

UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES  
RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS  
AT  
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
AND  
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

# SIXTH ANNUAL JOINT ROTC AWARDS CEREMONY

**LSU**



THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017  
FOUR O'CLOCK  
COTILLION BALLROOM  
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA





## AIR FORCE RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS MISSION

Consistent with the finest traditions of Louisiana State University, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 310 attracts, educates, and trains Air Force officers of character who are dedicated to serving the nation, while administering USAF programs and proudly representing the Air Force to the people of the State of Louisiana.



## ARMY RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS MISSION

The US Army Cadet Command partners with universities to recruit, educate, develop, and inspire Senior ROTC Cadets in order to commission officers of character for the Total Army: and partner with high schools to conduct JROTC in order to develop citizens of character for a lifetime of commitment and service to the nation.



## NAVAL RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS MISSION

To develop young men and women morally, mentally, and physically, imbue them with the highest ideals of honor, courage and commitment, and to commission college graduates as Naval and Marine Corps Officers who possess a basic professional background, are motivated toward careers in the Naval Service, and have potential for further development in mind and character so as to assume the highest responsibilities of leadership in the military, community and government.





WELCOME

**Midshipman CAPTAIN Christopher J. Dedo**  
*LSU Corps Commander*

ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY

**Dr. F. King Alexander**  
*President*  
*Louisiana State University and A&M College*

**Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence P. House III, United States Army**  
*Commandant and Professor of Military Science*  
*AROTC Unit, Louisiana State University and A&M College*

**Lieutenant Colonel William D. Magee, United States Air Force**  
*Commanding Officer and Professor of Aerospace Studies*  
*AFROTC Detachment 310, Louisiana State University & A&M College*

**Commander James R. Thomas, United States Navy**  
*Executive Officer of Naval Science*  
*NROTC Unit, Southern University and A&M College*

INVOCATION

**Midshipman 1/C Keneisha Brown**

OPENING REMARKS

**Dr. F. King Alexander**  
*LSU President*

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

**Midshipman CAPTAIN Christopher J. Dedo**  
*LSU Corps Commander*

INTRODUCTION OF SENIOR SYMPOSIUM FINALISTS

**John W. Milazzo, Jr., President**  
*Cadets of the Ole War Skule*

**Reception Cotillion Ballroom**  
**Provided by Cadets of the Ole War Skule**



Welcome to the Sixth Annual Joint ROTC Awards ceremony. Today, we recognize excellence in both military and academic performance. Given that this is a joint ceremony, all services are represented. As such, you will note various differences in uniforms, rank, insignia and customs.

Naval Midshipmen are represented today in Summer White uniforms. Their rank is signified by any number of gold bars, depending on billet assigned. Regardless of rank or billet, all Midshipmen are addressed by their class within the University. Our Battalion Commanding Officer is Midshipman First Class Matthew Mason.

Air Force Cadets are represented in their service dress blue uniforms. Their rank is signified by either chevrons for underclassmen or bars for upperclassmen. Underclassmen are addressed as Cadet Fourth Class or Cadet Third Class, depending on their program year, while juniors and seniors are addressed by the rank of their leadership position within the cadet wing. Our current Cadet Wing Commander is Cadet Colonel Sarah R. Mai.

Army Cadets are represented in the blue Army Service Uniform. Their rank is signified by chevrons for underclassmen and ovals and diamonds for seniors. Cadets are addressed as Cadet, rank and last name followed by their military science year in the program in writing. Our Battalion Commander is Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Alice Huang.



## **Dr. F. King Alexander**

*President*

*Louisiana State University and A&M College*

Dr. F. King Alexander is the President of Louisiana State University, which has an annual budget of \$3.3 billion and more than 43,000 students.

Prior to this appointment, Dr. Alexander was president of California State University, Long Beach (2005-2013) one of the nation's largest public universities located in southern California. During his more than seven-year tenure at California State University, Long Beach, Dr. Alexander was twice named the California State University Student Association (CSSA) "President of the Year," which represents all 23 California State Universities and its over 440,000 students.

