

## **Department Telegraph**

## **Outstanding JROTC Cadet Pilot Program**

The Department of Missouri approved a pilot program to select a 2016 Outstanding JROTC cadet from Missouri-Arkansas. This competition is only open to high school JROTC cadets; college ROTC cadets are not part of this pilot program. Under the pilot program, the Outstanding Cadet will be selected by a committee appointed by the Department Commander and receive a \$200 prize and SUVCW medal-ribbon bar. The 2016 JROTC Outstanding Cadet will be honored at the Missouri Department Encampment Awards Lunch on June 4, 2016.

The steps for a high school JROTC cadet to participate in the competition under the 2016 pilot program are simple:

- 1. The JROTC cadet must be a 2016 recipient of a SUVCW ROTC medal for his/her high school JROTC unit.
- 2. The JROTC unit must provide a 100- to 300-word summary of the cadet's accomplishments. No form, just a simple email message.
- 3. Each Camp may nominate one cadet for the competition from among the JROTC high school units they sponsor.
- 4. Submit the Camp's nominee with the JROTC unit's 100- to 300-word summary to the Department's ROTC coordinator <u>dcrandell@suvcwmo.org</u>. Deadline to receive Camp nominations: May 10, 2016.

Camp's may want to consider a local prize for their camp's nominee to encourage participation, such as one-year associate membership in the SUVCW. For assistance or questions contact: <u>dcrandell@suvcwmo.org</u>.



SUVCW's ROTC medal

## Outstanding JROTC Cadet Program

Our 2016 Outstanding JROTC Cadet competition is a pilot program and based on the outcome of the pilot competition, the Department can consider making it a permanent award program at its Department Encampment on June 4, 2016. The Department's March Business Meeting reviewed the draft guidelines, and they are provided here to allow camps and members and advance review. Please share your comments with the Department's ROTC Coordinator: dcrandell@suvcwmo.org.

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*Purpose*. This program provides a competition among high-school level JROTC Units to annually select an Outstanding JROTC Cadet. This program is an enhancement of the existing SUVCW ROTC/JROTC awards program with the stated objectives to:

- 1. Build stronger relationships between the SUVCW and local high schools;
- Provide enriched programing for our SUVCW Camps and program support for our JROTC Units;
- 3. Support the SUVCW's education marketing objective by bringing Civil War history to high schools;
- 4. Support the SUVCW's patriotism and citizenship marketing objective by rewarding high school students pursuing military and public service;
- 5. Improve the SUVCW's charitable work; and
- 6. Establish a pilot program for a SUVCW national competition.

*Eligibility*. This competition is open to any high-school JROTC cadet. College-level ROTC cadets and midshipmen are not part of this program.

- 1. Cadet must be enrolled and in good standing with a JROTC Unit at a high school within the geographic boundaries of the SUVCW Department of Missouri.
- 2. Cadet must be the recipient of the SUVCW's ROTC medal for the current year, which is selected by the local JROTC Unit commander/senior faculty instructor.
- 3. JROTC Unit commander/senior faculty instructor must support the cadet's nomination by submitting a summary of the cadet's accomplishments.

*Process*. The steps for a high school JROTC cadet and SUVCW Camp to participate in the competition are intentionally simple:

- The JROTC cadet must be a recipient of a SUVCW ROTC medal for his/her high school JROTC unit in the current, sponsored by the local SUVCW Camp or SUVCW Department.
- The JROTC unit must provide a 100- to 300-word summary of the cadet's accomplishments. A simple email text is sufficient but an optional SUVCWMO Form 7 is provided.
- 7. Each Camp may nominate one cadet for the competition from among the JROTC high school units they sponsor. For JROTC Units sponsored by the Department, the Department ROTC Coordinator may nominate one cadet.
- 8. Submit the Camp's nominee with the JROTC unit's 100- to 300-word summary to Department's ROTC Coordinator. Deadline to receive Camp nominations: April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 9. A JROTC Selection Committee selects the Outstanding JROTC Cadet by May 15th.
- 10. The selected Outstanding JROTC Cadet and family are not required to attend, but are invited to the Department Encampment for presentation of the award.

Selection Committee. The Department Commander will appoint a JROTC Selection Committee, with a preference for SUVCW members that are military veterans, ROTC/JROTC alumni, or past or present school educators. The Department ROTC Coordinator is a non-voting member of this committee.

Award. The Department's award for the Outstanding JROTC Cadet includes:

- 1. A \$200 prize.
- 2. The SUVCW medal and ribbon bar with a bronze leaf (Army and Air Force) or bronze star (Navy and Marine Corps).
- 3. A SUVCW certificate unique to the award and Department of Missouri.

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