA/CW will:

10.1. Provide one representative to the CAC.

10.2. Establish selection criteria for all military training awards.

10.3. Identify organizational and individual award winners to HQ USAFA/CMA. Organizational awards must be identified by Monday before the 2nd Wednesday of May. Individual awards must be identified by 21 April.

10.4. Provide two officers to the Graduation Week Committee to serve as primary project officers for the Organizational Awards Parade and the Outstanding Squadron Banquet.

10.5. Provide escort officers for distinguished visitors officially invited to attend the awards ceremonies.

10.6. Participate in awards presentations pertaining to military training awards, as necessary.

11. HQ USAFA/DF will:

11.1. Provide one representative to the CAC.

11.2. Establish selection criteria for all academic awards.

11.3. Identify individual award winners to HQ USAFA/CMA, usually by 14 April of each year.

11.4. Provide three event project officers to the Graduation Week Committee to assist HQ USAFA/CMA with the Donors Luncheon, Donors Coffee, Individual Awards Ceremony, and the Awards Ceremony Reception.

11.5. Provide escort officers for distinguished visitors officially invited to attend the awards ceremonies.

11.6. Participate in awards presentations pertaining to academics, as necessary.

11.7. Provide data (GPA, MPA, etc.) from Student Academic Affairs and Academy Registrar (HQ USAFA/DFR) to all award-granting organizations for their selection criteria.

12. HQ USAFA/AD will:

12.1. Provide one representative to the CAC.

12.2. Establish selection criteria for all athletic awards.

12.3. Provide an officer to the Graduation Week Committee to assist HQ USAFA/CMA with the Individual Awards Ceremony.

12.4. Identify individual award winners to HQ USAFA/CMA, usually by 14 April of each year. Identify organizational award winners to HQ USAFA/CW by Thursday before the 2nd Wednesday of May.

12.5. Provide escort officers for distinguished visitors officially invited to attend the awards ceremonies.

12.6. Participate in awards presentations pertaining to athletic achievement, as necessary.

12.7. Provide a project officer from HQ USAFA/AD to the Graduation Week Committee to assist HQ USAFA/CMA with the Individual Awards Ceremony.

13. HQ USAFA/CMA will:

13.1. Provide one representative to the CAC.

13.2. Through the Development and Alumni Programs Division, provide administrative support to the CAC:

13.2.1. Coordinate, through the CAC, awards recommendations to the Superintendent.

13.2.2. Maintain written, permanent records of the proceedings of CAC meetings (signed by the chairperson and approved by the Superintendent) and file all correspondence about awards and proffers of gifts (accepted or rejected).

13.2.3. Serve as a member of the Graduation Week Committee and either oversee or act as primary project officer for the Donors Coffee, Donors Luncheon, Tapping Ceremonies, and the Individual Awards Ceremony and Reception.

13.2.4. Coordinate with the Organizational Awards Parade project officer and the Outstanding Squadron Banquet project officer on all aspects of the awards portion of the events.

13.2.5. Assist departments or activities responsible for selecting award winners throughout the year with awards.

13.2.6. In coordination with the Financial Management (HQ USAFA/FM), and the Defense Accounting and Finance Services (DFAS), manage the cadet awards accounts.

13.2.7. Ensure deposits and disbursements are in accordance with AFI 51-601, *Gifts to the Department of the Air Force*, annually balancing the program's ledger with HQ USAFA/FM and DFAS records.

13.2.8. Monitor current financial status of awards.

13.2.9. Establish and maintain contact with award donors, presenters, and recipients.

13.2.10. Communicate with award donors for continuation of award sponsorship.

13.2.11. In coordination with the Directorate of Protocol (HQ USAFA/CCP,) send invitations to graduation week events to donors, presenters, and next-of-kin of memorialized persons.

13.2.12. Following graduation week awards ceremonies, provide donors, presenters, next-of-kin of memorialized persons, and recipients with photographs and ceremony memorabilia.

13.2.13. Provide Institutional Research (HQ USAFA/XPN) a list of awards and winners.

13.2.14. Input award winner information into the CAMIS database.

14. HQ USAFA/FM will:

14.1. Provide technical assistance as needed and account for all funds deposited and disbursed in the USAFA Gift and Trust Fund Account-Cadet Awards Program.

14.2. Send payments to DFAS, to disburse funds to vendors and USAFA departments upon approval of the Chief, Gifts and Memorials Branch (HQ USAFA/CMA).

15. HQ USAFA/JA will: Provide legal counsel to the CAC.

16. 10 MSG/LGC will: Upon CAC request, assist in procuring gifts and trophies.

17. HQ USAFA/PA will:

17.1. Prepare and distribute news release listing all award winners.

17.2. Coordinate media coverage for the Outstanding Squadron Banquet, the Organizational Awards Parade, and the Individual Awards Ceremony and Reception as media interest dictates.

18. Prescribed and Adopted Forms.

18.1. Prescribed Forms. No forms are prescribed by this publication.

18.2. Adopted Forms. AF Form 1206, *Nomination for Award* and AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*.

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Attachment 1

ORGANIZATIONAL AWARDS

A1.1. Organizational Awards. Presented to a cadet group or squadron to recognize unit achievement in academics, military training, athletics, extracurricular activities, or a combination thereof. HQ USAFA/DF, HQ USAFA/CW, and HQ USAFA/AD develop specific award selection criteria. Organizational award winners are typically announced by the Superintendent or his representative at the noon meal formation the second Wednesday in May, and awards are presented during the Organizational Awards Parade during graduation week.

A1.2. Outstanding Squadron Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) The Air Force Association sponsors this award. The highest unit-level award given, the Outstanding Squadron Award recognizes the squadron achieving the highest standards in all three areas of military, academic, and athletic excellence. The winning squadron will be presented the Outstanding Squadron Trophy, a plaque, and a blue streamer with gold lettering for permanent display. The winning squadron will also be honored at the Outstanding Squadron Banquet. Competition is based on an equal weighting of military, academic, and athletic performance. The following criteria are considered:

A1.2.1. Military scoring is based on the Military Proficiency Squadron Award.

A1.2.2. Academic scoring is based on the Academic Achievement Squadron Award.

A1.2.3. Athletic scoring is based on the Athletic Excellence Squadron Award.

A1.2.4. The top three squadrons based on point values will be forwarded to a selection board comprised of the Group AOCs and chaired by the HQ USAFA/CWV. The board's responsibility will be to ensure the winning squadron truly displays the core values necessary to become USAFA's top squadron. The board's ranking will be forwarded to the Superintendent for final selection.

A1.3. Outstanding Group Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) The Association of Graduates sponsors this award and presents the outstanding group with a trophy, plaque, and blue streamer with silver lettering for permanent display on its guidon. Selection is based on consideration of academic, military training, athletic achievement, and extracurricular activities. The collective efforts of all squadrons in the group determine the winner of this award. The selection criteria parallels the Outstanding Squadron Award criteria.

A1.4. Academic Achievement Squadron Award . (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) The Air Education and Training Command sponsors this award and presents the winning squadron with the Academic Achievement Trophy, a plaque, and a white streamer with blue lettering for permanent display on its guidon. The award is presented to the squadron with the highest grade point average for the academic year.

A1.5. Athletic Excellence Squadron Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/AD) The Association of Graduates sponsors this award and presents the winning squadron with the Superintendent's Athletic Excellence Trophy, a plaque, and a cardinal streamer with white lettering for permanent display on its guidon. The award is presented to the squadron with the highest performance in intramural athletics, intercollegiate athletics, physical fitness test (PFT), and aerobic fitness test (AFT). Selection is based on scoring for the Intercollegiate Athletics Squadron Award, the Intramural Athletics Squadron Award, and squadron PFT and AFT averages.

A1.6. Drill and Ceremonies Squadron Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) The late Mrs. Allan A. Sherlock and Friends sponsor this award and present the winning squadron with the Steinhardt-Sherlock

Memorial Trophy, a plaque, and a gold streamer with blue lettering for permanent display on its guidon. The award is presented to the top squadron in the areas of drill and marching.

A1.7. Intercollegiate Athletics Squadron Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/AD) The late Mrs. Frederick R. Gillen and the late Mrs. Marguerite Slezak Osborne sponsor this award. The winning squadron will receive the Gillen-Slezak Memorial Trophy, a plaque, and a red streamer with white lettering for permanent display on its guidon. Squadron athletes earn points for participation and achievement in the intercollegiate program. Points are earned for the following:

A1.7.1. Participation

A1.7.1.1. One point is awarded to each squadron member in each sport who remains on the team roster for the season. Cadets who sustain injuries and would not normally qualify earn one point upon the recommendation of the coach.

