

JROTC awards

By Mrs. Jenny Taylor
The Rockcastle County High School JROTC held their Eighth Annual Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, May 13 at 4:30 p.m. in the RCHS gymnasium. Individual cadets were recognized for superior achievement, receiving awards from National, State and Local organizations for outstanding performance in academics, athletics and leadership.

The Department of the Army Superior Cadet Award was presented to Cadet Major Adam Stallworth (Company Commander 2002-03); Jessica Toothman, senior, Cory Can-

terbury and Sam Isaacs; the American Legion Award for Military Excellence was awarded to seniors, Cadet First Sergeant Josh Hubbard (Company First Sergeant); the American Legion Award for Scholastic Excellence went to Cadet Executive Officer Justin Cornelius; the Military Order of World Wars went to senior Ross McClure; the Daughters of the American Revolution Award to senior Melissa Jones; the Retired Officers Association Award went to Erik Stallworth; the Eastern Kentucky University Dean's Achievement Award to Ross

McClure; the U.S. Army Recruiting Command JROTC Award to Karen Barber; the Association of the United States Army JROTC Award to Derrick Hensley; the Reserve Officers Association JROTC Award was presented to Shane Foster; the Kentucky Army National Guard Award to Amanda Reed; the Military Order of the Purple Heart was awarded to Justin Richards; the Sons of the American Revolution Award to Sarah Steele; the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Award to Chrystal Valero; and the Non-Commissioned Officers Association Award went to Jesse McCallum.

The Senior Army Instructor Leadership Award was presented by Sergeant Major Keith Taylor to seniors Adam Stallworth, Sarah Steele, Erik Stallworth and Shane Foster. The Distinguished Cadet Award for Scholastic Excellence was presented to Erik Stallworth; the Academic Excellence Award went to Ross McClure, Erik Stallworth, Jessica Toothman and Erika Toothman.

The President's Physical Fitness Awards were awarded to seniors Adam Stallworth and Joe Hubbard. This award is given to those cadets who obtain a minimum of 85% or better on all five events of the test. The National Physical Fitness Awards were presented to: Melissa Jones, Jesse McCallum, Sarah Steele, Erika Toothman, Shane Foster, Josh Bell, Sam Isaacs, Larry Mink, Brandon Bullock and Chris Miller.

RCHS JROTC Certificates of Excellence were awarded to Michael Taylor, Josh Bell, Erika Toothman, Larry Mink, Chad Glovak, Jeff Parker, Andy Coffey, Dustin

Emerson, James Adams, Jason Daniels, David French, Josh Page, Joseph Alcorn and Chris Miller.

The Chain of Command then awarded numerous ribbons to the cadets, recognizing them for personal appearance, proficiency and commendation.

Sergeant Major Keith Taylor then recognized nine of JROTC's finest - "The Scholars," presenting them with their much-deserved plaques of appreciation for four years of dedication, commitment and service to the program. We will miss each and everyone of you.

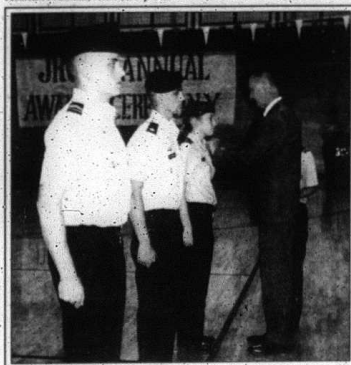
Immediately following the formal awards ceremony, awards were also given to members of the Rifle Team, Drill Team and Raider Team, who have all worked extremely hard for the program, their school and community, making this a successful year.

We would also like to thank those people who gave of their time to support these fine students by presenting the awards: La'ry Hammond, Superintendent, Rockcastle Co. Schools; John Hale, RCHS principal; Barry Noble, assistant principal at RCHS; Mrs. Laura Durham, representing Rockcastle Co. DAR Chapter; Terry Burton, Chairman of the Rockcastle Co. Board of Education; Mrs. Jenny Taylor, JROTC Mom & Staff; Samuel Paitan, secretary of the Lexington Scottish Rite; Renee French, substitute teacher at RCHS and Sgt. First Class Michael Hall, Ky. Army National Guard recruiter.

Our appreciation to the faculty members, staff, parents, family members and friends who showed their support by attending the ceremony. Also, special recognition to Mrs.

Letha Hembree's chorus students: Melinda Lindsey, Traci Parsons, Samantha Anglin, Courtney Hale and Danielle Savage who sang the Na-

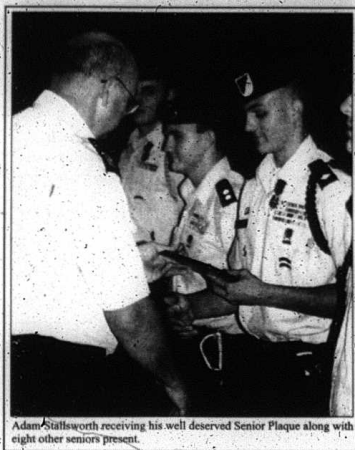
tional Anthem for the ceremony so beautifully. Photos by Jenny Taylor and Pertina Anderkin



Superintendent Larry Hammond presenting Department of the Army Superior Cadet award to Cory Canterbury, Adam Stallworth, Jessica Toothman and Sam Isaacs (not shown)



SGM Keith Taylor presenting the U.S. Army Recruiting Command award to Karen Barber.



Adam Stallworth receiving his well deserved Senior Plaque along with eight other seniors present.

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