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Squadron 5 marches in the Fall Review earlier this semester.

Ceremony honors Corps upperclassmen

Fall Review will recognize 14 juniors and seniors in the Corps of Cadets this evening.

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The Texas A&M Corps of Cadets will march to Simpson Drill Field Friday for their Fall Review, and the Corps will recognize 14 outstanding junior and senior cadets.

The review will begin at 5 p.m., and the 14 cadets will receive the Cain Boot and Sabre Awards, which are monetary awards totaling nearly \$11,000.

Retired Sgt. Maj. George Thomas, Corps area coordinator, said cadets are nominated for the awards internally by Corps band members and each individual ROTC program.

Tyson Voelkel, Corps commander, said the review is an opportunity to recognize students within the Corps who have done an exceptional job in different areas.

"This is the experience of a lifetime," Voelkel said.

Award recipients will march in front of the rest of the Corps and be presented the awards in a drill ceremony.

Lt. Col. Jake Betty, Corps tactical training officer, said this is a chance for the Corps to showcase itself realistically.

The Corps Commander traditionally leads the Corps during all reviews, but Voelkel and John Warren, Deputy Corps Commander, are both receiving awards. The Corps Adjutant Mark Diezi, a junior agricultural economics major, is next in line to lead the review and will take over duties of the commander.

"This gives Diezi a chance to do something he otherwise might have never gotten to do," Betty said.

Another change for Fall Review is the day it will be held, which has traditionally been on Thursday.

"Since it is a home game this weekend, we wanted more people to be able to see the review, like parents and grandparents," Betty said. "The only [review] parents usually see is Parents' Weekend Review and Final Review."

Thomas said Fall Review also gives cadets going into the military good practical experience.

"Cadets become familiar and get accustomed to the tradition since all military branches have it," he said.

The Corps previously held reviews once a week, but with cadets' schedules, Thomas said, there was not enough time to get everyone together.

Former A&M cadets to receive lifetime achievement awards

The Corps Hall of Honor will receive four new members Saturday.

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The lifetime achievements of four former cadets will be honored as they join the ranks of 12 other men in the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets Hall of Honor.

The Corps will induct four new men at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Sam Houston Sanders Corps Center.

The recipients are the late Gen. Otto P. "Opie" Weyland, Class of '23; Col. George J. Eppright, Class of '26; Jack Finney, Class of '38; and Bernard C. Richardson, Class of '41.

Former cadets are nominated by family or friends, and a separate committee decides who is inducted.

Lt. Col. Buck Henderson, chief of Corps center operations, said the hall recognizes former cadets for what they have done for their country and community.

Weyland graduated with a mechanical engineering degree and served as an Air Force officer for 35 years. He became Texas

A&M's first four-star general and was recognized as an A&M distinguished alumni in 1976.

After retiring to Pebble Beach, Calif., he served as a consultant and director for several corporations and institutes.

Eppright graduated with a degree in electrical engineering and lives in Manor, Texas. After graduation he received a commission in the Army Air Corps where he served as second lieutenant and received the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Upon retiring from the Air Force, he moved to Manor and began farming and ranching in Travis County. Eppright is a member of the 12th Man Foundation and supporter of the Corps of Cadets. An A&M residence hall is also named in his honor.

Finney graduated with a business administration degree and started several entrepreneurial businesses including a wholesale bakery and a construction company.

President Eisenhower was impressed with Finney's entrepreneurial skills and appointed him as one of the first directors of the Small Business Administration. In 1953, he was the youngest person ever appointed to the Texas A&M Board of Regents.

Finney is also a supporter of the Corps of Cadets, Athletic Department and the Department of Oceanography, and he was recognized as a distinguished alumni in 1992.

After graduating with a petroleum engineering degree and an army lieutenant's commission, Richardson joined the service in World War II. Richardson served as a first lieutenant in Europe and participated in seven campaigns, including combat in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany where he earned the bronze star.

After the war, he began the leading automobile parts dealership in Houston, where he still lives.

Tyson Voelkel, Corps commander, said these former students' devotion to serving their country and others is what all cadets should strive to achieve.

"We honor these Aggies for exemplary leadership of their state and nation," Voelkel said.

Sgt. Major George Thomas, Corps area coordinator, said this is one of the Corps' best honors.

"A lot of graduates have done things for the country, and this a neat way to honor them," Thomas said.

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