A1.7.1.2. Two points are awarded to each cadet who earns a junior varsity letter.

A1.7.1.3. Three points are awarded to each cadet who earns a varsity letter.

A1.7.2. Achievement

A1.7.2.1. One point is awarded to individuals or members of a team selected to represent the Academy in a post-season championship competition.

A1.7.2.2. Two points are awarded to individuals or members of a team selected to represent the USAFA in national competition; for example, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) post-season bowl games, etc.

A1.7.2.3. Three points are awarded for being named All-American or for receiving an NCAA post-graduate scholarship.

A1.7.2.4. Four points are awarded to individual members of a team winning a conference championship. These points are in addition to points earned for representing the USAFA in post-season championship competition.

A1.7.2.5. Five points are awarded to individual members of a team winning a national championship. These points are in addition to points earned for representing the USAFA in national competition.

A1.8. Intramural Athletics Squadron Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/AD) The United Services Automobile Association sponsors this award and presents the winning squadron with the Malanaphy Trophy, a plaque, and a silver streamer with blue lettering for permanent display on its guidon. The award is presented to the squadron accumulating the highest number of intramural athletic points during the academic year.

A1.9. Leadership and Scholarship Squadron Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) The Air Force Academy Foundation (AFAF) sponsors this award and presents the winning squadron with the Leadership and Scholarship Trophy, a plaque, and a blue streamer with white lettering for permanent display on its guidon. The award is presented to the squadron having the highest percentage of cadets on the Superintendent's List.

A1.10. Military Proficiency Squadron Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) The Air Force Space Command sponsors this award and presents the winning squadron with the Military Proficiency Trophy, a plaque, and a purple streamer with white lettering for permanent display.

A1.11. Core Values Squadron Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CWC) The Airlift/Tanker Association sponsors this award. This award is based on leadership and character development demonstrated through the performance of community service. The winning squadron will be presented with a trophy, plaque, and green streamer with white lettering for permanent display on its guidon.

Attachment 2**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

A2.1. Individual Awards. Recognize individuals who achieve excellence in academics, military training, and athletics. These awards are presented annually at the Individual Awards Ceremony or at Tapping Ceremonies during graduation week. Individual Awards include the Order of Graduation Award, Academic Awards, Military Awards, Athletic Awards, and Miscellaneous Individual Awards. Each winner receives an eagle and fledglings sculpture, with the exception of Miscellaneous Individual Awards.

A2.2. Order of Graduation Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/DF) Recognizes the cadet attaining the Highest Cumulative Overall Performance Average.

A2.3. Individual Academic Divisional Awards. (OPR: HQ USAFA/DF) Recognize cadets for outstanding academic achievement in majors within the four divisions. Each academic division recognizes the top cadet based on GPA, Major GPA, and MPA. All cadets earning a divisional major within a division and having at least a 2.75 MPA will be considered for one of the following divisional awards: (1) Basic Sciences, (2) Engineering, (3) Humanities, and (4) Social Sciences.

A2.3.1. Outstanding Cadet in Basic Sciences Award. (OPR: Basic Sciences Division Chairman) Cumulative GPA=3.00; Major GPA=3.00; MPA=2.75.

A2.3.2. Outstanding Cadet in Engineering Award. (OPR: Engineering Division Chairman) Cumulative GPA=3.20; Major GPA=3.50; MPA=2.75.

A2.3.3. Outstanding Cadet in Humanities Award. (OPR: Humanities Division Chairman) Cumulative GPA=3.00; Major GPA=3.00; MPA=2.75.

A2.3.4. Outstanding Cadet in Social Sciences Award. (OPR: Social Sciences Division Chairman) Cumulative GPA=3.50; Major GPA=3.50; MPA=2.75.

A2.4. Academic Performance Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/DF) Recognizes the cadet attaining the highest Grade Point Average.

A2.5. Individual Academic Majors and Performance Awards. (OPR: HQ USAFA/DF, Individual Academic Departments as listed) Recognize cadets for outstanding achievement in the various academic majors offered at the Academy. Each academic department may give up to two awards to recognize disciplinary and divisional majors. To be considered, first class cadets must either major or minor in the discipline or within the division and meet the minimum cumulative GPA, majors GPA, and MPA requirements as specified for each award. Generally, at least 10 cadets must compete for each award.

A2.5.1. Outstanding Cadet in Aeronautical Engineering Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFAN) Cumulative GPA=3.30; Major GPA=3.30; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.2. Outstanding Cadet in Astronautical Engineering Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFAS) Cumulative GPA=3.25; Major GPA=3.50; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.3. Outstanding Cadet in Behavioral Sciences and Leadership Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFBL) Cumulative GPA=3.00; Major GPA=3.00; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.4. Outstanding Cadet in Biology Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFB) Cumulative GPA=3.50; Major GPA=3.50; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.5. **Outstanding Cadet in Chemistry Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFC) Cumulative GPA=3.25; Major GPA=3.25; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.6. **Outstanding Cadet in Civil Engineering Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFCE) Cumulative GPA=3.00; Major GPA=3.00; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.7. **Outstanding Cadet in Communications Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFENG) Cumulative GPA=3.00; Major GPA=3.00; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.8. **Outstanding Cadet in Computer Engineering Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFEC) Cumulative GPA=3.00; Major GPA=3.00; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.9. **Outstanding Cadet in Computer Science Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFCS) Cumulative GPA=3.00; Major GPA=3.00; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.10. **Outstanding Cadet in Eastern Language Minor Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFE) Language Minor in Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, or Russian. Cumulative GPA=2.70; Major GPA=2.80; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.11. **Outstanding Cadet in Economics Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFEG) Cumulative GPA=3.40; Major GPA=3.20; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.12. **Outstanding Cadet in Electrical Engineering Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFEC) Presented to the Electrical Engineering graduate with the highest Majors GPA, MPA at least 2.75, and outstanding overall record.

A2.5.13. **Outstanding Cadet in Engineering Mechanics Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFEM) Cumulative GPA=3.00; Major GPA=3.50; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.14. **Outstanding Cadet in English Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFENG) Cumulative GPA=3.00; Major GPA=3.00; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.15. **Outstanding Cadet in Environmental Engineering Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFCE) Cumulative GPA=3.00; Major GPA=3.00; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.16. **Outstanding Cadet in Foreign Area Studies Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFIP) Cumulative GPA=3.00; Major GPA=3.00; MPA=2.75. Must demonstrate significant participation and achievement in Foreign Area Studies programs.

A2.5.17. **Outstanding Cadet in Geosciences Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFEG) Geography or Geog-Meteorology major. Cumulative GPA=3.00; Major GPA=3.20; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.18. **Outstanding Cadet in History Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFH) Cumulative GPA=3.00; Major GPA=3.00; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.19. **Outstanding Cadet in Intercollegiate Speech Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFENG) Presented to the outstanding senior cadet on the Forensics Team. Minimum MPA=2.75.

A2.5.20. **Outstanding Cadet in Legal Studies Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFL) Minimum of four Law courses. Cumulative GPA=3.00; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.21. **Outstanding Cadet in Management Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFM) Cumulative GPA=3.00; Major GPA=3.50; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.22. **Outstanding Cadet in Mathematics Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFMS) Cumulative GPA=3.20; Major GPA=3.20; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.23. **Outstanding Cadet in Mechanical Engineering Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFEM) Cumulative GPA=3.00; Major GPA=3.50; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.24. **Outstanding Cadet in Meteorology Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFEG) Cumulative GPA=3.00; Major GPA=3.20; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.25. **Outstanding Cadet in Military History Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFH) Cumulative GPA=2.80; Major GPA=3.00; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.26. **Outstanding Cadet in Military Strategic Studies Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFMI) Military Strategic Studies. Cumulative GPA=3.00; Major GPA=3.00; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.27. **Outstanding Cadet in National Security Studies Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFPS) Cumulative GPA=3.00; Major GPA=3.40; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.28. **Outstanding Cadet in Operations Research Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFMS) Cumulative GPA=3.30; Major GPA=3.30; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.29. **Outstanding Cadet in Philosophy Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFPY) Minimum of three Philosophy courses. Cumulative GPA=2.50; Major GPA=2.50; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.30. **Outstanding Cadet in Physics Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFP) Cumulative GPA=3.00; Major GPA=3.00; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.31. **Outstanding Cadet in Political Science Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFPS) Cumulative GPA=3.00; Major GPA=3.50; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.32. **Outstanding Cadet in Space Operations Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFAS) Cumulative GPA=3.00; Major GPA=3.00; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.33. **Outstanding Cadet in Systems Engineering Award** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFAN) Cumulative GPA=3.00; Major GPA=3.00; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.34. **Outstanding Cadet in Systems Engineering Management Award** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFM) Cumulative GPA=3.00; Major GPA=3.00; MPA=2.75.

