

Ashley Ridge High School
AFJROTC, SC-20081
2024-2025 Annual Awards & Change of Command

Thursday, 8 May 2025
1730 Hours

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- Change of Command
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Distinguished Guests:

Billie Stillinger, Ashley Ridge High School Assistant Principal
Anthony Pieretti, Ashley Ridge High School Assistant Principal
Miley Taylor, Daughters of the American Revolution, Susannah Smith Elliott Chapter
LtCol (ret) Bob Ticknor, American Legion
Maj (ret) Bill Clark, Air Force Association and Military Officer's Association of America
Mr Billy Schimpf, SCBilly.com, Photographer

2024-2025 Booster Officers:

David Lee, ARHS AFJROTC Booster President
Robert Marcum, ARHS AFJROTC Booster Vice President
Janine Marcum, ARHS AFJROTC Booster Secretary
Annie Herb, ARHS AFJROTC Booster Treasurer

2025-2026 Booster Officers:

Alicia Draper, ARHS AFJROTC Booster President
Erika Bialek, ARHS AFJROTC Booster Vice President
Mary Morris, ARHS AFJROTC Booster Secretary
Scott Wethington, ARHS AFJROTC Booster Treasurer

SC-20081 Instructors:

Col (ret) Jeff Wilkinson
MSgt (ret) Angela Powell
MSgt (ret) Jason Blake
MSgt Justin Carrano

Senior Aerospace Science Instructor
Aerospace Science Instructor
Aerospace Science Instructor
Skillbridge Instructor

2025 Graduates

C/1 st Lt Craig Barger	<i>United States Army</i>
C/2nd Lt Mikayla Benesh	<i>Trident Technical College</i>
C/SrA Gavin Brown	
C/Capt Matthew Compton, Mike Fight Commander	<i>United States Army</i>
C/Maj Grace Cook, Executive Officer Kitty Hawk Honor Society	<i>College of Charelston</i>
C/SSgt Alexa Cox	<i>United States Coast Guard</i>
C/Maj Kaden Daniel, Team Supply OIC	<i>United States Marines Corps</i>
C/A1C Damien Estelle	<i>Culinary Institute of America</i>
C/Col Jaiden Esver, Wing Commander	<i>University of South Carolina</i>
C/Col Olivia Fort, Operations Group Commander/KHHS President Kitty Hawk Honor Society	<i>Trident Technical College</i>
C/Maj Emma Huckabee, Public Affairs (Internal)	<i>United States Air Force</i>
C/Maj Nivea Lewis, Standard & Evaluations Officer	<i>Winthrop University</i>
C/SrA Rachael McGee	
C/SrA Carlos Millan	<i>Trident Technical College</i>
C/Lt Col Oksayanna Minott, Director of Staff Kitty Hawk Honor Society	<i>University of South Carolina</i>
C/TSgt Azalea Prior	
C/TSgt Dylan Reeves	<i>Charleston Southern University</i>
C/Maj Rocco Vincini, Information Management Officer	<i>United States Navy</i>
C/TSgt David Smith, Mike Flight NCOIC	<i>United States Army</i>
C/Major Angel Tra, Public Affairs (External) Kitty Hawk Honor Society	<i>University of North Dakota</i>

AY 2024-2025 Flight Crew

C/Jose Hernandez, Commander C/Evans Sekhem, NCOIC	<i>Alpha</i>
C/Nicholas Jayme, Commander C/Song Nhi (Angie) Tra, NCOIC	<i>Bravo</i>
C/Carlos Infante, Commander C/Joel Wickens, NCOIC	<i>Charlie</i>
C/Craig Duck, Commander C/Connor Jackson, NCOIC	<i>Delta</i>
C/Morris Django, Commander C/Isaiah Cowell (1st sem.) / C/Triston Cox, NCOIC	<i>Echo</i>
C/Ava Norton, Commander C/Payton Mills, NCOIC	<i>Golf</i>
C/Makiyah Kirkman, Commander C/David Chronister, NCOIC	<i>Hotel</i>
C/Nolan Bundrick, Commander C/Bailei Plymel, NCOIC	<i>India</i>
C/Mason Sutton, Commander C/Jacobi Patten, NCOIC	<i>Juliet</i>
C/Kayden Bausch, Commander C/Tyler Birdsong, NCOIC	<i>Kilo</i>
C/Matthew Compton, Commander C/Azalea Prior (1st sem.), /C/Craig Barger (2nd sem.), /C David Smith (2nd sem.) NCOIC	<i>Mike</i>

AY2024-2025 Senior & Command Staff:

