

## JROTC Awards Ceremony held

The Rockcastle County High School JROTC held its Seventh Annual Military Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, May 14th in the RCHS gymnasium. Individual cadets were recognized for superior achievement receiving awards from National, State and Local organizations for outstanding performances in academics, athletics and leadership.

The Department of the Army Superior Cadet Award was presented to Cadet Major Tim Tyler (Company Commander), Justin Cornelius, Josh Hayes and Erik Stallworth; the American Legion Award for Military Excellence was awarded to Ronald Willey; the American Legion Award for Scholastic Excellence to Ross McClure; the Military Order of World Wars to Joe Hubbard; the Daughters of the American Revolution Award to Josh Robbins; the Retired Officers Association Award to Jacob Helton; the Eastern Kentucky University Deans Achievement Award to Josh Ramsey; the U.S. Army Recruiting Command JROTC Award to Adam Stallworth; the Association of the United States Army JROTC Award was presented to Shannon Bullock; the Reserve Officers Association JROTC Award was presented to Cadet Captain (Company Executive Officer) Jonathan Noe; the Kentucky Army National Guard Award to Josh Whicker; the Veterans of Foreign Wars to Brian Bullock; the Sons of the American Revolution Award to Anthony Northerm; the Sons of the Confederate Veterans Award to Jonathan Phelps; the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Award to Terri Glover; the Non Commissioned Officers Association Award to Sherri Glover and the National Sojourner's Award was presented to Amanda Reed.

The Senior Army Instructor Leadership Award was presented to Erik Stallworth, Josh Hayes, Joe Hubbard and Jonathan Noe; the Distinguished Cadet Award for Scholastic Excellence was presented to Erik Stallworth; the Academic Excellence Award went to Erik Stallworth, Jessica Toothman, Ross McClure and Jonathan Noe.

The President's Physical Fitness Awards, presented by Major Jim McGuire, were awarded to Josh Whicker (4th award), Tim Tyler, Shannon Bullock, Adam Stallworth, Joe Hubbard and Josh Hayes. This award is given to those cadets who obtain a minimum of 85% or better on all five events of the test. The National Physical Fitness Awards were presented to Jonathan Noe, Jacob Helton, Melissa Jones, Eric Miller, Andy Coffey, Jesse McCollum, Carla Hensley and Eric Baker. The United States Army Recruiting Command Certificates of Excellence were presented to Matt Brooks, Samantha Dees, Eric Miller, Amanda Reed, Justin Richards, Melissa Jones, Carla Hensley, Eric Miller, Andy Coffey, Jesse McCollum, David French, Derrick Hensley, Jesse McCollum and Chris Smith. The Chain of Command then awarded numerous ribbons to the cadets recognizing them for Personal Appearance, Proficiency and Command.

Sergeant Major Keith Taylor, then recognized fourteen of JROTC's finest - "The Seniors" presenting them with their much deserved plaques of appreciation for four years of dedication, commitment and service to the program. We will miss each and every one of you.

Immediately following the formal awards ceremony, awards were also given to the members of the Rifle Team, Drill Team and Raider Team, whom have all worked extremely hard for the JROTC program, their school and community making this a special year.

We would like to thank those people who presented the awards: Mr. Larry Hammond, Mr. John Hale, Mr. Barry Noble, Mrs. Betty Jo McKinney, Mrs. Claudina Cash, Mrs. Laura Durham and Sergeant Matthew Johnson. Our appreciation goes to the faculty members and staff, the parents, family members and friends who showed their support by attending the ceremony. Also, special recognition to Miss Amber Thacker, who has using the National Anthem for the ceremony so beautifully for the past four years.



The Sons of the American Revolution Award presented to Anthony Northerm by Mr. Barry Noble

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The Sons of the Confederate Veterans Awards presented to John Phelps by SGM Taylor

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