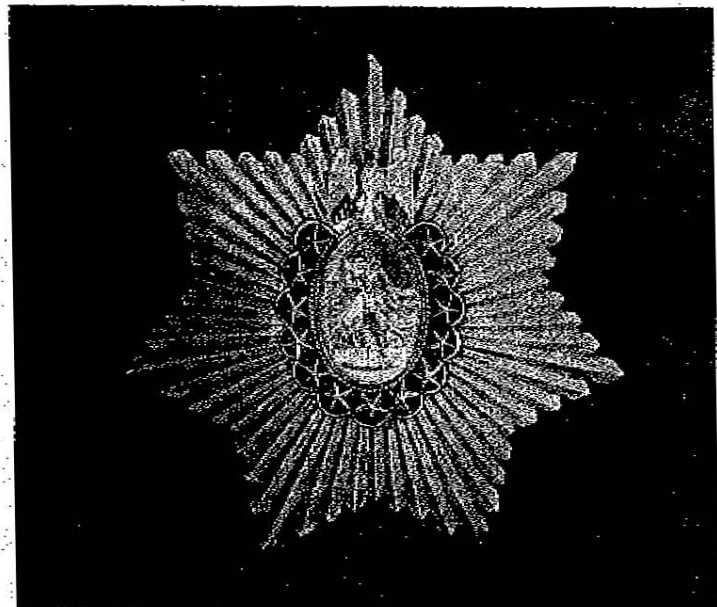


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This insignia of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution, called "The President's Star," is owned by the General Society, Sons of the Revolution and has traditionally been worn by the General President. It has been missing for several years. If you know where it can be found, please contact General President Thomas Darlington as soon as possible.

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Oldest Military Award at West Point



The Knox Trophy

PRESENTED TO THE CORPS OF CADETS of the United States Military Academy by the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York on October 8, 1910, the Knox Trophy, named after Gen. Henry Knox, is the Academy's oldest military award. It is presented annually to the cadet with the highest efficiency rating.

The winners have been:

1911	Benjamin Curtis Lockwood, Jr.	1932	John Paul McConnell
1912	William Dean	1933	Kenneth B. Fields
1913	David Edward Cain	1934	John De P. Townsend Hills
1914	James Bell Cress	1935	Herbert Caran Gee
1915	Roscoe Barnett Woodruff	1936	William Childs Westmoreland
1916	Raymond George Moses	1937	Stanley Lowell Smith
1917	Robert Marks Bathurst	1938	Harold Killian Kelley
1918	John Thornton Knight, Jr.	1939	James Lewis Cantrell
1919	Hugh Ambrose Murrill, Jr.	1940	John Finzer Presnell, Jr.
1920	Howard Louis Peckham	1941	John Norton
1921	George Hamden Otmsted	1942	Carl Columbus Hinkle, Jr.
1922	Charles Joseph Barrett	1943*	James Edward Kelleher
1923	Hugh Wagner Downing	1943†	Bernard William Rogers
1924	Robert Vernon Lee	1944	John Holloway Cushman
1925	Charles Eskridge Saltzman	1945	Robert Evans Woods
1926	Raymond Coleman Maude	1946	Amos Azariah Jordan, Jr.
1927	Charles Edward Martin	1947	William Jackson Schuder
1928	James Elbert Briggs		
1929	Bruce Douglas Rindlaub		
1930	Ralph Powell Swofford, Jr.		
1931	John Knight Waters		

* Class of January, 1943

† Class of June, 1943

1948	Arnold Webb Braswell	1968	John Lathrop Throckmorton, Jr.
1949	Harry Augustus Griffith	1969	Robert Henry Baldwin, Jr.
1950	John Michael Murphy	1970	John Thomas Connors
1951	William Joseph Ryan	1971	Thomas Alan Fyrr
1952	Gordon David Carpenter	1972	Robert Lewis Van Antwerp, Jr.
1953	Robert Erwin Barton	1973	Joseph Phillips Tallman
1954	John Chapman Bard	1974	Jack Edward Pattison
1955	Lee Donne Olvey	1975	James Kevin Abtewer
1956	Robert Gordon Farris	1976	Richard Morales, Jr.
1957	William Thomas Huckabee III	1977	Kenneth Franklin Miller
1958	Robert Francis Durkin	1978	James Allen Hoffman II
1959	Peter Miller Dawkins	1979	John Joseph Cook III
1960	Charles Paddock Otstott	1980	Vincent Keith Brooks
1961	Harold Michael Hannon	1981	Stanley Raymond March
1962	James Raiford Ellis	1982	John William Nicholson, Jr.
1963	Richard Everett Eckert	1983	Lawrence John Kinde
1964	Richard Allen Chilcoal	1984	William Edward Rapp
1965	Carl Robert Arvin	1985	Brian Lawrence Dosa
1966	Norman Elliott Fretwell	1986	Timothy Alan Knight
1967	Jack Bruce Wood	1987	John Kai Tien, Jr.

