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SWVA MOAA CHAPTER PRESENTS 2018 ROTC AND LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The Military Officer's Association of America (MOAA) Southwest Virginia Chapter continued its program in recognizing rising leaders and distinguished ROTC cadets in the area with LTC Robert Habermann, USAR (Ret) leading the effort as Awards Chairman. The Southwest Virginia 2018 Leadership Awards were presented at the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Military Awards Ceremony on 19 April 2018. Many excellent candidates were recommended, but two outstanding and very deserving individuals were ultimately selected.

The Major General Lloyd B. Ramsey Leadership Award selection for 2018 was Cadet Abby L. Houghtling of the Virginia Tech Air Force ROTC program. The General William B. Rosson Leadership Award selection for 2018 was Cadet Matthew W. Van Shufflin of Radford University Army ROTC program. MOAA SWVA Chapter Vice President CDR Lee Ensley, USN (Ret) and Past President LTC James Flynn, USA (Ret) presented the leadership awards for on behalf of the Southwest Virginia Chapter. Additionally, MOAA ROTC Medals were presented to Army Cadet Nathaniel Foote, Navy Cadet Clark Shotwell and Air Force Cadet Carson McKay.

In 2009, the SWVA Chapter of MOAA established two Leadership Awards to be presented to ROTC Cadets at Virginia Tech and Radford University during each academic year. Recipients are to be juniors who will be starting their final year in the coming fall of the academic year. The Leadership Awards were established to recognize the recipients' academic, community service and leadership qualities that demonstrate exceptional potential for military leadership while a member of the Virginia Tech and Radford University ROTC Programs.

The Leadership Awards which are presented at the respective University annual ROTC awards ceremony in the spring of the academic year, carry a monetary award and an appropriate Award Certificate.



(MOAA ROTC MEDALS were presented by Director Emeritus, COL Tom Dalzell, USMC (Ret) from Left to right: Navy Cadet Clark Shotwell, Air Force Cadet Carson McKay and Army Cadet Nathaniel Foote).



(LEADERSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION Left to right: MOAA SWVA Vice President CDR Lee Ensley USN (Ret), Army Cadet Matthew W. Van Shufflin, recipient of the General William B. Rosson Leadership Award; Air Force Cadet Abby L. Houghtling, recipient of the Major General Lloyd B. Ramsey Leadership Award and MOAA Past President LTC James T. Flynn, Jr. USA (Ret).
