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In recent years, the members of the **John Jay HS** AFJROTC have flexed their muscles in both the Armed & Unarmed Divisions, picking up several overall titles for the **Silver Eagles** and **Snap II** drill teams. Several big dogs were on-hand to see if they could kick the stool out from under these amazing drillers by putting together their own display of excellence.

ARMED DIVISION

While the **Silver Eagles** from **John Jay HS** (San Antonio, TX) have been an omnipresent force at the NHSOTC for many years, their record of accomplishment at the Air Force Nationals event has been filled with only Championship and Runner-up crowns with the last two Overall titles. This year was no different as the **Silver Eagles** took the overall championship with ease as they swept through their competition with nothing but first place finishes. Their closest challengers were the always tough **Centurion Guard**

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AF Western Championships - San Antonio, Texas

from **Thomas C. Clark HS** (San Antonio, TX) who took home their third consecutive Runner-up trophy. Several calls have already been taken to know that more than a few teams are gunning for the top slot at the 2011 event, including a few new West Coast schools looking to take the **Silver Eagles** down off their perch at next year's event to be held in Phoenix, Arizona!

UNARMED DIVISION

Much like their armed counterparts, the **Snap II** drill team from **John Jay HS** have maintained pristine status as the team to beat in their division, and 2010 was another affirmation why that is the case. While they did not dominate like their counterparts, **Snap II** had impressive finishes throughout the competition (1st-Color Guard & Exhibition; 2nd-Regulation; 4th-Inspection). Hot on their heels was **Silver Valor** from **Thomas C. Clark HS** who came close to snapping the title from **Snap II**. With these two schools battling it out so closely in both divisions, this deep rooted rivalry looks to get better and better as time goes on.



AF Nationals Western Division Armed Overall top finishers (left) Centurion Guard & Silver Eagles along with Unarmed Division top finishers (right) Snap II and Silver Valor are congratulated by Air Force Association Board Members and event supporters Mr. Bill Groom (left center) and Mr. Ed Garland (right center).

Solid performances by schools like upstart **Brandeis HS** (1st-Inspection & Regulation; 5th-Color Guard & Exhibition) indicate that this competition looks to become more difficult to dominate in the future.

For the first time ever, next year's Western Air Force Nationals will be held in gorgeous Phoenix, Arizona on March 12th, 2011 to allow more West Coast schools in on the fun! If the meet is well attended, we look to rotate back to Phoenix every other year! We can't wait to see you there as the best in blue battle it out in the wild, wild west!

AF Eastern Championships - Macon, Georgia



AF Nationals are well supported by none other than Joseph Sutter, AFA Chairman of the Board (center left) and Greg Winn, Deputy Director, AFJROTC (center right). Overall top finishers shown (l to r) are: Spring Valley HS, Lackey HS, East Paulding HS and Lackey HS.

This year's Air Force Eastern Division Championships were held in the fabulous Macon Centreplex in Macon, Georgia in mid-March. You could feel the electricity in the air as the nation's finest AFJROTC units east of the Mississippi River battled it out to see who among them would reign supreme.

ARMED DIVISION

For two straight years, the **Falcons** from **Coventry HS** (Coventry, RI) have clinched the overall title but the departure of drill legend MSG Dick LeBel would make it hard to stay on top with everyone gunning for you. The two-time champs were solid but slipped to 3rd place as a new champion was crowned in the form of the **Ruff Ryders** from **Lackey HS** (Indian Head, MD)! With trophy finishes in

every event, they had enough to hold on for their first overall championship. Had it not been for a 10th place finish in Color Guard, this year's Runner-up, the **Vikings** from **Spring Valley HS** (Columbia, SC) would have taken the title with an impressive overall display! This division now appears wide open with so many competitive teams vying for gold. This year's nail biter is only a taste of what's to come in the near future!