Prior to becoming president of California State University, Long Beach, Dr. Alexander was president of Murray State University in Kentucky (2001-2005) and was a faculty member at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, where he was the director of the graduate higher education program.

A Kentucky native who grew up in north Florida, Dr. Alexander received his Ph. D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in higher education administration with a focus on finance and educational policy analysis, and a Master of Science degree from the University of Oxford, Oxford, England in comparative educational studies.

As a teacher and administrator, Dr. Alexander has received many honors, including the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Education Alumni Achievement Award (2002) and has research university faculty affiliations at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for the Study of Postsecondary Education (WISCAPE) and Cornell University Higher Education Research Institute (CHERI).

Dr. Alexander also has been asked to represent public higher education colleges and universities on numerous occasions to the United States Congress on issues of college affordability, student indebtedness, and institutional efficiency and effectiveness in efforts to address many of the growing challenges facing American higher education. Due to his national recognition and involvement on higher education issues, Dr. Alexander has served on numerous U.S. higher education and statewide organizational leadership boards where he remains very active.

Dr. Alexander and his wife, Shenette, have three children: Kylie, Savannah and Madison.



## **Captain Anthony P. Chatham, USN**

*Commanding Officer and Professor of Naval Science, Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps, Southern University and A&M College*

Captain Chatham is a native of LaPlace, Louisiana and a graduate of East St. John High School in Reserve, Louisiana. He received his commission through the Naval ROTC program after graduating from Temple University in Philadelphia, PA in

May of 1987.

Upon designation as a Naval Aviator in June of 1989, he reported to Patrol Squadron FORTY (VP-40), NAS Moffett Field, California. There he earned designations as Patrol Plane Instructor Pilot and Patrol Plane Mission Commander. Subsequent flying tours include instructor pilot duties at Training Squadron TWO (VT-2) in Milton, Florida, and Department Head tour in Patrol Squadron FORTY-SEVEN (VP-47) based at Marine Corps Air Facility Kaneohe, Hawaii. Captain Chatham served aboard USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) from June 1996 to June 1998 as the Air Department Catapult and Arresting Gear (V-2) Division Officer.

Captain Chatham's shore assignments include duty at Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Force Atlantic (CPRFL), where he served as the Force Maintenance and Logistics Officer (N4). Captain Chatham also served on the staff of Commander, U.S. Navy Central Command in Manama, Bahrain as Department Head for Policy, Plans and Pol-Mil, Theatre Security Cooperation and Exercises (N5).

Following this tour, he attended the Joint Advanced Warfighter School at the National Defense University. He graduated in June 2007, earning a Master of Science degree in Joint Campaign Planning and Strategy. Upon graduation, he reported to Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Virginia where he served as the Joint Capability Development, Joint Management Office Division Head (J82). In July 2003, Captain Chatham joined Advanced Multi-Engine Training Squadron THIRTYONE (VT-31) in Corpus Christi, Texas as Executive Officer and subsequently assumed command in February 2004. During his tour as Commanding Officer, he led his squadron in receipt of both the CNO Safety and the Admiral John H. Towers Safety awards. From June 2010 to June 2011, Captain Chatham served as the 33rd Commanding Officer of U.S. Navy Support Facility, Diego Garcia, enabling forward deployed U.S. and coalition operational forces and directly supporting four Combatant Commanders from this strategically critical location.

From June 2011 to June 2014, Captain Chatham served as Commanding Officer of Tulane University Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) in New Orleans, Louisiana. His personal awards include the Legion of Merit (2), Meritorious Service Medal (3), Joint Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (3), Navy Achievement Medal (4) and various unit commendations and campaign awards.





