

# Promotions

We understand that the whole promotion cycle is new to many of you, so here are some guidelines:

**CYCLE:** There are three opportunities a year to be promoted: September, January and April. The January promotion is where new cadets receive their Class A uniform coat. For Seniors, January is the LAST promotion they'll receive in this program.

**RIBBONS:** New cadets can apply for the following ribbons at any time they meet the requirements. They should use the Ribbon Application:

- Activities – available once they have attended a minimum of 3 JROTC activities outside the regular class period (i.e. the Airshow at Nellis AFB).
- Service – they must complete the requirements for the Activities ribbon above, plus participate in at least two JROTC service opportunities
- Recruiting – if they convince a minimum of 3 students to join JROTC, they can apply for this ribbon.
- Other ribbons are given later in the year and come from the recommendation of SMSgt Thomas and Colonel Whicker. A complete list of ribbons are [here](#).

**NEW CADETS:** Most new cadets are not promoted in September, mainly because they have not yet had sufficient opportunity to demonstrate a reason to be promoted. However, there are three exceptions to that rule:

- Cadets who memorize and pass off the Cadet [Code of Conduct](#) can receive their first “stripe” (i.e. promotion) in September.
- Cadets who attended either Summer Leadership at Camp Williams or the Orientation Week in August will receive their first promotion in September, setting them ahead of their peers early.

**AWARDS:** Please also be aware that we have an extensive awards program. Most of those are given out at our annual National Awards Ceremony, scheduled this year on Friday evening, 4 May 2012. We also have a Cadet of the Quarter program, where the selected cadet gets to wear a distinguishing braid on the shoulder of their uniform.

**UNIFORMS:** Cadets should be especially vigilant about wearing the proper uniform, with proper [haircuts](#), on promotion days. I will not promote a cadet who is out of uniform!

**NAME TAGS:** Blue name tags are issued to new cadets during the September promotion, so even if a cadet is not getting promoted, they will receive their name tag. Silver name tags are issued for wear with the Class A service coat during the January promotion cycle.

**NOTE: PARENTS ARE INVITED TO OUR PROMOTION CEREMONIES. BRING YOUR CAMERA, and BE PREPARED TO PIN ON YOUR CHILD'S NEW RANK/RIBBON/NAME TAG. PLEASE ARRIVE AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:**

- Period 1A: 8:30 a.m. (Lecture Hall 100 - 1st floor of the main school building)
- Period 2A: 9:45 a.m. (JROTC Room 2)
- Period 5B: 8:30 a.m. (Lecture Hall 100)
- Period 6B: 9:45 a.m. (JROTC Room 2)
- Period 8B: 1:30 p.m. (Lecture Hall 100)