UNARMED DIVISION

Always amazingly competitive and wide-open, the Eastern Unarmed Division did not disappoint. Much like the Armed Division, the previous year's champion was knocked completely out of the top two spots as the **Raiders USA** from **East Paulding HS** (Dallas, GA) made a huge impact taking home the big event trophies in 3 out of 4 events (1st-Exhibition; 3rd-Color Guard & Inspection). Also impressive was the overall Runner-Up finisher from **Lackey HS** (Indian Head, MD). The **Ladies of Destruction** just missed clinching the championship by a mere 30 points overall in this 4,000 point competition! Had they been able to place slightly higher in any one of their events,

they would have taken BOTH tall trophies that they have been clawing after for many years.

Next year's Eastern Air Force Nationals heads north as the blue beasts from the east will invade the Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex in Landover, Maryland on March 25th, 2011! Can there be a finer citizenship and government trip than a drill competition in the Nation's Capitol? All eligible units are strongly urged to make this event a week-end to remember for your AFJROTC unit. DrillNATION will be there in full force - how about YOU?

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There have been more than a few naysayers when last year's Navy Nationals Champions, **Centennial HS**, clinched victory in the absence of long time National Champions **Flour Bluff HS**. However, those whispers would be silenced with the strongest overall competition field in the history of the "Navy Nationals" descending on Pensacola, Florida for a true battle royale among the finest Navy JROTC units in the nation in the Spring of 2010!

The event saw 26 schools representing the U.S. Navy go head-to-head with each other in what many consider the most well-rounded JROTC competition in the world. Not only does each school show tremendous drill prowess in Basic, Color Guard, Exhibition, and UPI; but units must also prove their worth in both academic and athletic displays for a shot at overall excellence. Several schools have been in the top tier of this competition for the last few years, but if there's one thing we've seen at Navy Nationals, it is that absolutely anything is possible!

Long, tense, sweat-filled days made for a drained competition field. However, a quick shower and a bite to eat and the cadets and their near thousand spectators quickly filled the Blue Angels Atrium at the National Museum of Naval Aviation to hear the results of their tremendous efforts over the past two days. There to greet them was **ADM Joseph F. Kilkenny, USN, Commander, Naval Education & Training Command** (who also was regularly seen walking through the various competition areas throughout the event!) His inspirational speech filled the room with applause and a standing ovation. With excitement and eagerness pulsating to a palpable level throughout the entire hall, it was time to reveal the results of this year's NJROTC Nationals!

First up were the awards given for the Athletic events beginning with the individual medals. For the second year in a row in Curl-Ups, **Shawnee Mission North HS** (Kansas) showed a total and complete domination with 5 cadets in the top 10 for both male and female divisions, easily capturing the team Curl-Up trophy. The field was a bit more spread out for Push-Ups, but **Centennial HS** (Nevada) was able to come away with a victory by out-pushing **Shawnee Mission** by just 37 total push-ups! Nearby **Pine Forest HS** (Florida) from just down the road showed off their tremendous speed with a convincing victory in the Oval Relay by more than 6 seconds and an additional win in the Shuttle Relay, this time by less than 1 second! However, at the end of the day, there can be only one team with the top combination of strength and speed, and that team

was **Centennial HS** who beat out **Shawnee Mission North HS** for the overall Athletic trophy. Not far behind was always strong **Winter Park HS** (Florida) who took 3rd place.

The mood changed inside the Museum as the ceremony shifted gears in an effort to highlight brains over brawn and the Academic trophies at this year's Navy Nationals. This particular event is brutal as the gritty test is a custom-crafted exam that is designed to be the hardest curriculum test many of these cadets have ever faced! After all the pencils had been put away and the exams were graded, it was **Troy HS**

No clear favorite emerged as no less than five schools stayed in contention throughout!

(California) who managed to earn the bragging rights and the biggest of the Academic Trophies!