Four of the Knox Trophy recipients became four-star generals. Gen. Waters served as Commander-in-Chief of the Army of the Pacific and was Commandant of the USMA. Gen. McConnell was Chief of Staff of the Air Force. Gen. Westmoreland was Chief of Staff of the Army and Superintendent of the USMA. Gen. Rogers was also Chief of Staff of the Army and Commandant of the USMA. Three winners are currently stationed at West Point: Col. Olvey heads the Department of Social Sciences; LTC Throckmorton is USMA Treasurer, and LTC Baldwin is a permanent professor in the Department of Social Studies. As the nation's outstanding college athlete, halfback Pete Dawkins also won the Heisman Trophy in 1958.

The original Knox Trophy is kept on display in the office of the USMA Commandant. In the 1960's it became completely filled with names of recipients. Since then winners have been given six-inch silver Revere bowls as keepsakes, inscribed as follows:

THE KNOX TROPHY

PRESENTED TO

[NAME]

USMA [DATE]

SONS OF THE REVOLUTION
IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK

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The Annapolis Cup will be featured in the next
issue of *Flintlock & Powderhorn*.

presented by the
Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York
October 8 1910
to the
Corps of Cadets
U.S. Military Academy
as a
Trophy

on which to inscribe each year the name of the cadet having the highest
Military Efficiency

4922 BG 1911 -- Benjamin C. (Curtis) Lockwood, Jr.
1912 -- William Dean
80105T Fdthm 1913 -- David Edward Cain
5202 MG 1914 -- James Bell Cress
5368 MG 1915 -- Roscoe Barnett Woodruff
5478 BG 1916 -- Raymond George Moses
10606 April 1917 -- Robert Marks Bathurst
170 Aug 1917 1918 -- John Thornton Knight, Jr.
27 June 1918 1919 -- Hugh Ambrose Murrill, ~~1919~~
1920 -- Howard Louis Peckham
MG 1922 1921 -- G. (George) H. (Hamden) Olmsted
28 BG 1922 -- C. (Charles) J. (Joseph) Barrett
1923 -- H. (Hugh) W. (Wagner) Downing
7225 MG 1924 -- R. (Robert) V. (Vernon) Lee
1629 MG 1925 -- C. (Charles) E. (Eskridge) Saltzman
1882 MG 1926 -- R. (Raymond) C. (Coleman) Maude
1091 MG 1927 -- C. (Charles) E. (Edward) Martin
256 LTG 1928 -- J. (James) E. (Elbert) Briggs, *Lieut & Fdthm*
506 BG 1929 -- B. (Bruce) B. (Douglas) Rindlaub
1792 LTG 1930 -- R. (Ralph) P. (Powell) Swofford (Dr.)
1125 GEN 1931 -- J. (John) K. (Knight) Waters
398 GEN 1932 -- J. (John) P. (Paul) McConnell
586 BG 1933 -- K. (Kenneth) E. Fields
0026 COL 1934 -- J. (John) De P. T. (Townsend) Hills
0190 LTC 1935 -- H. (Herbert) C. (Caran) Gee
571 GEN 1936 -- W. (William) C. (Childs) Westmoreland
0972 CPT 1937 -- S. (Stanley) L. (Lowell) Smith, *1566A*
1647 BG 1938 -- H. (Harold) K. (Killian) Kelley
1355 COL 1939 -- J. (James) L. (Lewis) Cantrell
1945 died 1940 -- J. (John) F. (Finzer) Presnell, Jr.
117 LTG 1941 -- John Norton
849 COL 1942 -- Carl C. (Columbus) Hinkle, Jr.
120 COL Jan 1943 -- James E. (Edward) Kelleher
9 GEN Jun 1943 -- Bernard W. (William) Rogers
72 LTG 1944 -- John H. (Holloway) Cushman
94 LT 1945 -- Robert Evans Woods
9 BG 1946 -- Amos A. (Azariah) Jordan, Jr.
5 COL 1947 -- William J. (Jackson) Schuder
176 LTG 1948 -- Arnold Webb Braswell
789 MG 1949 -- Harry A. (Augustus) Griffith