## **Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence P. House III, US ARMY**

*Commandant and Professor of Military Science  
Army Reserve Officers Training Corps  
Louisiana State University and A&M College*

Biography LTC Lawrence House as of August 2014

Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence House is a native of Asheville, North Carolina. He was commissioned in the Regular Army Transportation Corps from East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee in May 1995. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in History from East Tennessee State University and a Master's Degree in Management from Webster University. Lieutenant Colonel House is a graduate of the Transportation Corps Officer Basic and Combined Logistics Captain's Career Course, Combined Arms Staff Services School, and the Command and General Staff College. He has served in key developmental positions in the United States, Korea and Iraq. His key assignments include:

Platoon Leader for 782nd Main Support Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division and Movement Control Officer for 82nd Division Support Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina;

Company Commander of Headquarters Company, 25th Transportation Battalion, 19th Theater Support Command in Yongsan, Korea;

Mobility Officer and Inspector General for 184th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Mississippi Army National Guard in Laurel, Mississippi;

Brigade Transportation Officer for 155th Separate Armored Brigade (Forward), 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force in Iraq;

Battalion Executive Officer and Support Operations Officer, 180th Transportation Battalion, 15th Sustainment Brigade in Fort Hood, Texas;

Lieutenant Colonel Assignment Officer, Strategic Initiatives Officer, and Chief, Command Management Branch with the US Army Human Resources Command in Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Lieutenant Colonel House was selected by the Department of the Army to serve as a Professor of Military Science and was assigned to Louisiana State University, Department of Military Science in July 2014.

Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence House has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (with two Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Commendation Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal (with two Campaign Stars), the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Korean Defense Service Medal, a Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge and Air Assault Badge.

Lieutenant Colonel House is married to the former Cristy Kolwe and they reside in Prairieville, LA with their four children: Gavin, Amelia, Della, and Cora.



## **Lieutenant Colonel William D. Magee**

*Commander of AFROTC Detachment 310  
Louisiana State University and A&M College*

Lt Col William D. Magee is the Commander of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 310, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA the state's flagship institution. He was commissioned through the Deserving Airman Program in May 2000 after 10 years of enlisted service in the Air Force Reserve and Louisiana Army National Guard. Lt Col William D. Magee is a career aircraft maintenance officer and has participated in numerous deployments supporting Operations DESERT STORM, ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM.

### **EDUCATION**

- 1994 Bachelor of Arts, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA
- 2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2008 Advanced Maintenance and Munitions Officer School, Nellis AFB, NV
- 2011 Master of Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, FL
- 2013 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

### **COMMAND ASSIGNMENTS**

1. Aug 2008-Feb 2010, Commander, 917th Maintenance Squadron, Barksdale AFB, LA
2. Feb 2010-Jul 2010, Commander, 44th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Holloman AFB, NM
3. Jul 2010-Mar 2013, Deputy Commander, 44th Fighter Group, Holloman AFB, NM
4. Feb 2012-Aug 2012, Deputy Commander, 325th Maintenance Group, Tyndall AFB, FL
5. Mar 2013-Jul 2014, Program Integration Office, 44th Fighter Group, Det 2, Tyndall AFB, FL
6. July 2014-July 2016, Commander, 44th Maintenance Squadron, Tyndall AFB, FL
7. Jul 2016-present, Commander, AF ROTC Det 310, Louisiana State University, LA



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# JOINT ROTC AWARDS

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-2017

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### **American Legion Military Excellence Award**

Air Force: Cadet 4<sup>th</sup> Class Elena Bihlmeyer  
Cadet 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Nicolas Smith  
Cadet Captain Stephanie Benton  
Cadet Captain Jacob Hughes

Army: Cadet Alice Huang

Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 1/C Candace Jackson  
Midshipman 2/C Jeremy Spears  
Midshipman 3/C Patrick Cadoret  
Midshipman 4/C Edgar Perez

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### **American Legion Scholastic Excellence Award**

Air Force: Cadet 4<sup>th</sup> Class Jack Neelis  
Cadet 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Chloe Tillis  
Cadet Captain Tammy Chau  
Cadet Captain Cole Wolf

Army: Cadet Evan Wesslund

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### **American Legion Scholarship Award**

Air Force: Cadet 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Corey Kuhn

Army: Cadet Alice Huang

Navy/Marine Corps: PFC Michael Nickelotte Jr.

