

**UNITED STATES ARMY FINANCE CORPS (FC) REGIMENTAL,
ASSOCIATION AWARDS
MEMORANDUM OF INSTRUCTION**

1. **Reference.** AR 870-21, The U.S. Army Regimental System.
2. **Purpose.** This MOI (**effective 1 June 2018**) outlines the criteria and procedures for United States Army Finance Corps (FC) Regimental, Finance Corps Association (FCA), and Finance and Comptroller School Award selection and nomination.
3. **Background.** There are three common award recognitions in the Finance Corps: Hall of Fame (HOF), BG Robert C. Goetz Medallion, and MG Nathan Towson Medallion. Additionally, there are five Finance and Comptroller School institutional leadership awards: LTC Lewis L. Hawkins, MG Emmitt J. Bean, CSM Paul L. Morrissette, CSM Robert W. Johns and CSM Daisy C. Brown. This MOI will explain each award and the associated selection criteria.
4. **Hall of Fame.**
 - a. Established by the FCA on 31 August 2016 to recognize individuals that have made positive and lasting contributions to the Finance Corps. HOF inductees are automatically selected and recognized as a Goetz Medallion recipient.
 - b. HOF Criteria.
 - (1) FCA Lifetime membership is required. Must have had lifetime membership status for three years prior to the year being considered for the award to be eligible for nomination.
 - (2) All Army components – former senior commissioned officers, senior noncommissioned officers, or senior civilians with prior Finance Regimental Affiliation.
 - (3) Retired with 26 Years or more of honorable service. If the submitting individual requests exception and provides ample justification, the selection board has the option to waive this requirement.
 - (4) Select Killed in Action (KIA) Soldiers (upon their demise with an unblemished record).
 - c. Selection Board Composition.
 - (1) Finance Corps General Officer (GO) Board of Directors (BOD) and CSM/SGM Board of Advisors (BOA), the FCA President, and the CSM of the Finance Corps. The voting process is electronic.

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(2) One-hundred percent (100%) of the board voters must vote in the affirmative for approval of this award.

(3) If a member votes no, he or she must provide justification to the FCA president. Each justification is reviewed by the FCA president.

(4) After reviewing any no vote justification, the FCA President may request a re-vote by the board.

5. BG Robert C. Goetz Medallion.

a. Established by the FCA on 26 March 1999 to recognize individuals of unparalleled leadership and strategic vision: individual must leave an indelible impression on the very essence of the Corps.

b. Brigadier General Robert C. Goetz Medallion Criteria.

(1) FCA membership is required. Must have had membership status for three consecutive years prior to be considered for the award to be eligible for nomination.

(2) All Army components – present and former finance commissioned officers, noncommissioned officers, enlisted Soldiers, or civilians with prior Finance Regimental Affiliation.

(3) Nominee must have 25 or more years' honorable service. If the submitting individual requests exception and provides ample justification, the board has the option to waive this requirement.

(4) Accomplishments must reflect a **lifetime** of dedication to the Finance Corps' core values of Patriotism, Integrity, Competence, and Service.

c. Selection Board Composition.

(1) Mix of seven GOs, Colonels and Sergeants Major, representing all Components, selected from the FCA membership at large. Upon acceptance, individuals will serve in this capacity for two years.

(2) Seventy five percent (75%) of the board voters must vote in the affirmative for approval of this award. If a member votes no, he or she must provide justification to the FCA president. Each justification is reviewed by the FCA president.

(3) No Overriding Authority – The board's decision is final. There is no appeal process.

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6. MG Nathan Towson Medallion.

a. Established by the FCA on 7 May 1993 to recognize exceptional achievement or exemplary service. Accomplishments must clearly distinguish candidates from their peers.

b. Nathan Towson Medallion Criteria.

(1) FCA membership is required. Must have had membership status for three consecutive years or a gold member prior to be considered for the award to be eligible for nomination.

(2) All Army components – Conferred to ONLY currently serving Finance commissioned officers, noncommissioned officers, enlisted soldiers, and civilians for exceptional leadership.

(3) Years of service not required

(4) Finance Corps 'NCO of the Year' and 'Soldier of the Year' are eligible for this award if they are members of the FCA in good standing (i.e. current membership).

c. Selection Board Composition.

