

**I. Insignia and Devices:****A. General Guidance:**

1. No brass on the uniform will be defaced, blitzed, or altered in any way (Including "U.S." on back of buckle).
2. Brass will be highly shined and free of scratches, pits, and tarnish.
3. All insignia and devices will be worn as purchased from the Cadet Store.
4. Cadets are required to wear all authorized badges, ribbons, and medals they have earned.

**B. Bagpipe or Drum Devices:** Bagpipe or drum patches will be authorized for the sleeve of the Full Dress Blouse.**II. Decorations, Service Medals, Badges, and Awards Guidance****A. Only those Medals, Ribbons, and badges listed below are authorized to be worn with the cadet uniform.**

1. Specifically, distinctive unit insignia/ regimental distinctive insignia, Infantry blue shoulder cords/blue infantry disc behind infantry brass, French Fourragere, enlisted/officer branch insignia (with the exception of first class cadets in their final semester), and other similar military decorations are not authorized for wear on any cadet uniform.
2. Medals and badges discussed in this chapter are worn on the Full Dress Coat.
3. Ribbons and badges are worn on **leave uniforms**, Dress Gray and Dress White Coats.

**B. Medals (Listed in Order of Precedence):**

1. Any authorized Armed Forces medal earned by cadets with previous military service (will not be worn with cadet medals).
2. Palmetto Medal.
3. Star of the West Medal.
4. Special medal authorized by Citadel Special or General Orders (Cadet Medal of Valor, Mazur Cadet Outstanding Citizenship Medal).
5. Medals awarded through ROTC channels.
6. Toastmaster Pin.

**C. Special Medals**

## 1. The Cadet Medal of Valor:


- i. Criteria: To be awarded this decoration, cadets must distinguish themselves by acts of heroism. The act must result in an accomplishment so exceptional/outstanding as to set the cadet apart and involve acceptance of danger or extraordinary responsibilities.
- ii. Process: Anyone may nominate a cadet for the Medal of Valor by contacting the Company TAC who will submit, with the endorsement of the BN TAC, a written summary of the event/ action that took place according to the criteria above. The statement must include validating information so that the Commandant's administrative staff can corroborate the event/action (newspaper article, witness statements and/or contact information, etc.). The approval authority is the Commandant.

## 2. The Mazur Cadet Outstanding Citizenship Medal:

- i. Criteria: The Andrew Mazur Citizenship Medal may be presented to any cadet who distinguishes him or herself by an act of outstanding citizenship that goes far beyond the normal expectations of cadet daily life.

**D. Ribbons (Listed in Order of Precedence):**

1. Armed Forces ribbons earned by cadets having previous military service (Will not be worn with cadet ribbons).
2. Ribbons to accompany special medals or awards authorized by Citadel Special or General Orders (Cadet Medal of Valor, Mazur Outstanding Citizenship).

3. **Commandant's Cup.**
    - a. The gold bar will be worn  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch above the right breast pocket in every leave uniform with exception of the dress gray blouse
    - b. When wearing the dress gray blouse, it will be worn parallel and  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch above the class lines on the right sleeve
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4. President's List Ribbon.
  5. Commandant's List Ribbon.
  6. **Distinguished Scholars Ribbon.**
  7. Honors Program Ribbon.
  8. 1842 Ribbon.
  9. LEAD Scholars Ribbon.
  10. Distinguished Instrumentalist Ribbon.
  11. Cadre Ribbon.
    - a. Only worn as depicted in the image below; does not change whether or not you are support staff or direct cadre. Cadre includes anyone who attends Cadre Leadership Development Training.
  12. Gold Star Journal Editor Ribbon.
  13. Gold Star Journal Ribbon.
  14. Varsity Athletics with 2 Stars Ribbon.
  15. Varsity Athletics with 1 Star Ribbon.
  16. Varsity Athletics Ribbon.
    - a. Varsity Athletics are NCAA sports only
  17. Athletics Ribbon.
    - a. Refers to club sports or first year of NCAA sport
  18. Reserve Ribbon.
  19. President's Cup Ribbon.
  20. Summerall Cup Ribbon.
  21. Regimental Commander's Cup.
  22. Summerall Guard Ribbon.
  23. Junior Sword Arch Ribbon.
  24. Kelly Cup Ribbon.
    - a. Must perform, be an alternate, or call commands for the winning Kelly Cup team.
  25. Intramural Ribbon.
    - a. Must participate in three intramural sports, can receive a star for participation in an additional three intramural sports; no more than 3 stars permitted.
  26. Rifle Legion Ribbon.
  27. Cordell Ranger Ribbon.
  28. Chapel Color Guard Ribbon.
  29. Chapel Choir Ribbon.
  30. Chapel Service Ribbon.
  31. Religious Ministry Ribbon.
  32. Covid Service Ribbon.
  33. ROTC Ribbons.

