

Col. Sam Bloch, Jr., Staff Sgt. Robert E. Lee, Cpl. Adam J. Fiedler, and Private Earl T. Berry at the President's Day Parade.

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ROTC Cadets Receive Awards At Annual President's Day Parade

The Washington and Lee ROTC Department held its annual President's Day parade on Wednesday, May 9. Ribbons and medals for military excellence were awarded to 16 ROTC students. Dean William W. Pusey of the College and Dean Charles P. Light of the Law School made the presentations and reviewed the 310-man cadet corps in the absence of Washington and Lee President Fred C. Cole.

The Army Superior Cadet Ribbon was given to the top man in each of the four ROTC classes. Cadet Commander Col. Samuel A. Bloch, Jr., Gadsden, Ala.; Staff Sgt. Robert E. Lee, Washington, D.C.; Cpl. Adam J. Fiedler, Baltimore, Md.; and Pvt. Earl T. Berry, Chase City, Va.; were recipients of these ribbons in Wednesday's ceremonies.

Superior cadet awards are awarded annually on the basis of outstanding leadership, scholastic achievement, and proficiency in military training.

Other Awards

Other student awards announced by Lt. Col. Jack P. Burch, head of the Washington and Lee military science department, included the following.

The Association of the United States Army Gold Medal recognized Frank W. Wright, Blacksburg, Va., for superior leadership ability. The Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution Medal was presented to Lt. Col. Thomas D. Edwards, Montgomery, Ala.; Lt. Col. Arthur Portnoy, Warrenton, Va.; Maj. Richard Albert, III, Tulsa, Okla.; and Maj. Sherwood W. Wise, Jr., Jackson, Miss.

Reserve Officers Association Medal

The Reserve Officers Association of the United States Medal—William E. Smith Jr., Birmingham, Ala.; Staff Sgt. Leslie C. Rucker, Jr., Arlington, Va.; and Cpl. Robert B. Patterson, Springfield, Ohio.

The Chicago Tribune Gold Medal was awarded to Lt. Col. Henry H. Knight, II, Nicholasville, Kentucky; and Staff Sgt. Frederick J. Krall, Kendallville, Ind. The Silver Medal went to William F. C. Skinner, Jr., Richmond, Va.; and Thomas R. Hynstrom, St. Louis, Mo.