4. GEN
6. LTG
10. MG

17802 LTC1950 -- John M. (Michael) Murphy
 18223 Col1951 -- William J. (Joseph) Ryan
 18668 2, 1952 -- Gordon D. (David) Carpenter
 19057 Col1953 -- Robert E. (Erwin) Barton
 19532 06 1954 -- John C. (Chapman) Bard • *Colt*
 20164 Col1955 -- Lee D. (Donne) Olvey
 20694 LT1956 -- Robert G. (Gordon) Farris
 21374 LT1957 -- William T. (Thomas) Huckabee III
 21789 LTC1958 -- Robert F. (Francis) Durkin
 22242 06 1959 -- Peter M. (Miller) Dawkins
 22732 LTC1960 -- Charles P. (Paddock) Otstott
 23346 LTC1961 -- Harold Michael Hannon
 3229 LTC1962 -- James R. (Raiford) Ellis
 4270 LTC1963 -- Richard E. (Everett) Eckert
 5103 LTC1964 -- Richard A. (Allen) Chilcoat
 5529 LTC1965 -- C. (Carl) Robert Arvin
 6762 CPT1966 -- Norman E. (Elliott) Fretwell
 6708 Maj1967 -- Jack Bruce Wood
 7225 CPT1968 -- John Lathrop Throckmorton, Jr.
 7944 CPT1969 -- Robert H. (Henry) Baldwin, Jr.
 7994 CPT1970 -- John T. (Thomas) Connors
 608 CPT1971 -- Thomas A. (Alan) Pyrz
 7275 CPT1972 -- Robert L. (Lewis) Van Antwerp, Jr.
 1085 CPT1973 -- Joseph P. (Phillips) Tallman
 2733 CPT1974 -- Jack E. (Edward) Pattison
 945 1975 -- James K. (Kevin) Abcouwer
 294 LT1976 -- Richard Morales, Jr.
 561 3 1977 -- Kenneth F. (Franklin) Miller
 5651 1978 -- James A. (Allen) Hoffman (II)
 403 1979 -- John J. (Joseph) Cook III
 6247 1980 -- Vincent K. (Keith) Brooks
 1981 -- Stanley R. (Raymond) March
 1982 -- John W. (William) Nicholson, Jr.
 1983 -- Lawrence J. (John) Kinde
 1984 -- William E. (Edward) Rapp
 1985 -- Brian L. (Lawrence) Dosa
 1986 -- Timothy A. (Alan) Knight
 1987 -- John K. (Kai) Tien, Jr.

April 22, 1987

Administrative Services Branch

Sons of the Revolution in the
State of New York, Fraunces Tavern
ATTN: Mr. Goler
54 Pearl Street, Corner of Broad Street
New York, New York 10004

Dear Mr. Goler:

In response to your telephone inquiry of April 14, enclosed is the list, by year, of the Knox Trophy winners. The names are typed as they are engraved on the Trophy. The full name of the winner has been added, where appropriate, for your information.

The Knox Trophy was presented to the United States Corps of Cadets at the United States Military Academy on October 8, 1910. The Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York established the award, in honor of Henry Knox, first Secretary of War, to acknowledge the cadet having the highest military efficiency.

The original Knox Trophy is kept on permanent display in the Office of the Commandant at West Point. Each winner's name is inscribed on the Trophy for the year he received the honor. Our file dates only to the early 1960's, and since that time each winner has also received a 6-inch silver Paul Revere bowl as a keepsake. The inscription on the miniature bowl reads:

THE KNOX TROPHY
presented to
(name)
USMA 19??
Sons of the Revolution
in the State of New York

Until sometime in the 1970's, the date of graduation was inscribed on the miniature bowl rather than "USMA 19??."

In 1978, the Commandant requested that the Knox Trophy be presented to the Brigade Executive Officer. There was no established award for that position at the time. But in 1979, the Knox Trophy was again awarded to the cadet with the highest military efficiency. (An award was established in 1981 to acknowledge the Brigade Executive Officer.)

I am only aware of three Knox Trophy recipients currently stationed at West Point. The 1955 winner, Colonel Lee D. Olvey, is the Head of the Department of Social Sciences; the 1968 recipient, LTC John L. Throckmorton, Jr., is the Treasurer for the United States Military Academy; and the 1969 winner, LTC Robert H. Baldwin, Jr., is a permanent professor in the Department of Social Sciences.

I hope this information is helpful to you. Please contact me at 914-938-3402 or Mrs. Treacy at 914-938-4894, if we can be of further assistance.

Best wishes from West Point.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Currey
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
Graduation Project Officer

Enclosure