(1) Mix of seven Lieutenant Colonels and Sergeants Major, representing all Components, selected from the FCA membership at large. Upon acceptance, individuals will serve in this capacity for two years.

(2) Eighty percent (80%) of the board voters must vote in the affirmative for approval of this award.

(3) Overriding Authority is granted to the FCA President, FCA VP and Chief of Staff. The decision to override the board's vote must be unanimous.

7. LTC Lewis L. Hawkins Award.

a. Sponsored by the FCA and first conferred in 1973 to the distinguished leader recipient of the FMCCC. Hawkins Award Criteria. Recipient is the outstanding graduate demonstrating the highest caliber of leadership, professionalism, devotion to duty, and selfless service determined by academic average, physical fitness, course director evaluation, and peer assessment.

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b. Selection: The FMCCC senior instructor, along with the candidate's class peers, makes the selection.

8. MG Emmitt J. Bean Award.

a. Sponsored by the FCA and first conferred in January 1991 to the distinguished leader recipient of BOLC.

b. Bean Award Criteria. Recipient is the outstanding graduate demonstrating the highest caliber of leadership, professionalism, devotion to duty, and selfless service determined by academic average, physical fitness, course director evaluation, and peer assessment.

c. Selection: The BOLC senior instructor, along with the candidate's class peers, makes the selection.

9. CSM Paul L. Morrissette Award.

a. Sponsored by the FCA and first conferred in October 2016 to the distinguished leader recipient of the Senior Leaders Course.

b. Morrissette Award Criteria. Recipient is the outstanding graduate demonstrating the highest caliber of leadership, professionalism, devotion to duty, and selfless service determined by academic average, physical fitness, course director evaluation, and peer assessment.

c. Selection: The SLC small group leader, along with the candidate's class peers, makes the selection.

10. CSM Robert W. Johns Award.

a. Sponsored by the FCA and first conferred in October 2016 to the distinguished leader recipient of the Advanced Leaders Course.

b. Johns Award Criteria. Recipient is the outstanding graduate demonstrating the highest caliber of leadership, professionalism, devotion to duty, and selfless service determined by academic average, physical fitness, course director evaluation, and peer assessment.

c. Selection: The ALC small group leader, along with the candidate's class peers, makes the selection.

11. CSM Daisy C. Brown Award.

a. Sponsored by the FCA and first conferred in March 2021 to the distinguished

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leader recipient of the Advanced Individual Training Course.

b. Brown Award Criteria. Recipient is the outstanding graduate demonstrating the highest caliber of leadership, professionalism, devotion to duty, and selfless service determined by academic average, physical fitness, course director evaluation, and peer assessment.

c. Selection: The AIT Cadre, along with the candidate's class peers, makes the selection.

12. **Recording the Issuance of Awards.** All awards will be recorded by entering the recipient's name, rank and unit in the on-line database maintained by the VP for Awards. The FCA Secretary and President will validate the database's entry as the final step in the approval process.

13. **Revoking an Award:** In the unlikely event information becomes available that a fraudulent award has been presented or dishonorable conduct is proven, the FCA Executive Council or the President of the Association may revoke an award. The Awards' VP will annotate the database with the revocation, prepare a memorandum signed by the FCA President to the FCA member notifying the individual of the action taken.

14. The awards listed above are not granted necessarily as a result of a permanent change of station or retirement. Nominators must ensure nominated Soldiers meet the enumerated criteria.

15. Point of contact is the VP for awards via group email at: awards@fincorps.org.

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1. Awards Crosswalk
2. Award Nomination Form



Paul L. Morrissette
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Enclosure 1 – Awards Crosswalk