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### **American Veterans Award**

Air Force: Cadet 4<sup>th</sup> Class Jack Spriggs

Army: Cadet Ryan Mixon

Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 1/C Terry Kozlow

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### **Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Honor Award**

Air Force: Cadet Captain Harry Nordyke

Army: Cadet Cody Nash

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**Carlos G. Spaht Memorial Scholarship**

Air Force: Cadet 4<sup>th</sup> Class Lauren Skarupsky  
Army: Cadet Lerone Owens  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 4/C Edgar Perez

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**Major General Harry Conrad ROTC Scholarship**

Air Force: Cadet 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Jana St. Germain

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**James W. Nicholson Excellence in Mathematics Award of the United Daughters of the Confederacy - Joanna Waddill Chapter**

Air Force: Cadet 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Tyler Rossell  
Army: Cadet Kazimira Karwowski  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 4/C Edgar Perez

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**Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America Award**

Air Force: Cadet 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Tyler Rossell  
Army: Cadet Catherine Torry  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 3/C Zackary Blackburn

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**Daughters of the American Revolution Award**

Air Force: Cadet Major Blake Stewart  
Army: Cadet Wendy Martin  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 1/C Jason Xu

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**John W. Milazzo, Jr. Honorary ROTC Scholarship**

Air Force: Cadet 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Zeyad Alaidroos  
Army: Cadet Frank Fontenot

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**Knights of Columbus Patriotic Award**

Air Force: Cadet Major Dane Ivy  
Army: Cadet Jared Neeb  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Jesse Robinson

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**Military Officers Association of America Award**

Air Force: Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Kathleen Dickerson  
Army: Cadet Thomas Stremlau  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Daniel Nguyen

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**Military Order of the Purple Heart Award**

Air Force: Cadet Captain Kaylin Hankerson  
Army: Cadet Kathrine Winski  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Connor Black

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**Military Order of the World Wars Award**

Air Force: Cadet 4<sup>th</sup> Class Kevin Caster  
Cadet 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Kayla Tanner  
Cadet Major Nikolaus Bihlmeyer  
Cadet Major Lauren Hafer  
Army: Cadet Frank Fontenot  
Cadet Olivia Colton  
Cadet Maria Chavez  
Cadet Tiyuana Myers  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 1/C Candace Jackson  
Midshipman 2/C Conner Black  
Midshipman 3/C Conan Escajeda  
Midshipman 4/C Joshua DeBoisblanc

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**National Defense Industrial Association Award**

Air Force: Cadet Major Khoa Nguyen  
Army: Cadet Patrick Williamson  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 1/C Wesley Norton

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**National Defense Transportation Association Award**

Air Force: Cadet Colonel Sarah Mai  
Army: Cadet Matthew Cavell

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**National Society United States Daughters of 1812,  
General Robert McCausland Chapter**

Air Force: Cadet 4<sup>th</sup> Class Sierra Doaks

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**National Sojourners Award for Americanism**

Air Force: Cadet 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Austin Beckermeyer  
Army: Cadet Richard Weaver

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**Reserve Officers Association Award**

Air Force: Cadet 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Dominic Centanni  
Cadet 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Ashley Merriweather  
Cadet Colonel Sarah Mai

Army: Cadet Donald Loving  
Cadet Caelan Lebleu  
Cadet Lukas Dretzka

Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 1/C Matthew Mason  
Midshipman 2/C Mercedes Holland  
Midshipman 3/C Steven Lewis

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**Scottish Rite Award**

Air Force: Cadet 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Austin Beckermeyer

Army: Cadet Johnathon Price

Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Renee Hill

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**Society of American Military Engineers Award**

Air Force: Cadet Colonel Sarah Mai

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**General Society of the War of 1812 Award**

Air Force: Cadet 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Collean Hebert

Army: Cadet Andrea Dent

Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 3/C Patrick Cadoret

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**Sons of the American Revolution Award**

Air Force: Cadet Major Dane Ivy

Army: Cadet Don Hunter

Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 1/C Matthew Mason

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**USAA Spirit Award**

Air Force: Cadet 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Matthew Dysart