Everyone eagerly anticipated the results of the Drill portion of the event, especially with long time Navy Nationals favorite **Flour Bluff HS** (Texas) still in the mix with roughly 7 or 8 schools very much in the hunt for the overall title. However, it was made clear very early on that no one was there to play games as various schools received top honors for their drill prowess. **Shawnee Mission North HS** clinched a 1st place finish in Armed Basic & Color Guard, while **Northmont HS** (Ohio) grabbed victory in Unarmed Basic in a close battle with **Shawnee Mission North**. However, the cadets from **Flour Bluff** would not sit by for a title that was theirs for a decade previously as they had impressive 1st and 2nd place finishes in Armed & Unarmed Platoon Exhibition, respectively. Meanwhile, defending champs **Centennial HS** got their hands on several pieces of tall gold for drill including a 1st place trophy in Unarmed Platoon Exhibition. While many schools have long thought that the drill portion is a make or break point for the overall championship, the plot thickened as **Shawnee Mission North HS** took home the overall Drill trophy, making a clear favorite for the title of Navy Nationals champ still unapparent.

There was only one more event to appeal to as the crowd waited to see who among them would be crowned champion, and that was the point-laden Unit Personnel Inspection competition. While strength, knowledge, and drill prowess will take you far, it is the

high stakes world of "UPI" that is essential to score well to seriously compete for the overall award. So far three different schools had taken 1st place in three different categories. Would one of those schools step up to paint a clearer "big" picture or would another unit step up to muddy the waters and leave everyone in suspense? The answer came in the form of the latter as **George Bush HS** (Texas) demonstrated tremendous bearing and took home the Unit Personnel Inspection trophy. The crowd was left head scratching as they wondered, "Who is going to be the champion?"

The moment of truth had arrived as it was time to reveal who showed the most consistent performance throughout all components of this tremendous competition. **RADM Kilkenny** took the stage and started out by presenting **Troy HS** with their 5th place trophy. Next up was **Flour Bluff HS**, falling out of contention for the title, but still finishing strong with their 4th place finish.

Long-time Navy Nationals Runner-up **Boca Raton HS** was pushed back to 3rd place overall as it boiled down to the final two. Would the champions repeat, or would the hungry **Shawnee Mission North** cadets finally get their grip on the Overall Championship? In a wild finish, the NJROTC cadets from **Centennial HS** in Las Vegas, Nevada squeaked out a victory by a mere 3 points over Runner-Up **Shawnee Mission North**! The champions erupted into a frenzy as they clinched their 2nd consecutive title, cementing their status as the team to beat at this event.

This year's competition was the closest finish in the over 100 military competitions hosted by Sports Network International over the years. All of the top finishers made a push for the championship that was unprecedented and likely left each frustrated by just how close they had come. With so many national and local dignitaries on hand featuring members of the supporting **Navy League**, it was amazing to watch these veterans beam at the talented youngsters filled with so much energy and enthusiasm! Bringing anything less than your A-game to the Navy Nationals is simply not an option!

So the question is thrown - can **Centennial** hold on once more to solidify themselves as a true NJROTC dynasty? Don't bet against it! Secure yourself a spot at the 2011 Navy Nationals to watch the newest drama unfold for yourself - it should be another amazing, wild ride!



Centennial HS from Las Vegas, Nevada erupted into a mass display of unbridled emotion as they learned they had just clinched their second consecutive Overall Championship at the 2010 Navy Nationals competition.



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Army JROTC cadets go rolling along at this year's Eastern and Western Championships

Western Championships

The Western Championships returned to the Alamodome in San Antonio for a showdown of the Army's best out west. With several hundred spectators on hand in addition to the many competitors at this event, the pressure was on as the many phenomenal Army JROTC teams began vying for the title of U.S. Army Cadet Command Army Nationals Western Champions!



Colonel John Vanderbleek, Director USACC (left) and Dr. Bo Svoboda, Chief, Army JROTC, Training & Operations (right) were on-hand to congratulate the Western Division top finishers (from left to right) James Madison HS, Douglas MacArthur HS, Winston Churchill HS, Theodore Roosevelt HS.

