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Decorations, Awards, and Honors

ARMOR LEADERSHIP AWARD

Summary. This regulation provides guidance on the administration of the Draper Armor Leadership Fund and accountability for the symbol of the Draper Armor Leadership Award, "The Goodrich Riding Trophy."

1. Purpose. This regulation assigns responsibility and prescribes procedures for the Draper Armor Leadership Award.
2. Scope. The Armor Branch utilizes the Draper Armor Leadership Award to promote, sustain, and recognize effective leadership in armor/cavalry units. An indentured trust finances the Draper Combat Leadership Trust Fund.
3. Applicability. This regulation applies to armor/cavalry units in the Active Army, Army National Guard, and US Army Reserve.
4. Responsibilities. The Commanding General (CG), US Army Armor Center and Fort Knox (USAARMC) administers the Draper Combat Leadership Trust Fund under the terms of the Indenture Trust. The CG administers the fund as a Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentality per AR 215-1, Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Activities, 29 Feb 95.
 - a. The Office of the Chief of Armor (OCA) maintains property associated with the Draper Leadership Award, maintains the Draper Fund, and provides the CG, USAARMC with an annual status of the Draper Fund. OCA operates the Draper Leadership Program in accordance with the intent of the indentured trust.
 - b. The commanders of each armored and infantry division, cavalry regiment, and separate armored brigade of the Active Army annually select the most outstanding armor/cavalry company/troop within their command (per paragraph 6 below).
 - c. The commanders of each armored and infantry division, cavalry regiment, and separate armored brigade of the US Army Reserve and National Guard annually select the most outstanding armor/cavalry Reserve/National Guard company/troop within their command (per paragraph 6 below).

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d. The CG, USAARMC establishes criteria for the awarding of individual awards as outlined in the Draper Armor Leadership Award SOP.

5. Eligibility.

a. Companies/troops of armor and cavalry are the only types of units eligible for the award. Air cavalry, attack helicopter, mechanized infantry, combat support, and combat service support units are not eligible. Unit commanders must submit requests for a waiver to the eligibility requirements to the Custodian, Draper Armor Leadership Fund for research. The custodian will then forward the request to the Chief of Armor for decision.

b. The Draper Armor Leadership Award SOP outlines individual awards eligibility.

6. Selection procedures.

a. Commanders will base selections for unit awards on the overall performance of the organization throughout the evaluation period and will conduct the evaluation in such a way that will preclude the need for additional records and/or additional tactical exercises. Commanders may wish to consider the factors listed below when evaluating units and may assign suitable weights to these factors; they may exclude those that do not apply and add others that do.

(1) Unit records and reports, major accomplishments, and performance as observed by the commander and staff.

(2) Other records and reports applicable to the type of unit. Some examples are evaluation of Army Training and Evaluation Programs (ARTEPs), weapons firing/qualification (personal and crew), annual active duty for training and drill attendance, related records, reports, and test/evaluation results.

(3) Unit's major accomplishments reported by the commander during the calendar year.

(4) Recommendations of commander's staff and senior unit advisor. The staff may base their recommendation on observation of the unit's military courtesy and discipline, unit esprit, condition of barracks, dayroom and dining facility, supply and personnel economy, energy conservation, equal opportunity program, unit maintenance program, and community relations.

b. The Draper Armor Leadership Award SOP outlines selection criteria for individual awards.

7. Unit award. The recommending unit will forward the name(s) of the officer(s) who commanded the unit for a substantial part of the year and the name(s) of the unit's First Sergeant along with dates they were in command/1SG, plus the unit's designation to the Custodian,

Draper Armor Leadership Award, USAARMC, ATZK-AR, Fort Knox, KY 40121-2720. The unit will accomplish this within 90 days following the completion of the evaluation period.

8. Individual Awards. The Draper Armor Leadership Trust Fund provides individual awards to selected individuals of the US Army Armor School as outlined in the Draper Armor Leadership SOP. These awards are based on demonstrated professional expertise and leadership during the evaluation period. Only Armor Branch officers or enlisted Soldiers of the US Army are eligible for this award. Other branches of service are not eligible.

9. Commander Awards. The Draper Armor Leadership Trust Fund provides a Commander's Award to Armor Branch Officers and Command Sergeants Major upon selection to command positions within an armor or cavalry battalion, squadron, brigade or regiment.

10. Other awards. The Draper Armor Leadership Trust Fund may grant additional awards not covered in this regulation provided they fall within the intent of the Draper Trust and are approved by the Draper Council.

11. Accountability.

a. The Goodrich Riding Trophy remains the property of the Draper Armor Leadership Fund for the duration of the fund's existence. The Draper Armor Leadership Trust Fund entrusts the Goodrich Riding Trophy to the care of the receiving unit until the unit is reflagged, inactivated, or has no unit eligible to compete in the award program. Should a unit fit one of these categories, the unit must return the Goodrich Riding Trophy to the Custodian, Draper Armor Leadership Fund, at the address shown in paragraph 12 below.

b. Separate units that won the Draper Armor Leadership Award the previous year and relinquish the title, must mail the Goodrich Riding Trophy to the address shown in paragraph 12 below. The Draper Armor Leadership Trust Fund will distribute the Goodrich Riding Trophy to the new winning unit.

c. The Draper Armor Leadership Trust Fund will absorb all costs associated with shipping or transport of the Goodrich Riding Trophy.

d. Annually, units will submit a written accountability report to the Custodian, Draper Armor Leadership Fund with the following information: physical location of the Goodrich Riding Trophy, serial number, unit address (to include street, building, and room number if applicable), unit telephone number (DSN and commercial), and point of contact to include email address.

12. Administrative procedures. Unit commanders will submit requests for awards to the Custodian, Draper Armor Leadership Fund, USAARMC, ATZK-AR, Fort Knox, 40121-2720. Send any correspondence or inquiries concerning the trophy or other awards mentioned in the

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Fort Knox Regulation to the custodian. The custodian can also be reached by telephone at DSN 464-1439/5155 or commercial (502) 624-1439/5155; FAX number DSN 464-7585 or commercial (502) 624-7585.

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