A2.5.35. **Outstanding Cadet in Western Language Minor Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFP) Language minor in French, German, or Spanish is required. Cumulative GPA=2.70; Major GPA=2.80; MPA=2.75.

A2.6. Individual Military Awards. Recognizes the highest standards of leadership, character development, and military scholarship. These awards recognize outstanding cadet achievement and motivate all cadets toward excellence.

A2.6.1. **Outstanding Military Performance Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) Recognizes the cadet attaining the highest Military Performance Average (MPA).

A2.6.2. **Outstanding Wing Commanders Award (three awards).** (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) Presented to the cadet who has served as the Cadet Wing Commander during the summer and each academic semester. To receive the award, each cadet must complete his or her respective duty without removal from the position for any reason. The names of the Cadet Wing Commanders are inscribed on the Wing Commanders' plaque permanently displayed in Arnold Hall.

A2.6.3. **Outstanding Cadet Group Commander Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) Presented to the cadet who has singularly distinguished himself/herself as the outstanding cadet Group Commander in his/her respective leadership position either during the academic year or during the summer program. Criteria considered are GPA, MPA, PEA, club participation and on-season status,

self-improvement efforts (additional training, awards, or recognition received), activities and organizational affiliations (off-duty involvement such as community or charity organizations), and specific accomplishments (accomplishments during which time the nomination is based).

A2.6.4. Outstanding Cadet Squadron Commander Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) Presented to the one outstanding cadet who has served admirably as a Squadron Commander either during the academic year or during a summer program. Criteria considered are GPA, MPA, PEA, club participation and on-season status, self-improvement efforts (additional training, awards, or recognition received), activities and organizational affiliations (off-duty involvement such as community or charity organizations), and specific accomplishments (accomplishments during which time the nomination is based).

A2.6.5. Outstanding Cadet Flight Commander Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) Presented to the outstanding cadet who has served admirably as a Flight Commander either during the academic year or during a summer program. Criteria considered are GPA, MPA, PEA, club participation and on-season status, self-improvement efforts (additional training, awards, or recognition received), activities and organizational affiliations (off-duty involvement such as community or charity organizations), and specific accomplishments (accomplishments during which time the nomination is based).

A2.6.6. Outstanding Cadet Element Leader Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) Presented to the outstanding cadet who has served admirably as an Element Leader either during the academic year or during a summer program. Criteria considered are GPA, MPA, PEA, club participation and on-season status, self-improvement efforts (additional training, awards, or recognition received), activities and organizational affiliations (off-duty involvement such as community or charity organizations), and specific accomplishments (accomplishments during which time the nomination is based).

A2.6.7. Outstanding Cadet Who Best Exemplifies the Highest Ideals of Loyalty, Integrity, and Courage Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) Honors the first class cadet who, in the board's judgment, best exemplifies the highest ideals of the Academy Core Values. This cadet should also stand above reproach in all areas. Each Group AOC may nominate two cadets for this category. The AF Form 1206, *Nomination For Award*, is due at the same time as the spring nominations (i.e., the first week in April).

A2.6.8. Outstanding Former Regular Enlisted Cadet Graduating with Highest Class Honors Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) Recognizes the graduating cadet standing highest among former enlisted persons with a minimum of 9 months regular enlisted time as well as a minimum Cumulative GPA of 3.00, Major GPA over 3.00 at the 3-1/2 year point, and minimum MPA of 2.80. Besides the GPA and MPA requirements, additional criteria include PEA, club participation and on-season status, self-improvement efforts (additional training, awards, or recognition received), activities and organizational affiliations (off-duty involvement such as community or charity organizations), and specific accomplishments (accomplishments during which time the nomination is based).

A2.6.9. Outstanding Cadet, United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School Graduate Award. (OPR HQ USAFA/CW) Recognizes the former USAFA Preparatory Schooler who has the highest order of merit among all USAFA Preparatory Schoolers in that graduating class.

A2.6.10. Outstanding Cadet in Airmanship Award. (OPR: 306 FTG) Recognizes the first class cadet who excels in multiple aspects of airmanship including soaring, parachuting, powered flight,

and navigation. Selection is based upon the advice of the 306th Flying Training Group Commander and staff.

A2.6.11. Outstanding Cadet in Parachuting Award. (OPR: 306 FTG and 98 FTS) Selection is made by the AM-496 Chief with the advice of the 98 FTS staff, and confirmed by the 98 FTS Commander. Required course is Airmanship 496. Selection criteria:

A2.6.11.1. Excellence in the performance of parachute jumps.

A2.6.11.1.1. Finishing places in parachuting competitions considering individual and team events, the number of meets attended, and the quality of competition at those events.

A2.6.11.1.2. Performance at demonstrations considering difficulty of free fall event, difficulty of weather conditions, and the number of demonstrations performed.

A2.6.11.1.3. Performance during practice jumps (at USAFA and elsewhere) considering the number of jumps performed, performance during malfunctions, off DZ landings, and errors of judgment.

A2.6.11.2. Excellence in the performance of parachuting-related areas.

A2.6.11.2.1. Performance during check rides.

A2.6.11.2.2. Performance as a parachute instructor, especially time spent as an instructor during summer programs.

A2.6.11.2.3. Public relations, interactions with the public while at demonstrations, competitions, and at other times while representing the Wings of Blue.

A2.6.11.3. Scoring: Each sub-area, A2.5.11.1.1. through A2.5.11.2.3., will be worth 100 points, making a total of 600 points. Every eligible cadet will be scored in every sub-area before any points are totaled. The points will be awarded by the AM-496 Chief based on the recommendations of at least five 98 FTS staff members. The cadet receiving the highest total score will be the recipient of the award.

A2.6.12. Outstanding Cadet in Powered Flight Award. (OPR: 306 FTG and 557 FTS)

A2.6.12.1. Outstanding Flying Team Cadet. Presented to the first class cadet who has demonstrated the best leadership, motivation, and flying skills in piloting powered airplanes as a member of the Cadet Flying Team. Cumulative GPA: Pass. Major GPA: Pass. MPA: Pass.

A2.6.13. Outstanding Cadet in Soaring Award. (OPR: 306 FTG and 94 FTS) Presented to the first class cadet Instructor Pilot who demonstrates the best leadership, flying, and motivational skills in the soaring program. Required Courses/Majors: Airmanship 251 and Airmanship 461. Lowest grade accepted: Pass.

A2.6.14. Cadet Honor Chairperson Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CWC) Recognizes the graduating cadet who is the Honor Chairman.

A2.6.15. Outstanding Cadet in Citizenship Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CWC) Recipient will be selected from nominations from the entire Academy community. The award will be based on evidence of sustained extraordinary citizenship of a graduating first class cadet. The Center for Character Development will make a recommendation and the Commandant will have the final approval. Citizenship will be based upon, but not limited to: wing/group/squadron leadership; community service; intercollegiate, club and/or intramural team leadership; aviation or flight

leadership and support; and other ways in which a cadet has demonstrated character and leadership via service to others during his or her Academy experience.

A2.6.16. Outstanding Cadet in Character Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CWC) Recipient will be selected from nominations from each cadet group. Group/Squadron commanders will consider inputs from the entire Academy Community. The Center for Character Development will make a recommendation and the Commandant will have the final approval. The award will be based on evidence of extraordinary character of a graduating first class cadet whose performance across all mission elements exemplifies the Academy's fundamental mission. Character will be based upon, but not limited to, the graduating cadet with uncompromising integrity and courage demonstrated by a willingness to do the right thing despite social pressures or personal risk; generosity of spirit and a willingness for self-sacrifice in devotion to helping others; community service in working for the common good; demonstrated perseverance and inner strength enabling the individual to overcome difficulties; and courage to step forward and take the lead in an effort to improve the moral character of the Cadet Wing.

A2.7. Individual Athletic Awards. (OPR: HQ USAFA/AD) Six individual athletic awards take into consideration the three mission elements of the Academy--military training, academics, and athletics. These awards are presented annually during graduation week at the Individual Awards Ceremony.

A2.7.1. Scholar-Athlete Award. Recognizes a first class cadet ranked in the top 10 percent of the graduating class who has made a significant contribution to the intercollegiate program and who has earned at least two varsity letters at the Academy.