Wing Commander	Jaeden Esver
Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant	Amir Huger
Wing Executive Staff Officer	Grace Cook
Operations Group Commander	Olivia Fort
Director of Operations	Mariah Stypula
Squadron 1 Commander	Kota Daniel
Squadron 2 Commander	Tyler Hayes
Standards & Evaluations	Nivea Lewis
Director of Staff	Oksayanna Minott
Logistics Commander	Eunice Lim
Logistics OIC (Supply)	Kaden Daniel
Community Service Officer	Courtney Lamberson
Information Management Officer	Rocco Vicini
Wing Fitness Officer	Amir Huger
Public Affairs (Internal)	Emma Huckabee
Public Affairs (External)	Angel Tra

AY2025-2026 Command Staff:

Wing Commander	Kota Daniel
Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant	Amir Huger
Wing Executive Staff Officer	Jacqueline Quang
Wing Inspector General	Courtney Lamberson
Operations Group Commander	Tyler Hayes
Director of Operations	Brenden Domschine
Squadron 1 Commander	Carlos Infante
Squadron 2 Commander	Jayne Nicholas
Standards & Evaluations	Makiyah Kirkman
Director of Staff	Mariah Stypula
Logistics Commander	Norton Ava
Logistics OIC (Academics, Awards & Decs)	Jose Hernandez
Disciplinary Officer	Aaron Haefner
Community Service Officer	Django Morris
Information Management Officer	Henry Durant
Wing Fitness Officer	Abigail Debney
Public Affairs	Kayden Bausch

2024-2025 Fitness Award Recipients:

Gold

Nolan Bundrick
Connor Cox
Triston Cox
Carlos Infante

Eunice Lim
Katelyn Lim
Corbin May
Jordann Mette

Diego Millan Riera
Kaylee Postell

Silver

Bustos, Floyd
Carpenter, Gregory
David Chronister
Isaiah Cowell
Abigail Debney
Paige Edwards
Jaiden Esver
Aaron Haefner
Lily Karolczek

William Kimmel
Makiyah Kirkman
Courtney Lamberson
Kyle LaTullip
Kaiya Lucas
Trevor Mataya
Ashton McClain
Oksayanna Minott
Django Morris

Jacobi Patten
Bailei Plymel
Yeni M. Ramos
Jack Robinette
Kalli Swanson
Carson Usery
Carla Vilchez
Livy Williams

Bronze

Kayden Bausch
Ryan Bialek
Anne Billker
Tyler Birdsong
Jakob Callaghan
Bryalen Dooley
Ariea Dozier
Paris Falana
Bria Fuller
Caiden Griswold

Tyler Hayes
Anna Howell
Nicholas Jayme
McKenna Kirkland
Melton, Kylie
Moore, Kevin
Nall, Emma
Nall, Steven
Norton, Ava
Giselle Padilla

Michael Silky
David W. Smith
Matthew Stein
Mason Sutton
Angel N. Tra
Song Nhi Tra
Mallorie Wethington
Joel Wickens
Joslynn Wilsey
Christian Zealy

AY2024-2025 Cadet of the Month Recipients

OCTOBER	Jordan Mette	Kaylee Postell
NOVEMBER	Nikolai Payton	Jacqueline Quang
DECEMBER-JANUARY	Ryan Bialek	Avalon Boehler
FEBRUARY	Carla Vilchez	Ephraim Scheefers
MARCH	Abigail Debney	Logan Jordan

AY2024-2025 Honor Flight of the Month Recipients

OCTOBER	Alpha Flight
NOVEMBER	Bravo Flight
DECEMBER	Bravo Flight
FEBRUARY	Bravo Flight
MARCH	Bravo Flight
APRIL	Bravo Flight

AY2024-2025 Flight Crew of the Quarter Recipients

1 st Quarter	Makiyah Kirkman	David Chronister	Hotel Flight
2 nd Quarter	Song Nhi (Angie) Tra	Nicholas Jayme	Bravo Flight
3d Quarter	Makiyah Kirkman	David Chronister	Hotel Flight

AY2024-2025 Scholarship Recipients

Cadet Brandon Jarvis-Mixer Legacy CLC Scholarship	Aidan Martin Sergio Padilla
ARHS AFJROTC Booster Club \$1,000 Scholarships	Olivia Fort Oksayanna Minott
Clark Gracious Fund \$1,000 Scholarship	Angel Tra

National Awards for Presentation:

Air Force Association (AFA) Award. This AFA-sponsored award is presented annually to the outstanding third year cadet. The award recipient must possess/meet the following personal characteristics and eligibility criteria:

- Top 1% of the cadets in a unit in the following areas, academics, leadership, and professionalism.
- Positive attitude (toward AFJROTC and school).
- Outstanding personal appearance (uniform and grooming).
- Display personal attributes such as initiative, judgment, and self-confidence. Courteous demeanor (promptness, obedience, and respect for customs).

