

## COUCH, REYNOLDS RECEIVE DAR AWARDS

Harlan County High School students Maddison Couch and Katelyn Reynolds have been honored by the Mountain Trails Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

JROTC Cadet Captain Maddison Couch has been awarded the Bronze ROTC medal. The DAR began awarding medals to ROTC students in 1967 in recognition of the ROTC as an important program that prepares trained officers for service in the armed forces. ROTC Medals are awarded to student cadets of outstanding ability and achievement in high school, junior college, college, or university ROTC programs of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps. Medal recipients are selected by the professors of military science and the principals of the school. Recipients must have demonstrated loyalty and patriotism and earned a record of military and scholastic achievement during their participation in an ROTC program. Students must be in the upper 25 percent of their classes in ROTC and in academic subjects. They must have shown qualities of dependability and good character, adherence to military discipline, leadership ability, and a fundamental and patriotic understanding of the importance of ROTC training. Couch is the daughter of Edward and Wendy Couch. She is the colorguard commander, personnel director for JROTC and holds the position of S-1. She is the HCHS program's most decorated cadet. She attended elementary school at Green Hills and is a resident of Pine Mountain.

Reynolds received the DAR Good Citizen Award. The DAR Good Citizens Award was created in 1934 and is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship.

This award recognizes and rewards individuals who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities. These students are selected by their teachers and peers because they demonstrate these qualities to an outstanding degree. This program is only open to high-school seniors whose schools are accredited by their state board of education. Only one student per year may be honored as a school's DAR Good Citizen.

Reynolds is the daughter of Jon and Stephanie Reynolds. She is valedictorian of her class, a member of the volleyball team, National Honor Society, Beta Club, First Priority, Spanish Club, Gifted Leadership, Promise Zone Initiative representative, Title IX student representative, DAR school representative, and a four year member of the student advisory council.

Her community service has included fundraising for Alzheimer's research, Cram the Cruiser and other food drives, freshman orientation coordinator, volunteer at Christ's Hands, Angel Tree, Empty Stocking Fund and elderly companion participant.

Reynolds plans to attend Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College and transfer to Eastern Kentucky University to earn her bachelor of science in nursing.

Harlan County Schools Superintendent Mike Howard congratulates seniors Maddison Couch and Katelyn Reynolds on their selection for awards by the Mountain Trails Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