A2.7.2. Athletic Leadership Award. Recognizes a first class cadet who has, by his or her character and conduct on the playing field, exemplified outstanding leadership.

A2.7.3. Athletic Excellence Award. Except in unusual circumstances, the winner will be a first class cadet who is outstanding in a sport or sports and has gained national recognition for the USAFA through athletic accomplishments in intercollegiate competition. This cadet may or may not have been considered as the most valuable athlete, but should clearly represent the individual cadet who possesses truly outstanding ability in a sport or sports. A cadet may be nominated for consideration in more than one sport; i.e., if the cadet is a football and baseball team member, he or she may be recommended by both coaches. Factors that weigh heavily on this selection are All-American status, individual national championships, or some form of national recognition for outstanding ability in a particular sport.

A2.7.4. Most Valuable Athlete--Women Award. Winner normally will be a first class cadet. Only in exceptional cases should an underclassman be considered. Presented annually to the woman intercollegiate athlete who has contributed the most to the intercollegiate athletic program. Factors that weigh heavily in the selection are (a) participation in more than one sport, (b) an example set by the individual through individual drive or leadership which would be worthy of emulation by the members of the cadet wing, and (c) having brought positive national recognition to her team and the USAFA. Such factors as being the recipient of All-American honors or being a national champion in NCAA competition will be considered, realizing that a separate award is given for the most outstanding athlete who possesses the individual, physical, and psychological prowess as a competitor.

A2.7.5. Most Valuable Athlete--Men Award. Winner normally will be a first class cadet. Only in exceptional cases should an underclassman be considered. Presented annually to the male intercollegiate athlete who has contributed the most to the intercollegiate athletic program. Factors that weigh heavily in the selection are (a) participation in more than one sport, (b) an example set by

the individual through individual drive or leadership which would be worthy of emulation by the members of the cadet wing, and (c) having brought positive national recognition to his team and the USAFA. Such factors as being the recipient of All-American honors or being a national champion in NCAA competition will be considered, realizing that a separate award is given for the most outstanding athlete who possesses the individual, physical, and psychological prowess as a competitor.

A2.7.6. Outstanding Athletic Achievement Award. Recognizes a cadet who has demonstrated superior athletic achievement and who has brought significant recognition to the Academy.

A2.8. Most Valuable Player/Outstanding Cadet Awards. (OPR: HQ USAFA/AD) The remaining individual athletic awards are also presented annually during the Individual Awards Ceremony. These awards encourage a standard of excellence in athletics and physical prowess, combined with demonstrated leadership abilities. Nominees for the most valuable player awards must be members of the respective varsity sport who, in recognition of their inspirational play and contributions to the success of their teams, are selected by their coaches to be the most valuable players. The most valuable player and outstanding cadet awards are as follows:

A2.8.1. Most Valuable Baseball Player.

A2.8.2. Most Valuable Basketball Player--Men.

A2.8.3. Most Valuable Basketball Player--Women.

A2.8.4. Boxing Excellence.

A2.8.5. Most Valuable Cheerleader.

A2.8.6. Most Valuable Cross Country Runner--Men.

A2.8.7. Most Valuable Cross Country Runner--Women.

A2.8.8. Most Valuable Fencer--Men.

A2.8.9. Most Valuable Fencer--Women.

A2.8.10. Most Valuable Football Defensive Player Award.

A2.8.11. Most Valuable Football Lineman or Special Teams Player Award.

A2.8.12. Most Valuable Football Offensive Player Award.

A2.8.13. Most Valuable Football Player Award.

A2.8.14. Most Valuable Golfer--Men.

A2.8.15. Most Valuable Gymnast--Men.

A2.8.16. Most Valuable Gymnast--Women.

A2.8.17. Most Valuable Ice Hockey Player.

A2.8.18. Most Valuable Lacrosse Player.

A2.8.19. Most Valuable Marksmanship--Rifle.

A2.8.20. Most Valuable Soccer Player--Men.

A2.8.21. Most Valuable Soccer Player--Women.

A2.8.22. Most Valuable Swimmer--Men.

A2.8.23. **Most Valuable Swimmer--Women.**

A2.8.24. **Most Valuable Tennis Player--Men.**

A2.8.25. **Most Valuable Tennis Player--Women.**

A2.8.26. **Most Valuable Track and Field Athlete--Men.**

A2.8.27. **Most Valuable Track and Field Athlete--Women.**

A2.8.28. **Most Valuable Track and Field Competitor--Men.**

A2.8.29. **Most Valuable Track and Field Competitor--Women.**

A2.8.30. **Most Valuable Volleyball Player.**

A2.8.31. **Most Valuable Water Polo Player.**

A2.8.32. **Most Valuable Wrestler.**

A2.8.33. **Outstanding Cadet in Physical Education Award.** Presented to the first class cadet with the best overall academic average in physical education classes.

A2.8.34. **Physical Education Average (PEA) Award.** Recognizes the first class cadet attaining the highest Physical Education Average.

A2.9. Miscellaneous Individual Awards:

A2.9.1. **Argentine Air Force Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFP) A representative of the Argentine Air Force presents a saber of San Martin replica to the cadet attaining the highest rank on the Order of Graduation. The award is presented during graduation week at the Individual Awards Ceremony.

A2.9.2. **Chilean Air Force Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFP) A representative of the Chilean Air Force presents a Chilean medal and ribbon to the cadet attaining the highest rank on the Order of Graduation. The award is presented during graduation week at the Individual Awards Ceremony.

A2.9.3. **Civil Air Patrol Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/CMA) The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) recognizes the former CAP cadet attaining the highest rank on the Order of Graduation. A representative of the CAP will present the honoree with a plaque and affix a nameplate to the Civil Air Patrol Honor Roll plaque at a tapping ceremony during graduation week.

A2.9.4. **Curtiss Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/CMA) Recognizes the fall and spring semester Cadet Wing Commanders. Nameplates are affixed to the Curtiss plaque and honorees will be presented cadet sabers at a tapping ceremony during graduation week.

A2.9.5. **100 Year Honor Roll Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/CMA) Recognizes the cadet attaining the highest rank on the Order of Graduation. A nameplate will be affixed to the 100 Year Honor Roll plaque at a tapping ceremony during graduation week.

A2.9.6. **Outstanding Falcon Scholar Awards.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/CMA and Falcon Foundation) Recognizes three cadets who attended a prep school on a scholarship from the Falcon Foundation who ranked highest in the graduation class in cumulative GPA, MPA, and PEA.

Attachment 3

SPECIALTY AWARDS

A3.1. Specialty Awards. Recognize squadrons or individual cadets who have distinguished themselves by outstanding performance and achievement in academic disciplines or specialized areas of interest. These awards are presented by the department or activity at various times throughout the year. The title of each award and the organization making the award follow:

A3.2. Organizational Specialty Awards:

A3.2.1. Group Military Squadron Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) The Association of Graduates sponsors this award and presents the winning squadron in each group with a green streamer with white lettering for permanent display on its guidon. The award is presented to the best squadron in each group. The awards (one per group) are normally presented the day following the announcement of the Outstanding Squadron.

A3.3. Wing Safety Outstanding Squadron Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) Presented each year to the cadet squadron that has made the most significant contribution to the Academy Safety Program, cadet safety awareness, prevention of serious mishaps, outstanding compliance with occupational safety, and fire prevention and healthy promotions within their area of responsibility. The winning squadron will be presented the Wing Safety Outstanding Squadron Award at an end-of-year ceremony. The award will consist of a streamer for the squadron guidon and a plaque for permanent display in the squadron.

A3.3.1. Each squadron will submit a package to the HQ USAFA/CW Safety Manager (HQ USAFA/CWDS) not later than 1 April of the academic year. The package will be no longer than two single-spaced pages and will include the narrative in four sub-areas. The format for the award package will be forwarded to the Group USR not later than 1 March.

A3.3.2. The first area, support of the Academy Safety Program, will include but not be limited to squadron safety programs; creation of safety newsletters; safety bulletin board programs; creation of TV, radio, or newspaper interviews that enhance Wing safety education; and in-squadron inspection schedules and results.

A3.3.3. The second area, Prevention or Reduction of Serious Mishaps, will include but not be limited to seatbelt campaigns; participation in base-wide safety programs (i.e., "Take a Bite Out of Crime," seatbelt dummies, interactive safety devices or displays, etc.); and studies and initiatives in discovery and elimination of unsafe practices in the Wing.