## Awarded Ribbons

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President's List



Commandant's List



Distinguished Scholars Ribbon



Honors Program



1842 Scholars Program



LEAD Scholars



Distinguished Instrumentalist



Cadre



GS Journal Editor



GS Journal



Varsity w/ 2 Stars



Varsity w/ 1 Star



Varsity Athletics



Athletics



Reserves



President's Cup



Summerall Cup



Regt CDR's Cup



Summerall Guards



Junior Sword Arch



Kelly Cup



Intramurals



Rifle Legion



Cordell Ranger



Chapel Color Guard



Chapel Choir



Chapel Service



Religious Ministry



COVID Service



ROTC Ribbons

**A. Badges:**

1. Any authorized Armed Forces Badges earned by cadets (Jump Wings, Aviation Wings, Air Assault, Combat Infantrymen's Badges, Ranger Tab, Enlisted Submarine Dolphins, Strategic Patrol Pin, Air Force Missile Badge, German Army Proficiency Badge, Royal Laotian Parachutist Badge).
2. Marksmanship Badges. (U. S. Armed Forces or ROTC only).
3. Dean's List Badges.
4. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Contract Badges and Coast Guard Auxiliary Badge.
5. Distinguished Military, Naval, Air Force Student Badges and the Drill Master Badge.
6. Gold Stars (1 Gold Star may be worn centered and 1/8" over the name tag on the white short-sleeve shirt).
7. National Honor Society Badges.

B. **ROTC Awards:** The wearing of any decoration officially presented by a military service for outstanding performance during ROTC Summer Camp, Field Training or Summer Cruise is permitted provided the decoration is authorized for wear on ROTC uniforms, and the award has been officially entered in a cadet's record. Each ROTC Department will submit to the Commandant's Office a list of those cadets entitled to wear such awards at the conclusion of summer training.

C. **Subsequent Awards:** When more than one of the same award or decoration is received, cadets will be notified as to the type of device (if any) to affix to the basic award.

**D. Proper Wear Guidance**

1. Medals discussed in paragraph IX, B, above, are worn on the left breast of the Full Dress Blouse, with the top of the ribbon (attached to the medal), 1/8<sup>th</sup> of an inch below the second black line from the top. Medals are worn on wearer's right to left in order of precedence. The Dean's list badge takes precedence over medals and will be worn to the wearer's right.
2. On the full dress blouse, all contract badges will be centered on the left breast and 1/8<sup>th</sup> of an inch above the second black line from the top with continued awards, such as Airborne or Air Assault, continuing 1/8<sup>th</sup> of an inch above each other starting with the contract badge. Distinguished ROTC student award badges and Military Branch insignias will be centered over the right breast and 1/8<sup>th</sup> of an inch above the second black line from the top. If both are worn, they will be separated 1/8<sup>th</sup> of an inch.
3. Ribbons discussed in paragraph IX, D above, are worn on the Dress Gray Blouse, Dress White Blouse, and Summer Leave Shirt only.
4. On the Dress White Blouse, ribbons are worn 1/8<sup>th</sup> of an inch above the left breast pocket. Ribbons are worn from wearer's right to left in order of precedence. If more than one row of ribbons is required, the top row of ribbons will be higher in precedence.
5. Marksmanship and Dean's List Badges will be worn centered on the flap of the left breast pocket, with the point of the wreath even with the seam of the pocket. If both are worn, they will be side by side, one inch apart, with the Dean's List Badge taking precedence, worn further to the right.
6. DMS, DNS, DAFS, and DM Badges are worn 1/8" above and centered on the right breast pocket of cadet uniforms.
7. The wearing of Service or Branch insignia on cadet uniforms is authorized only for First Class cadets during the final semester. Branch insignia are worn 1/8" above and centered on the right breast pocket. If also designated DMS, the branch insignia will be worn 1/8" above the DMS badge.
8. The German Army Proficiency Badge is worn centered above the flap of the right breast pocket.
9. Military crests are not worn on any Citadel uniform.

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