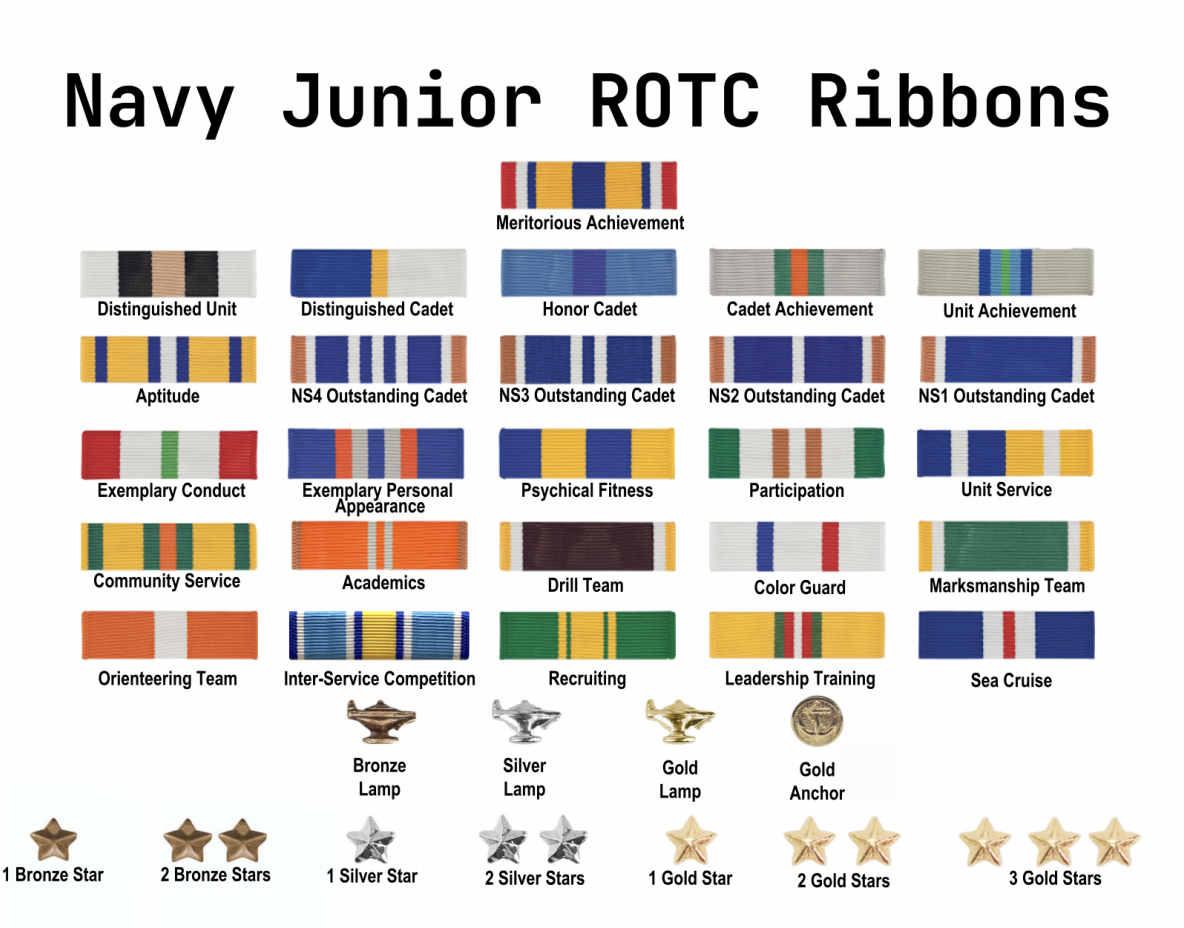
Navy Junior ROTC Ribbons



1. Meritorious Achievement - 	Awarded, WHEN EARNED, to any NJROTC cadet who distinguished him/herself only by outstanding meritorious achievement or performance of a meritorious act. Excludes such things as length of participation in the NJROTC unit, or sustained superior performance in a leadership position. Awarded on a case-by-case basis by the area manager.
2. Distinguished Unit - 	Awarded YEARLY to cadets in good standing who were unit members during the academic year in which the school earned the Distinguished Unit status. Award to only those units that Demonstrated the very highest levels of performance.

3. Distinguished Cadet - 	Awarded YEARLY to one cadet in each year group with the highest combined average for overall scholastic standing and aptitude in NJROTC unit activities (including academics, homework, physical fitness, community service, drill, etc.)
4. Honor Cadet - 	Awarded YEARLY to one cadet in each year group with the highest overall academic achievement (GPA) in school, including the naval science courses.
5. Cadet Achievement - 	Awarded, WHEN EARNED, to any cadet who distinguishes him/herself by outstanding achievement or sustained superior performance. The cadet must exhibit exceptional military aptitude and dedication to the program as well as overall excellence in all facets of NJROTC. Awarded on a case-by-case basis by the area manager.
6. Unit Achievement - 	Awarded YEARLY to cadets in good standing who were unit members during the academic year in which the school earned the Unit Achievement status as determined by the Area Manager. Awarded only to those units that demonstrated exceptional performance but did not qualify for Distinguished Unit Status.
7. Aptitude Award - 	Awarded YEARLY to those outstanding cadets who demonstrate an exceptional military aptitude and dedication to the NJROTC program.
8. Naval Science 4, Outstanding Cadet(s) - 	Awarded YEARLY to outstanding cadets in Naval Science 4 based on citizenship, academic performance, personal appearance and conduct.