A3.3.4. The third area, Inspection and Compliance, will include but not be limited to results of staff assistance visits; no-notice dorm safety inspections; squadron safety continuity book maintenance; and documentation of holiday safety briefing attendance.

A3.3.5. The fourth and last area, Squadron Indicators, will include positive and negative statistics; safety award recipients (to include a short description of the award and the reason of the award); decorations of humanitarian service that result in a life or lives being saved; safety related fatalities or disabilities; DUI/DWI arrest or detentions (other moving violations) or traffic citations; and number of cadet ground safety accidents or injuries (intramural injuries, skiing accidents, etc.).

A3.3.6. Group USRs will submit one package for consideration by a panel who will judge the Wing Safety Outstanding Squadron recipient. The panel will include the HQ USAFA/CWV or designated representative, a representative (Major or above) from HQ USAFA/CWT, HQ USAFA/CWC, and

HQ USAFA/CWP, and the Cadet Wing Commander. HQ USAFA/CWDS will also be a part of the panel, but not a voting member.

A3.4. Outstanding Basic Cadet Training Squadron Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) Presented annually to the Outstanding Basic Cadet Squadron that won first place in summer training competition. Selection criteria includes competitive sports, squadron drill competition, obstacle course, group reaction course, field day competition, marching to meals, room inspections, and military knowledge tests.

A3.5. Individual Military Specialty Awards:

A3.5.1. Summer Wing Commanders Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) The Commandant of Cadets (Commandant) will recognize the 3-summer period Wing Commanders with an appropriate award after successfully completing their term as Wing/CC.

A3.5.2. Group/Squadron Outstanding First Class Cadet of the Semester Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) This award recognizes the outstanding first class cadet in each squadron who exemplifies outstanding character and displays leadership by example through superior military, academic and athletic performance supporting the Academy mission of developing leaders of character and for contributions which enhance unit pride and performance. All first class cadets, including exchange cadets, are eligible for the award. All four classes of each squadron will vote for their squadron winner. The Squadron AOC and AMT will screen each winner to ensure the selectees exceed Academy standards. Criteria considered are GPA, MPA, PEA, club participation and on-season status, self-improvement efforts (additional training, awards, or recognition received), activities and organizational affiliations (off-duty involvement such as community or charity organizations), and specific accomplishments (accomplishments during which time the nomination is based). Each semester the Squadron AOC will present the award winners with a statuette which portrays military leadership at an appropriate end-of-semester unit awards ceremony or dinner. The following awards will be presented on an annual basis: CS-25 (Redeye of the Year Award), CS-34 (Philip Irish Leadership Award) CS-35 (Wild Weasel Award) and CS-37 (Todd Spangler Award).

A3.5.3. Group/Squadron Outstanding Second Class Cadet of the Semester Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) Recognizes the outstanding second class cadet in each squadron who exemplifies superior leadership and support of the chain of command through outstanding performance in the military, academic, athletic, and character pillars of the Academy mission and for contributions which enhance unit pride and performance. Criteria considered are GPA, MPA, PEA, club participation and on-season status, self-improvement efforts (additional training, awards, or recognition received), activities and organizational affiliations (off-duty involvement such as community or charity organizations), and specific accomplishments (accomplishments during which time the nomination is based). All second class cadets, including exchange cadets, are eligible for the award. All four classes of each squadron will vote for their squadron winner. The squadron AOC and AMT will screen each winner to ensure the selectees exceed Academy standards. Each semester the Squadron AOC will present the award winners with a statuette which portrays military leadership at an appropriate end-of-semester unit awards ceremony or dinner.

A3.5.4. Group/Squadron Outstanding Third Class Cadet of the Semester Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) This award recognizes the outstanding third class cadet in each squadron who exemplifies the instructor role of the third class and for their role model performance in the military, academic, athletic, and character pillars of the Academy. Criteria considered are GPA, MPA, PEA, club participation and on-season status, self-improvement efforts (additional training, awards, or recognition received), activities and organizational affiliations (off-duty involvement such as

community or charity organizations), and specific accomplishments (accomplishments during which time the nomination is based). All third class cadets are eligible for the award. All four classes of each squadron will vote for their squadron winner. The squadron AOC and AMT will screen each winner to ensure the selectees exceed Academy standards. Each semester the Squadron AOC will present the award winners with a statuette which portrays military leadership at an appropriate end-of-semester unit awards ceremony or dinner.

A3.5.5. Group/Squadron Outstanding Fourth Class Cadet of the Semester Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) Recognizes the outstanding fourth class cadet in each squadron who exemplifies the follower role of the fourth class year and for their performance in the military, academic, athletic, and character pillars of the Academy. Criteria considered are GPA, MPA, PEA, club participation and on-season status, self-improvement efforts (additional training, awards, or recognition received), activities and organizational affiliations (off-duty involvement such as community or charity organizations), and specific accomplishments (accomplishments during which time the nomination is based). Room and personal appearance, grades, knowledge tests, and knowledge bowl performance will also factor into the selection. All fourth class cadets are eligible for the award. Squadron winners are selected by a panel consisting of the training staff, Squadron Commander, First Sergeant, an at-large upper class cadet. The squadron AOC and AMT will screen each winner to ensure the selectees exceed Academy standards. Each semester the Cadet Squadron Commander will present the award winners with a statuette which portrays military followership at an appropriate end-of-semester unit awards ceremony.

A3.5.6. Wing “Fourth Class Cadet” Competition Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) Recognizes the outstanding fourth class cadet in the Wing who best demonstrates those characteristics which embody the fourth class year. The outstanding fourth class cadet group winners will compete in a Wing Doolie competition conducted by Wing staff at the end of each semester. The focus of these competitions is military bearing, professional knowledge, personal appearance, and drill and ceremony. Specific criteria considered are reporting in/out procedures, reciting knowledge from *Contrails* and fourth class pro-books, uniform grade, and whichever specific drill and ceremony procedures are considered important for that year’s competition. At the conclusion of this event, one Doolie will be recognized as the Wing Outstanding Fourth Class Cadet of the Semester and the Cadet Wing Commander will present the winner with a statuette which portrays military followership.

A3.5.7. Wing/Group Outstanding Cadet Squadron Commander of the Semester Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) Recognizes the outstanding Cadet Squadron Commander in each Group who best exemplifies leadership by example through superior individual and squadron performance in the military, academic, athletic, and character pillars of the Academy mission and for their contributions in building and sustaining an effective leadership training environment. Criteria considered are GPA, MPA, PEA, club participation and on-season status, self-improvement efforts (additional training, awards, or recognition received), activities and organizational affiliations (off-duty involvement such as community or charity organizations), and specific accomplishments (accomplishments during which time the nomination is based). All squadron commanders are eligible for the award. The Squadron AOC or AMT will complete an AF Form 1206 on behalf of their Squadron Commander. Each semester the Commandant will present the winners with a framed or engraved print or statuette which portrays military leadership at Flag Breakfast.

A3.5.8. Squadron Outstanding Flight Commander of the Semester Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) Recognizes the outstanding Flight Commander in each squadron who best leads their Flight to superior flight performance in the military, academic, athletic, and character pillars of

the Academy mission and for contributions which enhance unit pride and performance. Criteria considered are GPA, MPA, PEA, club participation and on-season status, self-improvement efforts (additional training, awards, or recognition received), activities and organizational affiliations (off-duty involvement such as community or charity organizations), and specific accomplishments (accomplishments during which time the nomination is based). All Flight Commanders are eligible for the award. Each semester the Squadron AOC will present the award winners with a framed or engraved print or statuette which portrays military leadership at an appropriate end-of-semester unit awards ceremony or dinner.

A3.5.9. Squadron Outstanding Element Leader of the Semester Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) Recognizes the outstanding Element Leader in each squadron who best leads their element to superior performance in the military, academic, athletic, and character pillars of the Academy mission and for contributions which enhance unit pride and performance. Criteria considered are GPA, MPA, PEA, club participation and on-season status, self-improvement efforts (additional training, awards, or recognition received), activities and organizational affiliations (off-duty involvement such as community or charity organizations), and specific accomplishments (accomplishments during which time the nomination is based). All element leaders are eligible for the award. All four classes of each squadron will vote for their squadron winner which will be screened by the AOC and AMT. Each semester the Squadron AOC will present the award winners with a framed or engraved print or statuette which portrays military leadership at an appropriate end-of-semester unit awards ceremony or dinner.

