Suspense Date: May 15, 2027

MEMORANDUM FOR: Junior ROTC (JROTC) Units, High Schools, State of Tennessee

SUBJECT: American Legion Colonel Frederick B. Bowling, **JROTC Cadet of the Year**

Resolution No. 20: **Outstanding Department JROTC Cadet of the Year Program** was passed on October 19, 2000 by The American Legion National Executive Committee (NEC) in Indianapolis, Indiana. Resolution No. 20 encourages The American Legion Departments (state) to establish **Outstanding JROTC Cadet of the Year programs**. This is in **addition** to the current American Legion Awards program where each JROTC unit can recommend cadets for **General Military Excellence** and **Scholastic Excellence Awards.** The criteria for award of both the General Military Excellence and Scholastic Excellence awards can be found in Army Regulation (AR) 145-2 dated 24 February 2000, paragraph 8-12. The **recommendation** for the **Military Excellence** and **Scholastic Excellence** awards should come from the **Senior Instructor** of the respective JROTC unit. **A local American Legion Post purchases the two medals and certificates**. The American Legion, Department of Tennessee recommends that each American Legion Post adopt a local JROTC program. In turn, the JROTC Senior Instructor notifies The American Legion Posts of the individuals recommended to receive the **General Military** and **Scholastic Excellence Awards**. Since the **ROTC Medals** and **Certificates** have to be ordered from Indianapolis, it is recommended the request allow at least **six weeks** lead-time.

Cadets being recommended for the **Colonel Frederick B. Bowling, JROTC Cadet of the Year** must have **already** been **a recipient** of either the American Legion **General Military Excellence** or **Scholastic Excellence Award Medals**. Even though the **General Military Excellence** and **Scholastic Excellence Award Medals** are sponsored by a local American Legion Post, the **Colonel Frederick B. Bowling JROTC Cadet of the Year** will be selected by the **Department of Tennessee Awards Board.**

Recommendations for the **Colonel Frederick B. Bowling JROTC Cadet of the Year** must be received by The American Legion, Department of Tennessee, **318 Donelson Pike**, **Nashville, TN 37214** **no-later-than May 15, 2027.** The cadet selected, as the **Colonel Frederick B. Bowling JROTC Cadet of the Year**, will receive a **$3,000.00 educational scholarship** (details will be made to the winner). **The recommendation must be signed** and **certified to be accurate by the senior JROTC Instructor**.

The American Legion, Department of Tennessee JROTC Cadet of the Year for 2026 was Cadet Emma Brashears who will receive a **$3,000.00** scholarship. See www.tennesseelegion.org under "Youth Programs & Scholarships."

Regards,

Mike Griffin
Adjutant

Copy: American Legion Post Commanders & Post Adjutants, Tennessee

Encl: 1) Recommendation Form for the COL Frederick B. Bowling, JROTC Cadet of the Year Award
2) AR 145-2.24, paragraph 8-12, The American Legion General **Military** & **Scholastic Excellence Medals** (criteria for award of medals)

AMERICAN LEGION JROTC MEDALS CRITERIA

1. **General Military Excellence Award. The cadet must:**

    a. **Be in the top 25 percent of his or her class in academic subjects and Junior ROTC subjects.**
    b. **Have demonstrated outstanding qualities in military leadership, discipline, character and citizenship.**

2. **Scholastic Excellence Award. The cadet must:**

    a. **Be in the top 10 percent of his or her class in academic subjects.**
    b. **Be in the top 25 percent of his or her class in Junior ROTC subjects.**
    c. **Have demonstrated qualities of leadership.**
    d. **Have actively participated in related student activities such as student organizations, constructive activities or sports.**

3. **The head of the JROTC Department, with the school's concurrence, will make award selections.**

4. **Please send Award and Certificate Requests to your local American Legion Post.**

5. **Please coordinate with your local American Legion Post for presentation of awards and certificates.**

6. **Submit the Colonel Frederick B. Bowling, JROTC Cadet of the Year Award directly to The American Legion, Department of Tennessee, 318 Donelson Pike, Nashville, TN 37214 by 15 May 2027. This is a $3,000 Education Scholarship.**

Suspense date: May 15, 2027

American Legion, Colonel Frederick B. Bowling, JROTC Cadet of the Year Scholarship

Date_____

MEMORANDUM FOR: The American Legion, Department of Tennessee,
318 Donelson Pike, Nashville, TN 37214

SUBJECT: American Legion Colonel Frederick B. Bowling, JROTC Cadet of the Year

1. The following cadet has already received either The American Legion Military Excellence or Scholastic Award (AR 145-2, para 8-12 established the criteria for both of these awards):

a. Name (type)_____

b. Name of JROTC Unit (school)_____

c. Has received The American Legion:

ROTC Military Excellence *Medal & Certificate*_____ Year Received_____
Or
ROTC Scholastic Excellence *Medal & Certificate*_____ Year Received_____

Must Include a copy of the "certificate" of the award with this recommendation!

2. Brief comment on the following::

a. JROTC Grades_____

b. Grade Point Average (current)_____

c. Military Leadership_____

d. Academic Leadership_____

e. Academic and Military Honors_____

f. Justification (short paragraph concerning the cadet) Include on a separate sheet and attach to this recommendation. Use separate page for further details.

Recommended and Certified by:

_____
JROTC Senior Instructor/Director
School_____
Address_____
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Enclosure: Justification summary