Army: Cadet Jacob Coronel

Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Mercedes Holland

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**Veterans of Foreign Wars Award**

Air Force: Cadet 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Stefen Dollar

Army: Cadet Victoria Buquet

Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 1/C Candace Jackson



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## SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

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### AIR FORCE

Top Cadet

Cadet Major Blake Stewart

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### ARMY

Cadet of the Year

Cadet Matthew Kinsey

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### NAVY

CNO Distinguished MIDN Graduate Midshipman 1/C Christopher Dedo  
National Naval Officers Association

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## SERVICE SPECIFIC AWARDS

### AIR FORCE

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Air Force Association Award

Cadet 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Corey Kuhn

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The LTC John Trigg Wood,  
III Memorial Scholarship

Cadet 4<sup>th</sup> Class Logan Lewis

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Colonial Dames of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century

Cadet Captain Gabriel Emerson

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The Colonel Charles J. "Chuck"  
Dumas AFROTC Scholarship

Cadet 4<sup>th</sup> Class Sammy Ester

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Order of Daedalians 60<sup>th</sup> Flight  
Flying Tigers Award

Cadet Major Lauren Hafer

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J. L. Hendrickson Scholarship

Cadet 4<sup>th</sup> Class Abbigale Ferrier

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Major General O. B. Johnson  
Scholarship

Cadet Captain Gabriel Emerson

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AFROTC Meritorious Service  
Award

Cadet 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Brian Schilleci  
Cadet Captain Tammy Chau  
Cadet Major Blake Stewart  
Cadet Colonel Kyrie Collins  
Cadet Colonel Sarah Mai

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**AFROTC Commendation Award**

Cadet 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Corey Kuhn  
Cadet Captain Stephanie Benton  
Cadet Captain Kaylin Hankerson  
Cadet Captain Jacob Hughes  
Cadet Captain Harry Nordyke  
Cadet Colonel Austin Beckermeyer

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**AFROTC Achievement Award**

Cadet 4<sup>th</sup> Class Kevin Caster  
Cadet 4<sup>th</sup> Class Philip Phavorabout  
Cadet 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Stefen Dollar  
Cadet 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Matthew Dysart  
Cadet 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Adrienna Payton  
Cadet 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Jesse St. Clergy  
Cadet 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Jana St. Germain  
Cadet 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Lorin Wales  
Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Kathleen Dickerson  
Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Nationa Young

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**AFROTC Warrior Spirit Award**

Cadet 4<sup>th</sup> Class Elena Bihlmeyer  
Cadet 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Stefen Dollar  
Cadet 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Jana St. Germain  
Cadet Captain Cole Wolf  
Cadet Major Blake Stewart

ARMY

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**George C. Marshall Award**

Cadet Spencer Lewis

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**Superior Cadet Decoration Award**

Cadet Ashley Crespo  
Cadet David Kelly  
Cadet Michael Orgeron  
Cadet Matthew Kinsey

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**Simultaneous Membership Program Award**

Cadet Jarrett Logan

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**Top Military Science Cadets**

Cadet Ashley Crespo  
Cadet David Kelly  
Cadet Michael Orgeron  
Cadet Matthew Kinsey





## NAVY/MARINE CORPS

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<b>Freshman Achievement Award</b>	Midshipman 4/C Edgar Perez
<b>Sophomore Achievement Award</b>	Midshipman 3/C Stephen Lewis
<b>Junior Achievement Award</b>	Midshipman 2/C Daniel Nguyen
<b>Athletic Achievement Award</b>	Midshipman 2/C Daniel Nguyen
<b>Aptitude Achievement Award</b>	Midshipman 3/C Zackary Blackburn
<b>Most Improved Midshipman Award</b>	Midshipman 4/C Edgar Perez
<b>Professor of Naval Science Award</b>	Midshipman 1/C Keneisha Brown
<b>Midshipman of the Year Award</b>	Midshipman 1/C Melissa Montano

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