A3.5.10. Group Outstanding First Sergeant of the Semester Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) Recognizes the outstanding First Sergeant in each Group who best fulfills the NCO role of supporting the chain of command, ensuring proper accountability, and promoting unit cohesion through personal example in the military, academic, athletic, and character pillars of the Academy mission and for contributions which enhance unit pride and performance. All First Sergeants are eligible for the award. The Squadron AOC or AMT will complete an AF Form 1206 on behalf of their First Sergeant. The Group winners will then go forward to a similar USAFA/CW panel to select the Outstanding First Sergeant for the Wing. Each semester the Group will present the winners with a framed or engraved print or statuette which portrays military leadership at an awards breakfast held each semester.

A3.5.11. Wing Outstanding Squadron Superintendent of the Semester Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) This award recognizes the outstanding Squadron Superintendent in the Cadet Wing who best fulfills the NCO role of supporting the chain of command, ensuring proper accountability, and promoting unit cohesion through personal example in the military, academic, athletic, and character pillars of the Academy mission and for contributions which enhance unit pride and performance. Each group can nominate a Squadron Superintendent for this award. The Squadron AOC or AMT and respective Group will complete an AF Form 1206 on behalf of their Squadron Superintendent. A panel consisting of Commandant of Cadets, Vice Commandant of Cadets, the Superintendent, and the Cadet Wing Commander will choose the Wing winner. Each semester the Commandant will present the winner with a framed or engraved print or statuette which portrays military leadership at an appropriate end-of-semester awards ceremony.

A3.5.12. Outstanding Squadron Intramural Contributor Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) Presented to the cadet in each squadron who makes the greatest contributions to the squadron intramural program as a coach, player, or referee. Specific criteria considered are intramural event attendance, knowledge of the particular game, leadership during the season, attitude, and performance (i.e., points scored, matches won, assists, yards gained etc, for the particular sport). All

cadets are eligible for the award. All four classes of each squadron will vote for their squadron winner. Scores from PFT and AFT will be used to break a tie. The squadron AOC and AMT will screen each winner. Each semester the Squadron AOC will present the award winners with a framed or engraved print or statuette which portrays athletic excellence at an appropriate end-of-semester unit awards ceremony or dinner.

A3.5.13. Outstanding Cadet Controller of the Semester Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) Presented to the Cadet Wing Command Center (CWCC) cadet who makes the greatest contributions to the CWCC while excelling in all aspects of CWCC operations. Criteria considered are GPA, MPA, PEA, club participation and on-season status, self-improvement efforts (additional training, awards, or recognition received), activities and organizational affiliations (off-duty involvement such as community or charity organizations), and specific accomplishments (accomplishments during which time the nomination is based). Each month one cadet will be chosen for the Outstanding Controller of the Month award selected by the CWCC chain of command and then made eligible to compete for the Outstanding Cadet Controller of the Semester. Certificates will be awarded to the monthly winners. All CWCC cadets in good standing are eligible for the award. An AF Form 1206 will be prepared on cadets competing for the semester-level award and submitted through the cadet chain to the Director of Operations. A board consisting of the CWCC Director of Operations, the officer in charge, and the noncommissioned officer in charge will convene to select the winner. The name will then be forwarded to USAFA/CWV for approval. The Commandant will present the winner with a suitable statuette, framed print, or plaque which portrays military leadership, command, and control.

A3.5.14. Commandant Pin Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) Presented annually at the Acceptance Parade to the top two basic cadets in each Flight. The recipients will receive plaques and be authorized wear of the Commandant's Pin during their first semester (fall).

A3.5.15. Outstanding Academy Parachute Team Awards: (OPR: 98 FTS)

A3.5.15.1. Parachute Instructor Award. Presented annually at the end of the spring semester during a team banquet to the parachute team member who has contributed the most overall as an instructor to the AM-490 basic cadet parachuting program. Winner will normally be a first class cadet.

A3.5.15.2. Competitor Award. Presented annually at the end of the spring semester during a team banquet to the parachute team member who has contributed the most as a competitor to the team. Standing at the National Championships, training, and discipline will be considered. Winner will normally be a first class cadet.

A3.5.15.3. Demonstrator Award. Presented annually at the end of the spring semester during a team banquet to the parachute team member who has contributed the most to the team as a demonstrator. Leadership, number of demonstrations, and performance at demonstrations will be considered. Winner will normally be a first class cadet.

A3.5.15.4. Outstanding Wings of Blue Team Member. Presented annually at the end of the spring semester during a banquet to the Wings of Blue cadet who excels militarily, academically, and on the parachute team. Selection is made by the 98 FTS Commander with inputs from the 98 FTS staff. Winner is normally a first class cadet.

A3.5.16. Outstanding Academy Soaring Squadron Awards. (OPR: 94 FTS)

A3.5.16.1. **Outstanding Soaring Instructor Award.** Presented annually to the soaring instructor who excels in all aspects of the basic job of instructing cadets. (Presented as the Capt Curtis B. Iott Memorial Award)

A3.5.16.2. **First Class Cadet Soaring Instructor Award.** Presented annually to the first class cadet soaring instructor who has demonstrated a strong desire to motivate individuals not only into basic flying, but extracurricular flying experiences as well. (Presented as the Larry "Gramps" McNeel Award)

A3.5.16.3. **Second Class Cadet Soaring Instructor Award.** Awarded annually to the outstanding second Class Cadet Soaring Instructor who displays an intense love of flying, a strong desire to share and teach flying to others, and demonstrated leadership ability.

A3.5.16.4. **Top Stick Award.** Awarded each semester to the cadet upgrader who demonstrates the best overall flying skills in his/her class. Presented as Order of the Daedalians Top Stick Award) (*2 total awards, 1/semester*).

A3.5.16.5. **Hard Charger Award.** Awarded each semester to the third class Cadet Soaring Upgrader chosen by his/her peers as the "hard charger" of the flight, both on and off the flightline. (*4 total awards annually, 2/semester*)

A3.5.16.6. **Top IP Award.** Awarded each semester to the AM-461 IP chosen by the upgraders in his/her flight as the "Top IP" for instruction and mentorship abilities. (*4 total awards annually, 2/semester*)

A3.5.16.7. **Academic Award.** Awarded each semester to the third class Soaring Cadet Upgrader who achieved the highest overall percentage on the Graded Reviews administered in AM-461. (*2 total awards, 1/semester*)

A3.5.17. **Polaris Editor Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/CWTMS) Presented annually to the cadet responsible for overseeing the publication of the Polaris for the current year during a department awards ceremony in early May. Name of the winner is inscribed on a plaque displayed in the Cadet Media Office.

A3.5.18. **Activity Minor Monogram Awards.** (Listed in USAFAI 36-3521) (OPR: 10 MSG/CC) OICs may award Minor Monograms by sending a letter of request including the names of the cadets who will receive the award. Presented in the squadron or activity each semester as awards are approved.

A3.5.19. **Outstanding Fourth Class Cadet Rifle Drill Team Member Award.** (OPR: Cadet Rifle Drill Team OIC) Presented annually at a team ceremony during May to the outstanding fourth class member of the Cadet Rifle Drill Team. The team OIC selects the recipient on the basis of his or her military bearing, rifle manual skills, and dedication then forwards the name to HQ USAFA/CWT thru HQ USAFA/CWTM for approval. The award is presented by the Commandant.

A3.5.20. **Cadet Commander Awards.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) Presented annually to the outstanding cadet from each basic training period holding the position of Squadron Commander, Flight Commander, Element Leader, Element Sergeant, Flight Instructor, Flight Sergeant, and First Sergeant. Presented during a squadron ceremony in May.

A3.5.21. **Wing Honor Chairperson Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/CWC) Presented annually to the Wing Honor Chairperson during a banquet in May.

A3.5.22. **Deputy Wing Honor Chairperson Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/CWC) Presented annually to the two Deputy Wing Honor Chairpersons during a banquet in May.

A3.5.23. **Group Honor Chairperson Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/CWC) Presented annually to the Group Honor Chairpersons during a banquet in May.

A3.5.24. **Outstanding Squadron Honor Representatives Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/CWC) Presented annually to the Outstanding Squadron Honor Representative in each Cadet Group during a banquet in May.

A3.5.25. **Personal Ethics and Education Representatives (PEERs) Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/CWP) Presented to the top performing PEER annually. The criteria for selection will be determined by the OPR such as leadership displayed through intervention/referrals, positive attitude, PEER meeting attendance, contact log documentation, and overall contribution to the PEER program/USAFA.

