

I. Procedure

Cadets shall be recognized for outstanding performance throughout the Academy Program. These Cadets will be awarded and acknowledged during the graduation ceremony.

II. Cadet Graduation Awards

A. Special Cadet awards will be awarded for the following:

1. **HONOR CADET:** The best Cadet overall based on the Cadet Ranking System with input from Staff, Instructors, and Cadet Peers.
2. **HIGHEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:** Presented to the Cadet with the highest academic percentage upon completion of the final exam. This is based on written exam scores only (Written quizzes, Tests, block exams, and the final written exam) from the first day of the Academy up to the Final Written Exam.
3. **BEST NOTEBOOK:** Presented to the Cadet with the best notebook. The Academy Staff selects the best notebook at the end of the class term.
4. **PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Presented to the Cadet(s) that have not missed any time during the class term.
5. **OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP:** Presented to the Cadet(s) that have been nominated by their Cadet Peers and approved by Staff and Instructors as consistently providing strong leadership to their fellow Cadets throughout the Academy Program.

III. Quarterly Recognition

A. Most Improved Cadet

The *Most Improved Cadet Certificate* will be issued to the Cadet that has displayed the most improvement in academics, attitude and performance. This certificate will be issued at the end of each Block.

B. Leadership Certificate

The *Leadership Certificate* will be issued to the Cadet who has displayed strong leadership throughout the previous block. The criteria for judging strong leadership can be found in the *VFA Leadership Manual*. This certificate will also be handed out at the end of each block.

C. Helmet stickers and uniform pins

Staff or Instructors may at times award a cadet with a VFA approved helmet sticker or pin for the uniform. Cadets may wear said awards upon presentation from Staff or Instructor.