9. Naval Science 3, Outstanding Cadet(s) - 	Awarded YEARLY to outstanding cadets in Naval Science 3. Same criteria as above.
10. Naval Science 2, Outstanding Cadet(s) - 	Awarded YEARLY to outstanding cadets in Naval Science 2. Same criteria as above.
11. Naval Science 1, Outstanding Cadet(s) - 	Awarded YEARLY to outstanding cadets in Naval Science 1. Same criteria as above.
12. Exemplary Conduct - 	Awarded YEARLY to each cadet who demonstrates exemplary conduct for the school year.
13. Exemplary Person Appearance - 	Awarded, WHEN EARNED, to each cadet who displays exemplary personal appearance and has worn his/her uniform on all occasions required.
14. Physical Fitness - 	Awarded, TWICE A YEAR, to any cadet who meets or exceeds the basic physical fitness exercise requirements as outlined in Chapter 5 of this manual and the Cadet Reference Manual (CRM).
15. Participation - 	Awarded, WHEN EARNED, to any cadet who has participated in three events other than routine unit activities.

16. Unit Service - 	Awarded, WHEN EARNED, to any cadet who has demonstrated exemplary service and dedication to the unit as determined by the SNSI.
17. Community Service - 	Awarded, WHEN EARNED, to any cadet in good standing who distinguished him/herself by dedicated and outstanding service to the community.
18. Academic Team Award - 	Awarded, WHEN EARNED, to any cadet who is a member in good standing of the Academic Team and has participated in three or more academic competitions.
19. Drill Team - 	Awarded, WHEN EARNED, to each member of a drill team in good standing who has entered a competition, or performed at three or more official functions.
20. Color Guard - 	Awarded, WHEN EARNED, to each member of a color guard in good standing who has entered a competition, or performed at three or more official functions.

21. Marksmanship - 	Awarded, WHEN EARNED, to any cadet in good standing who has entered any competition.
22. Orienteering - 	Awarded, WHEN EARNED, to any cadet in good standing who has entered any organized orienteering competition, or who meets the orienteering qualification standards.
23. Inter-Service Competition- 	* Awarded, WHEN EARNED, to any cadet in good standing who has entered any inter-service, national-level competition, such as CyberPatriot, JLAB,

	etc.; or for any SeaPerch Competition, regardless of service sponsorship. This ribbon cannot be awarded in addition to, or in lieu of, for example, It cannot be awarded for competing in a local, Area, or postal multi-service drill, academics, marksmanship, or orienteering meet.
24. Recruiting - 	Awarded, WHEN EARNED, to a cadet who is instrumental in the enrollment of two students in the NJROTC program. Subsequent awards are given for each additional two students enrolled.
25. Leadership Training - 	Awarded to any cadet upon satisfactory completion of Basic Leadership Training, Leadership Academic, or similar training as approved by the area manager.
26. Sea Cruise - 	Awarded to any cadet upon completion of an at-sea cruise (vessel must cast off lines and be underway)

Device	Ribbon with which device is worn
a. Lamp 	To be worn on the Honor Cadet ribbon by each cadet who has also achieved an “A” in naval science as follows: Bronze Lamp - NS1 Silver Lamp - NS2 Gold Lamp NS3-4 The lamp device is also used to denote the level of achievement in the semi-annual Cadet Challenge for the Physical Fitness Ribbon. See chapter 5 for details.
b. Anchor	The gold anchor is worn on the following ribbons: Drill Team, Color Guard, Academic Team, Marksmanship,

	Physical Fitness, and Orienteering, by the cadet who is the present leader or team commander of the group. This ribbon with the anchor is worn on the right side of the team commander's chest. In addition, the cadet who is selected as the commanding officer of the NJROTC unit will attach a gold anchor to the Unit SErvice ribbon and wear the ribbon on the right side of his/her uniform. Ribbon, anchor and any subsequent awards earned previously are to be worn on the left side of the chest in the regular order of precedence by the cadet who was a previous unit commanding officer, team leader, or commander of a group. Note 1: No other devices will accompany the gold anchor when the award is worn on the right side. Note 2: When becoming captain of more than one team, the ribbon with the highest order of precedence is worn inboard, to the wearer's left. Note 3: When wearing the ribbon of a team captain on the right side of the uniform, a similar ribbon without the team captain's gold anchor cannot be worn in its normal position on the left side of the uniform. Note 4: For the Company Commander, the Color Guard, and Athletic Team Commanders, when the ribbon is worn on the right side of the uniform it is not inverted, i.e.: the dark color is still worn to the wearer's right side.
c. Subsequent Awards 	Only one of any ribbon designs may be worn. Subsequent awards may be worn on ribbons 1 through 7, and 12 through 26. No more than eight awards (including the original ribbon award) are authorized.

 	Stars are worn one ray up, two rays down. They are awarded as follows: a. Second Award, 1 BRONZE STAR b. Third Award, 2 BRONZE STARS c. Fourth Award, 1 SILVER STAR d. Fifth Award, 2 SILVER STARS e. Sixth Award, 1 GOLD STAR f. Seventh Award, 2 GOLD STARS g. Eighth Award, 3 GOLD STARS
d. Torch	Cadets who have earned the right to ear the torch device under the requirements as set forth in the 10th Edition of the Cadet Field Manual are authorized to continue to wear it under the rules as set forth therein. No further awards of the torch device are authorized.