A3.6. Individual Academic Specialty Awards. (OPR: HQ USAFA/DF, Individual Academic Departments as listed) Recognize cadets for outstanding achievement in various academic specialties offered at the Academy. To be considered, first class cadets and, in some cases, second class cadets must be involved in the academic specialty and meet the minimum cumulative GPA, majors GPA, and MPA requirements as specified for each award. Additional requirements are listed for each academic specialty award where applicable. Generally, the academic specialty awards are presented annually by the academic departments at department award ceremonies held at the end of the spring semester or during graduation week.

A3.6.1. **Outstanding Cadet in the Aeronautics Major Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFAN) Presented to the top cadet overall in Aeronautical Engineering course. Cumulative GPA=3.30; Major GPA=3.30; MPA=2.75.

A3.6.2. **Award for Excellence in Applied Aeronautics Research.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFAN) Presented to the top cadet (or cadet team) in the area of applied aeronautics research. Cumulative GPA=3.30; Major GPA=3.30; MPA=2.75.

A3.6.3. **Award for Excellence in Basic Aeronautics Research.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFAN) Presented to the top cadet (or cadet team) in the area of basic aeronautics research. Cumulative GPA=3.30; Major GPA=3.30; MPA=2.75.

A3.6.4. **Outstanding Cadet in Flight Test Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFAN) Presented to the top cadet in the flight test discipline. Cumulative GPA=3.30; Major GPA=3.30; MPA=2.75.

A3.6.5. **Outstanding Cadet in Aerodynamics Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFAN) Presented to the top cadet in the aerodynamics discipline. Cumulative GPA=3.30; Major GPA=3.30; MPA=2.75.

A3.6.6. **Outstanding Cadet in Flight Mechanic Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFAN) Presented to the top cadet in the flight mechanics discipline. Cumulative GPA=3.30; Major GPA=3.30; MPA=2.75.

A3.6.7. **Outstanding Cadet in Thermodynamics and Propulsion Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFAN) Presented to the top cadet in the thermodynamics and propulsion discipline. Cumulative GPA=3.30; Major GPA=3.30; MPA=2.75.

A3.6.8. **Propulsion Directorate's Award for Excellence in Propulsion Design.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFAN) Presented to the top cadet in the area of aero-propulsion design. Cumulative GPA=3.30; Major GPA=3.30; MPA=2.75.

A3.6.9. **Air Vehicles Director's Award for Excellence in Aircraft Design.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFAN) Presented to the top cadet in the area of aircraft design. Cumulative GPA=3.30; Major GPA=3.30; MPA=2.75.

A3.6.10. **Outstanding Achievement in Selected Astronautics Courses Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFAS) Presented to the number one ranked cadet by course order of merit in each Astronautics course.

A3.6.11. **Outstanding Achievement in Astronautical Research Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFAS) The research director polls the faculty to determine a recipient. In the event that multiple candidates are very close, the preference should be given to the cadet that may not have excelled as much in the classroom but did very well in the laboratory environment. The name of the award is the "Brigadier General Robert B.Giffen Award."

A3.6.12. **Selected Biology Courses Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFB) Top Student Award: A certificate is presented annually to the top student in each biology course.

A3.6.13. **Graduating Cadet in Health Professions Excellence Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFB) A plaque is presented to the outstanding cadet in the study of neurosciences.

A3.6.14. **Second Class Biology Major Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFB) A plaque is presented to the outstanding second class cadet with Biology major.

A3.6.15. **Outstanding Achievement in Biology Research Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFB) This award will be given on an annual basis to Biology major who displays interest, initiative, and productivity in undergraduate research. The award will encompass all research-related activities throughout a cadet's undergraduate program. The name of the award is the "The Brigadier General Ronald D. Reed Biology Research Award.

A3.6.16. **Outstanding Behavioral Sciences Option Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFBL) Presented to the outstanding cadet in the behavioral sciences option.

A3.6.17. **Human Factors Engineering Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFBL) Presented to the outstanding cadet in human factors option.

A3.6.18. **Leadership & Organizations Option Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFBL) Presented to the outstanding cadet in the leadership option.

A3.6.19. **The Lieutenant Colonel John Micalizzi Leadership Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFBL) Presented to the Behavioral Sciences and Leadership graduate who best exemplifies the core values.

A3.6.20. **The Dr. Charles H. Coates Sociology Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFBL) Awarded to the cadet who has either conducted the most exemplary sociologically-relevant research or performed most exceptionally in sociology coursework.

A3.6.21. **Outstanding Achievement in Selected Chemistry Courses Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFC) Presented to the top student in each chemistry course.

A3.6.22. **Outstanding Extracurricular Achievement in Civil and Environmental Engineering Award** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFCE) Awarded to the cadet who exemplifies the value embodied in the engineering profession through contributions outside the classroom.

A3.6.23. **Top Civil and Environmental Engineering Cadet Awards.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFCE) Presented each semester to the number one ranked cadet by course order of merit in each civil and environmental engineering course.

A3.6.24. **David O. Swint Award for the Top Cadet in Civil Engineering 351 Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFCE) Presented to the top cadet in Civil Engineering 351, Civil Engineering Practices—Field Engineering.

A3.6.25. **Outstanding Cadets in Selected Computer Sciences Courses Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFCS) Presented to the top student in each computer science course.

A3.6.26. **Outstanding Cadet Design Project Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFEC) Presented to the cadet with the most outstanding senior design project.

A3.6.27. **Outstanding Contributions to Electrical Engineering Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFEC) Presented to the student with the best overall record in electrical engineering who contributed most to the success of his or her classmates.

A3.6.28. **Excellence in Engineering Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFEC) Presented to the top second class cadet majoring in electrical or computer engineering.

A3.6.29. **Computer Engineering Excellence Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFEC) Presented to the outstanding student with the best overall record in computer systems courses.

A3.6.30. **Electronic Systems--Academic Excellence in Electronic Systems Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFEC) Presented to the top student with the best overall record in electronics courses.

A3.6.31. **Communications--Academic Excellence in Communications Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFEC) Presented to the top student with the best overall record in communications systems courses.

A3.6.32. **Outstanding Graduating Cadet in Engineering (Colorado Engineering Council [CEC]) Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFEM) The Engineering Division selects their top three candidates from the five engineering departments based on GPA, MPA, APA, and OPA. A CEC panel interviews the three candidates at the USAFA. The winner is selected by the CEC based on the following specific selection criteria: character, attitude, initiative, leadership, technical competence, and involvement in extracurricular activities.

A3.6.33. **Selected Courses in Engineering Mechanics Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFEM). Presented to the top student from selected engineering mechanics courses at a department ceremony during the academic year.

A3.6.34. **Systems Engineering, Electrical Engineering Track Award** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFEC). This award signifies excellence in the Electrical Engineering Track of the Systems Engineering major.

A3.6.35. **Brigadier General Paul T. Cullen Award for Creative Writing.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFENG) Cadets submit poetry and fiction to a panel of judges from the English Department. The panel selects the best piece to be awarded the creative writing award, and that writing is published in Icarus.

A3.6.36. **Outstanding Achievement in British Literature Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFENG) Nominations are made to the department Executive Committee, which selects three finalists. The department head selects the winner.

A3.6.37. **Outstanding Achievement in American Literature Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFENG) Nominations are made to the department Executive Committee, who selects three finalists. The department head selects the winner.

A3.6.38. **Outstanding Achievement in Foreign Languages Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFE) Presented to the cadet showing outstanding achievement in foreign languages.

A3.6.39. **Arabic Language Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFE) Presented to the top cadet in Arabic language.

A3.6.40. **Chinese Language Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFE) Presented to the top cadet in Chinese language.

A3.6.41. **French Language Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFADFE) Presented to the top cadet in French language.

A3.6.42. **John Jay Lequar Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFE) Presented to the top French exchange cadet.

A3.6.43. **Japanese Language Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFE) Presented to the top cadet in Japanese language.

A3.6.44. **German Language Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFE) Presented to the top cadet in German language.

A3.6.45. **Russian Language Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFE) Presented to the top cadet in Russian language.

A3.6.46. **Spanish Language Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFE) Presented to the top cadet in Spanish language.

A3.6.47. **The Rupp Award for Outstanding Achievement in History.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFH) Presented to the outstanding student in interdisciplinary studies related to history who has taken at least six courses in history of flight. The name of the winner is inscribed on a plaque displayed in the Department of History.

A3.6.48. **The Air Force Historical Foundation Award for the Outstanding Cadet Article on History of Air Power.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFH) Presented to the cadet who wrote the best history paper on some aspect of the history of flight. The winner receives national recognition and their name inscribed on a plaque displayed in the Department of History.