FC Regimental and Association Award Selection Matrix			
Awards	Background	Eligibility Standards	Selection Board Composition
Hall of Fame	Established by the FCA on 31 August 2016 to recognize individuals that have made positive and lasting contributions to the Finance Corp. HOF inductees are automatically selected and recognized as a Goetz Medallion recipient.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FCA Lifetime membership is required. 2. All Army components – former senior commissioned officers, noncommissioned officers, or civilians with prior Finance Regimental Affiliation. 3. Retired with 26 or more years of honorable service. The selection board cannot waive this requirement. 4. All KIA (upon their demise with an unblemished record). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finance Corps General Officer (GO) Board of Directors (BOD) and CSM/SGM Board of Advisors (BOA), the FCA President, and the United States Army Financial Management School CSM. 3. One-hundred percent (100%) of the board voters must vote in the affirmative for approval of this award. 4. <i>No Overriding Authority.</i>
BG Robert C. Goetz Medallion	Established by the FCA on 24 March 1999 to recognize individuals of unparalleled leadership and strategic vision; individual leaves an indelible impression on the very essence of the Corps.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FCA membership is required. 2. All Army components – present and former finance commissioned officers, noncommissioned officers, enlisted Soldiers, or civilians with prior Finance Regimental Affiliation. 3. Nominee must have 25 or more years honorable service. If the submitting individual requests exception and provides ample justification, the board has the option to waive this requirement. 4. Accomplishments must reflect a lifetime of dedication to our core values of Patriotism, Integrity, Competence, and Service. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mix of seven GOS, COLs and SGMs, representing all COMPOs, selected from the FCA membership at large. 2. 80% of vote needed for approval. 3. <i>No Overriding Authority.</i>
MG Nathan Towson Medallion	Established by the FCA on 7 May 1993 to recognize exceptional achievement or exemplary service or an established record of excellence. Accomplishments must clearly distinguish candidates from their peers.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FCA membership is required. 2. All Army components – Conferred to ONLY currently serving Finance commissioned officers, noncommissioned officers, enlisted soldiers, and civilians for exceptional leadership. 3. Years of service not required 4. Finance Corps NCO and Soldier of the Year automatically receive the Medallion if a member in good standing. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mix of five active duty LTCs and SGMs. 2. 80% of vote needed. 3. Overriding Authority is granted to the CSM and FCA President and VP. The decision to override the board's vote must be unanimous
LTC Lewis L. Hawkins Award	Sponsored by the FCA and first conferred in 1973 to the distinguished leader recipient of the FMCCC.	Recipient is the outstanding graduate demonstrating the highest caliber of leadership, professionalism, devotion to duty, and selfless service determined by academic average, physical fitness, course director evaluation, and peer assessment.	FMCCC Director and class peers.

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CSM Paul L. Morrissette Award	Sponsored by the FCA and first conferred in 2016 to the distinguished leader recipient of the Senior Leaders Course.	Recipient is the outstanding graduate demonstrating the highest caliber of leadership, professionalism, devotion to duty, and selfless service determined by academic average, physical fitness, course director evaluation, and peer assessment.	SLC Small Group Leader and class peers
CSM Robert W. Johns Award	Sponsored by the FCA and first conferred in 2016 to the distinguished leader recipient of the Advanced Leaders Course	Recipient is the outstanding graduate demonstrating the highest caliber of leadership, professionalism, devotion to duty, and selfless service determined by academic average, physical fitness, course director evaluation, and peer assessment.	ALC Small Group Leader and class peers
CSM Daisy C. Brown Award	Sponsored by the FCA and first conferred in 2021 to the distinguished leader recipient of the Advanced Individual Training Course	Recipient is the outstanding graduate demonstrating the highest caliber of leadership, professionalism, devotion to duty, and selfless service determined by academic average, physical fitness, cadre, and peer assessment.	AIT Cadre and class peers

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Enclosure 2 – Award Nomination Form



FINANCE CORPS REGIMENT
NOMINATION FORM



TYPE OF AWARD

DESIRED PRESENTATION DATE

HOF HMOR GOETZ TOWSON DMR

NOMINEE DATA

NAME: _____

POSITION TITLE: _____

UNIT/ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

NOMINATOR DATA

NAME: _____

POSITION TITLE: _____

UNIT/ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

(REGIMENTAL USE ONLY)

	APPROVE	DISAPPROVE
REGIMENTAL ADJUTANT SIGNATURE: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
REGIMENTAL CSM SIGNATURE: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CHIEF OF THE CORPS SIGNATURE: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1. Narrative: Positive, lasting and significant contributions that *perpetuate the history and traditions* of the U.S. Army Finance Corps. Please refrain from summarizing the nominee's overall career unless directly connected to lasting and significant

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contributions. The narrative for lasting and significant contributions should be no more than one to two type written pages, Arial 10 font.

2. Mailing Address:
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