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This is a complete revision of AR 672-73 to include attack helicopter and air cavalry units as being eligible for the award. Local supplementation of this regulation is prohibited except upon approval of the HQDA (DAPC-MSS-A), 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332.

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1. Scope and applicability. *a.* By an Indenture of Trust, a fund was established from which certain moneys are made available annually to promote combat unit leadership in the Armor Branch of the United States Army. This fund is known as the Draper Combat Leadership Trust Fund.

b. This regulation is applicable to the Active Army, Army National Guard, and US Army Reserve.

2. Responsibility. Commander, United States Army Training and Doctrine Command will administer the Draper Combat Leadership Trust Fund as a Category VIII Supplemental Mission Service Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentality under the provisions of chapter 1, AR 230-1, and within the spirit and intent of the terms of the Indenture of Trust pertaining thereto.

3. Unit awards. *a.* The purpose of the Draper Award is to promote and perpetuate leadership in armor/cavalry units. Units may be battalion, squadron, company, troop, or platoon size at discretion of division, cavalry regiment, separate brigade, or armor group commander. The commander of each armored and infantry division, cavalry regiment, separate armored brigade (including mechanized brigade), and armor group of the Active Army, Army National Guard and United States Army Reserve will select annually from his command the outstanding tank or cavalry unit, to include attack helicopter and air

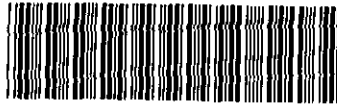
cavalry units. Mechanized infantry units may compete at discretion of division, cavalry regiment, separate brigade and armor group commanders. Competition will be limited to these types of units. Combat support, combat service support, and headquarters units are not eligible to compete. The objective of this program is to recognize leadership as demonstrated through effective unit performance. Selection will be based on the total performance of the organization over the calendar year with a view towards recognizing the leadership of the commander(s) of that unit during the evaluated period.

b. Selection will be accomplished in such a manner as to preclude the necessity for maintaining additional records or conducting additional tactical exercises for the purpose of such selection. Listed below are some factors that may be used to evaluate each unit. The list is not complete nor must it be followed. Commanders may elect to assign weights to these factors as considered appropriate for the command. The commander may use additional factors or eliminate those not considered appropriate as listed below:

(1) Selection may be based on records and reports, major accomplishments of the unit, and observation of unit performance by the commander and his staff conducting the competition.

(2) The following records and reports when appropriate to the type unit being evaluated may

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be considered: Evaluations of ARTEP's, weapons firing, SQT qualifications, annual active duty for training and Reserve duty attendance, and other such records, reports, and results of testings and evaluations as deemed appropriate by the commander.

(3) Major accomplishments of the unit during the calendar year as reported by the unit commanders may be considered.

(4) The staff of the commander conducting the evaluation and the Senior Unit Advisor when appropriate, may submit recommendations based upon observation of the unit being evaluated in such areas as military courtesy and discipline; unit esprit; condition of barracks, dayroom and dining facility; supply and personnel economy; energy conservation; equal opportunity program; and community relations.

c. From the Trust Fund, the Commanding General, United States Army Training and Doctrine Command will provide a replica of the Goodrich Riding Trophy to the units indicated in *a* above. This trophy will be rotated annually to the winner of the competition in each command.

d. The name(s) of the officer(s) who commanded the outstanding unit for any substantial period of the year and who contributed substantially to the performance of the selected organization will be included on the base of the trophy together with the winning unit designation. The officer's

name(s) and winning unit will be forwarded to the Custodian, Draper Combat Leadership Trust Fund, US Army Armor School, Fort Knox, KY 40121 by 31 March of the following year.

4. Individual awards. From the moneys available, the Commanding General, United States Army Training and Doctrine Command, may also provide individual trophies or awards to selected students of the US Army Armor School upon their graduation, based upon demonstrated professional proficiency and leadership.

5. Other awards. From any remaining moneys, the Commanding General, United States Army Training and Doctrine Command, may make other awards to individuals and units within the spirit and intent of the original Indenture of Trust.

6. Administrative procedure. *a.* Presentation of the Goodrich Riding Trophy to units indicated in paragraph 3 will be made on request to the Custodian, Draper Combat Leadership Trust Fund, US Army Armor School, Fort Knox, KY 40121. Commanders concerned will provide the custodian with proper receipt.

b. Correspondence or queries concerning the trophy or other awards mentioned herein will be addressed to the custodian.

7. Presentation. Each award will be presented at an appropriate ceremony.

The proponent agency of this regulation is the US Army Military Personnel Center. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) direct to HQDA (DAPC-MSS-A), Alexandria, VA 22332.

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