A3.6.49. **American History Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFH) Presented to the outstanding first class cadet in American history. The name of the winner is inscribed on a plaque displayed in the Department of History.

A3.6.50. **Norstad Award for the Area History Student.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFH) Presented to the outstanding first class cadet in area studies. The name of the winner is inscribed on a plaque displayed in the Department of History.

A3.6.51. **The Captain Kenneth F. Thiele Memorial Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFH) Presented annually to the cadet who is selected for the Department of History's Graduate School Program scholarship.

A3.6.52. **Outstanding Achievement in Selected Mathematical Science Courses Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFMS) Presented to the number one ranked cadet in each math course.

A3.6.53. **Outstanding Achievement in Selected Physics Courses Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFP) Presented to the top cadet in each physics course.

A3.6.54. **The A. J. Mione Award for the Outstanding Cadet in Physics Research.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFP) Presented to the top first class cadet in physics research.

A3.6.55. **Outstanding Cadet in Summer Research Award (Thomas D. Moore Award).** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFER). Presented each fall to a cadet who has participated in the summer research program. Selection is based on the quality of research accomplished as judged by a DF selection panel.

A3.6.56. **Outstanding Cadet in the Areas of Academic Enrichment and Leadership within the Political Science Major (Lt Gen Ervin J. Rokke Award).** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFPS). Presented annually at a Department ceremony to the cadet who has demonstrated excellence in academic enrichment endeavors and leadership in the course of participating in the Academy Assembly, the Cadet Forum on Public Affairs, and the Phi Sigma Alpha Honor Society. Selection is made by a DFPS selection panel.

A3.6.57. **Political Science/FAS Majors Award (Major General Robert J. Smith Award).** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFPS). Presented to all Political Science/FAS majors achieving a 3.0 cum GPA and 3.5 majors GPA.

A3.6.58. **Second-Classman Leadership and Service Award (Heather Wilson Second-Classman Leadership and Service Award).** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFPS). This award recognizes the second class cadet who has made the most outstanding contribution to the Department of Political Science and in the community at large in terms of leadership and service.

A3.6.59. **Political Science Department's Major Subfields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, American Politics, and National Security Awards (Brigadier General Douglas J. Murray Series Awards).** (OPR: HQ USAFA/DFPS). These awards are presented annually recognizing the best cadets in each of the Political Science Department's Major Subfields.

A3.7. Athletic Specialty Awards:

A3.7.1. **Wing Open Boxing Competition Champions in Each Weight Class Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/AD) Determined and presented during the annual Wing Open Boxing Tournament held in March each year.

A3.7.2. **Winning Squadron in Each Intramural Sport Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/AD) Determined as a result of cadet squadron competition during the fall and spring intramural seasons. Presented to individual squadron members at the end of each intramural season.

A3.7.3. **Scholar-Athlete Certificates.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/AD) Certificates, sponsored by various organizations including the NCAA, are presented to athletes throughout the school year based on their athletic and academic performance.

A3.7.4. **500/1000 Point Club Awards.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/AD) The 500 Club Award is presented to cadets who achieve the maximum score on either the PFT or AFT at the time of testing. The 1000 Club Award is presented to cadets who achieve maximum scores on both the PFT and AFT at the time of testing.

A3.7.5. **Junior Varsity Letter Winners Award.** (OPR: HQ USAFA/AD) Junior Varsity Letters, worn on cadet athletic jackets, are presented to cadets who meet the criteria established by their respective intercollegiate junior varsity programs (specified in AD Operating Instruction (OI)).

Letters are awarded to first time recipients. After the first year letter award, stars are awarded for every additional year the award is earned.

A3.7.6. Varsity Letter Winners Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/AD) Varsity Letters, worn on cadet athletic jackets, are presented to cadets who meet the criteria established by their respective intercollegiate varsity programs (specified in ADOI). Letters are awarded to first time recipients. After the first year letter award, stars are awarded for every additional year the award is earned.

A3.7.7. First Class Letter Winners Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/AD) First class cadets on varsity teams are eligible to receive (eligibility specified in ADOI) either a Blanket or Letter Winners Jacket, First Class Letter Winners Certificate, and an individualized gift as authorized by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the respective head coach.

A3.7.8. Team Captain Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/AD) Cadets selected as team captain of their intercollegiate team are eligible to receive a team captain plaque.

A3.7.9. Inter-Service Victory Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/AD) Cadets on varsity teams that defeat Army or Navy in an official intercollegiate contest are eligible to receive a small metal "A" or "N." These awards are made to attach onto their varsity letter.

A3.7.10. Manager's Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/AD) Cadet managers of intercollegiate teams are eligible to receive (eligibility specified in ADOI) either a junior varsity or varsity letter with a small "MGR" patch mounted adjacent to the letter when worn on the athletic jacket.

A3.7.11. Cheerleader's Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/AD) Varsity cheerleaders are eligible to receive (eligibility specified in ADOI) a varsity letter with an embossed megaphone.

A3.7.12. Civilian Achievement Awards. (OPR: HQ USAFA/AD) Cadets and cadet teams may accept awards presented by the NCAA, athletic conferences or other civilian organizations. Team awards will remain in the custody of the Director of Athletics.

A3.7.13. Special Achievement Awards. (OPR: HQ USAFA/AD) Cadets may receive individual awards for exceptional athletic achievement. The NCAA and affiliated athletic conferences, US Olympic Committee and Director of Athletics may present cadets with a special commemorative award (e.g., watch, ring, trophy, etc.) for exceptional athletic achievement. These awards can be given for, but are not limited to, such accomplishments as a national or conference championship, selection to a US Olympic team, or participation in a football bowl game.

A3.7.14. Brian Bullard Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/AD) This cadet memorial award is presented to the varsity football player who demonstrates the highest level of effort, enthusiasm, and team-first attitude during the football season. The award recipient receives a plaque and their name added to a display board.

A3.7.15. Levi "Pee Wee" Cordova Cadet Football Manager Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/AD) This cadet memorial award is presented to a football manager who shows great initiative, leadership, and dedication to the cadet athletes. The award will be presented at the Football Banquet each year.

A3.7.16. Bob Spear Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/AD) This cadet memorial award is presented to the outstanding first class men's basketball player who excelled in military, academic, and athletic leadership throughout his career as a player. The award recipient receives a plaque and their name added to a display board.

A3.7.17. Pace Weber Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/AD) This cadet memorial award is presented to the outstanding first class men's lacrosse player who had the most positive influence on the team

and on other individuals throughout his career as a player. The award recipient receives a plaque and their name added to a display board.

A3.8. Additional Specialty Awards:

A3.8.1. Outstanding Achievement in Fourth Class Year Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/RRP) Presented annually to the outstanding fourth class cadet selected by the Commandant. Selection criteria includes military performance, academic performance, athletic training, and extracurricular activities. The award is presented during a fall banquet.

A3.8.2. Outstanding Catholic Choir Member Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/HCX) Presented annually to a first class cadet who meets the USAFA's standards of academic, military, and athletic excellence, and demonstrates talent and willingness to serve in the Chapel music program at the Catholic Baccalaureate Service during graduation week.

A3.8.3. Catholic Choir President Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/HCX) Presented annually to a first class cadet who served in the elected office of President of the Catholic Cadet Choir at the Catholic Baccalaureate Service during graduation week.

A3.8.4. Outstanding Cadet from the Protestant Cadet Religious Council Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/HCX) Presented annually to a first class cadet who meets the USAFA's standards of academic, military, and athletic excellence, and demonstrates spiritual and moral qualities through religious devotion, dedication, and service to others during the Protestant Baccalaureate Service during graduation week.

A3.8.5. Outstanding Protestant Cadet Choir Member Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/HCX) Presented annually to a first class cadet who meets the USAFA's standards of academic, military, and athletic excellence, and demonstrates talent and willingness to serve in the Chapel music program during the Protestant Baccalaureate Service during graduation week.

A3.8.6. Outstanding Cadet Chorale Senior Award. (OPR: HQ USAFA/HCX) Presented annually to a first class cadet who meets the USAFA's standards of academic, military, and athletic excellence, and demonstrates superior leadership and outstanding performance through the musical outreach of the Cadet Chorale at the Cadet Chorale Concert during graduation week.

A3.8.7. Cadet Club Awards. (OPR: HQ USAFA/CW) Awards may be presented to Cadet Club participants who meet the criteria established by their respective cadet club. Participation only in a club is not sufficient justification on which to base award criteria. These awards may be presented for, but are not limited to, academic, athletic, or military achievement. The award recipient typically receives a plaque valued at no more than \$25.