Daedalian Award. The Order of Daedalian is a fraternity of commissioned pilots from all military services. It is named after the legendary figure, Daedalus, and was organized by WWI military pilots who sought to perpetuate the spirit of patriotism, love of country, and the high ideals of self-sacrifice which place service to the nation above personal safety and position. This award is offered to encourage the development of these traits in cadets and to interest them in a military career. The medal is fashioned after an ancient Grecian plaque discovered by a Daedalian in the village of Lavadia, Greece and depicts Daedalus and his son Icarus fabricating their legendary wings of wax and feathers. This annual award recognizes one outstanding third-year cadet at each unit that meets the following criteria:

- Demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of patriotism, love of country, and service to the nation.
- Indicate the potential and desire to pursue a military career.
- Rank in the top 10% of their AFJROTC class.
- Rank in the top 20% of their school class.

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Award. This award is presented annually to a fourth-year cadet that meets the following criteria:

- Rank in the top 25% of their AFJROTC class.
- Rank in the top 25% of their high school class.
- Demonstrate qualities of dependability and good character.
- Demonstrate adherence to military discipline.
- Possess leadership ability and a fundamental and patriotic understanding of the importance of JROTC training.

American Legion Scholastic Award. This award is presented annually to one third-or fourth-year cadet based on the cadet's overall scholastic achievements. Each cadet must:

- Rank in the top 10% of the high school class.
- Rank in the top 25% of their AFJROTC class.
- Demonstrate leadership qualities.
- Actively participate in student activities

American Legion General Military Excellence Award. This award is presented annually to one third- or fourth-year cadet based on the cadet's general military excellence. Each cadet must:

- Rank in the top 25% of their AFJROTC class.
- Demonstrate outstanding qualities in military leadership, discipline, character, and citizenship.

Reserve Officers Association (ROA) Award. This award is presented annually for military and academic achievement to an outstanding fourth-year cadet. The recipient must possess individual characteristics contributing to leadership such as:

- Be in the top 10% in the AFJROTC program.
- Be in the top 25% in academic grades.
- Be recognized for having contributed the most to advancing the objectives of the AFJROTC program, which include outstanding dedication to citizenship, knowledge of civic responsibility, military orientation, self-discipline and a sound work ethic.
- Positive attitude toward the AS curriculum.
- Outstanding personal appearance (wear of the uniform, posture, and grooming).
- Attributes of initiative, judgment, and self-confidence.
- Courtesy (promptness, obedience, and respect).
- Growth potential (capacity for responsibility, high productivity, adaptability to change).
- Demonstrate the highest personal, ethical standards & strong positive convictions.

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Award. This award is formerly known as The Retired Officers Association Award. The SASI selects the recipient subject to the final approval of the sponsoring MOAA chapter. This award is presented annually to an outstanding third-year cadet who shows exceptional potential for military leadership. Each cadet must:

- Be a member of the junior class.
- Be in good academic standing.
- Be of high moral character.
- Show a high order of loyalty to the unit, school, and country.
- Show exceptional potential for military leadership.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Award. The SASI selects the recipient subject to the final approval of the sponsoring VFW chapter. This award is presented annually to an outstanding third or fourth-year cadet who is actively engaged in the AFJROTC program and who possesses individual characteristics contributing to leadership. Each cadet must:

- Positive attitude toward the AFJROTC program.
- Must be enrolled as a 10th-12th grade AFJROTC student.
- Must maintain a “B” average in AFJROTC curriculum and a “C” average in all remaining subjects with no failing grades in the previous semester.
- Active in at least one other student extracurricular activity (music, athletics, government, etc.)
- Have outstanding military bearing and conduct.
- Possess strong positive attributes like courtesy, dependability, punctuality, and respect.
- Demonstrate and actively promote patriotism (being a member of the drill and ceremonies team)
- Demonstrate leadership potential

National Society United States Daughters 1812 Award. Awarded annually, at the SASI’s discretion, for academic excellence, leadership, military discipline, dependability, patriotism and upright character in speech and habits.

National Sojourners Award. The SASI selects the recipient subject to the final approval of the sponsoring National Sojourners chapter. This award is presented annually recognizing an outstanding second or third-year cadet who contributed the most to encourage and demonstrate Americanism within the corps of cadets and on campus. Each cadet must:

- Be in the top 25% of their academic class.
- Encourage and demonstrate ideals of Americanism.
- Demonstrate potential for outstanding leadership.

Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction Award. The SASI selects the recipient and requests the award from the nearest Scottish Rite Valley of the Southern Jurisdiction at any time during the calendar year. This award annually recognizes an outstanding third-year cadet in a 4-year program. Each cadet must:

- Contribute the most to encourage Americanism by participation in LDR activities or community projects.
- Demonstrate academic excellence by being in the top 25% of class.
- Demonstrate the qualities of dependability, good character, self-discipline, good citizenship and patriotism.

Military Order of the Purple Heart Award. The SASI selects the recipient and requests the award from the nearest Military Order of the Purple Heart unit. This award annually recognizes an outstanding underclassman (first, second, or third-year cadet), who is enrolled in the AFJROTC program and demonstrates leadership ability. (Seniors are not eligible) Each cadet must:

- Have a positive attitude toward AFJROTC and country.
- Hold a leadership position in the cadet corps.
- Be active in school and community affairs.
- Attain a grade of “B” or better in all subjects for the previous semester.

Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Award. This award recognizes an outstanding third year cadet in a 4-year program who is enrolled in the AFJROTC program. The recipient must exhibit a high degree of leadership, military bearing, and all-around excellence in AS studies and not have previously received the award. Each cadet must:

- Be currently enrolled in the AFJROTC program.
- Be in the top 10% of their AFJROTC class.
- Be in the top 25% of their overall class.

Military Order of World Wars Award. This award is presented annually to an outstanding cadet who has committed to continue the aerospace science program the following school year. Selection is based on outstanding accomplishments or service to the AFJROTC unit.

American Veterans (AMVETS) Award. This award is presented annually to one qualified cadet that possesses individual characteristics contributing to leadership such as:

- A positive attitude toward AFJROTC programs and service in the Air Force.
- Personal appearance (wearing of the uniform, posture, and grooming, but not physical characteristics per se).
- Personal attributes (initiative, dependability, judgment, and self-confidence).
- Officer potential (capacity for responsibility, adaptability, and maintenance of high personal standards).
- Obtained a grade of “A” (or the numerical equivalent) in their AS class.
- Be in good scholastic standing in all classes at the time of selection and presentation.
- Be in the top 10% of the AFJROTC class.
- Demonstrate outstanding qualities in military leadership, discipline, character, and citizenship.

Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) Award. This award recognizes an outstanding third or fourth year cadet. The recipient must demonstrate outstanding qualities in military leadership, discipline, character, and citizenship. Each cadet must:

- Be in the top 10% of the AFJROTC class.
- Demonstrate outstanding qualities in military leadership, discipline, character, and citizenship.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) Award

This award recognizes one deserving cadet annually (may be first, second, third, or fourth year cadet). The recipient must display a high degree of patriotism and have demonstrated a high degree of academic excellence and leadership ability.

Tuskegee Airmen Incorporated (TAI) Air Force JROTC Cadet Award. This award is presented annually to two cadets. Cadets may be first-year, second year, or third-year cadets and must meet the following criteria:

- Attain a grade of “B” or better in their AS class.
- Be in good academic standing.
- Actively participate in cadet corps activities.
- Participate in at least 50% of all unit service programs.

The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA) Award. Awarded annually for exceptional leadership to the most outstanding AFJROTC cadet while serving in an Enlisted Rank. The selected enlisted cadet must have shown outstanding leadership throughout the course of the school year.

The Celebrate Freedom Foundation (CFF) Award. The awards program recognizes 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade students’ enrolled in AFJROTC programs. Cadets must demonstrate the following personal characteristics to be eligible for nomination:

- Outstanding personal appearance (uniform and grooming).
- Display personal attributes such as initiative, judgment and self-confidence.
- Courteous demeanor (promptness, obedience and respect for customs).
- Growth potential (capacity for responsibility, high productivity and adaptability to change).
- Possess the highest personal and ethical standards and strong positive convictions.
- Shows the potential and desire to pursue a military career.
- Rank in the top 5% in his/her AS class with a grade average of A or numerical equivalent.
- Rank in the top 15 % of his/her academic class.
- Demonstrates a positive attitude (toward AFJROTC and school).

Air Commando Association Award. Awarded annually at the SASI’s discretion for completing a one-page essay based on a historical AF Special Operations Mission possessing the 13 critical attributes of success: integrity, self-motivation, intelligence, self-discipline, perseverance, adaptability, maturity, judgment, selflessness, leadership, skilled, physical fitness and family strength.

Marine Corps League JROTC Award

This award may be used to recognize exemplary service above and beyond the service activities performed by the unit of which the cadet(s) is/are a member; or has held a key leadership position and/or directly contributed to the planning, coordination, and implementation of high-profile community service/volunteer project(s).