ARMED DIVISION

Coming off of a rather convincing victory at last year's Army Nationals, the **Blue Guard** from **Douglas MacArthur HS** were looking to successfully defend their championship against the many highly competitive schools in attendance. They were successful in their endeavors, taking the Overall Championships with top tier finishes in all events (1st-Inspection; 2nd-Regulation; 3rd-Color Guard & Exhibition). This year's victory was not as convincing as the **Maverick Guard** from **James Madison HS** missed the overall title by a mere 33 points, taking home the Runner-up trophy instead. Closing in on the **Maverick Guard** were the **Maroon and Golden Knights** from **Grant HS** in Dry Prong, LA who successfully showed that you don't have to be from Texas to have an impressive JROTC unit out west!

UNARMED DIVISION

Much like their male counterparts on the **Blue Guard**, the **Blue Angels** from **Douglas MacArthur HS** looked to be the team to beat, putting their two year streak on the line. However, it was the **Queen's Guard** who left everyone gasping for air as the ladies from **Winston Churchill HS** clinched the Overall Championship at this year's event. While they had no first place finishes, they performed at a consistent strong level worthy of the championship (2nd-Regulation; 4th-Inspection; 5th-Exhibition & Color Guard) in this tight contest. Bringing home this year's Runner-up trophy were the flashy and dynamic **Riderettes** from **Theodore Roosevelt HS**.

A small Challenge Level competition was also held with **Pekin Community HS** and **St. John's Northwestern M.A.** both winning overall! Congratulations to all of the teams who attended the 2010 Western Drill Championships and we'll see you in the far west in 2011!

Eastern Championships

This year's Eastern Championships were held in the beautiful Macon Centreplex and the Army JROTC cadets in attendance brought their "take-no-prisoners" attitudes as they squared off in an effort to clinch the Eastern U.S. Army Cadet Command National JROTC Drill Championships.

ARMED DIVISION

As has become the trend in recent years, the **Patriot Guard** from **Francis Lewis HS** (Fresh Meadows, NY) came storming into this competition looking to add to their undoubtedly impressive trophy collection. By taking 1st in both Inspection and Color Guard and taking 3rd in Regulation and Exhibition, the Patriot Guard coasted to an easy victory and their fifth consecutive championship. Can these New Yorkers be stopped? Pulling in Runner-up honors this year were the **Bears** from **Winter Springs HS** in Winter Springs, FL. With top five finishes in all events (including a 1st place finish in Regulation), the **Bears** clawed their way past their closest competitors by an impressive margin.

UNARMED DIVISION

The Unarmed Division, on the other hand, marked the end of a five year run for the **Patriot Pride** from **Francis Lewis HS** as the **North Miami Beach Sr. HS Lady Chargers** came to Eastern Army Nationals with "guns-a-blazin'." With two 1st place finishes in Regulation and Color Guard, a 2nd place finish in Inspection and a 4th place finish in Exhibition, these hard chargers were able to hang on for a solid victory over the Runner-up **Patriot Pride**. **Francis Lewis** also had two 1st place finishes (Exhibition and Inspection), but a tough 7th place finish in Regulation and a not-so-close but still 2nd place finish in Color Guard kept them out of contention for the championship.



BG Arnold Gordon-Bray, USACC Deputy Commanding General was in Atlanta and made an inspiring, unscheduled stop in Macon to congratulate the winners along with CSM Hershel Turner, USACC, CSM (left) and motivational speaker extraordinaire MSG Tony Rucks (right).

This year's Eastern Army Championships showed that it was anything but ordinary, and the results have left cadets from the eastern half of the United States hopeful as they look forward to the 2011 Army Championships. With the upcoming event scheduled to take place at the Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex in Landover, Maryland just outside our Nation's Capitol, you can bet that there are many competing Army JROTC units at next year's event ready to carry out a precision-based, by-the-book assault on Francis Lewis' dominance as they look to take the crown back to their trophy case!

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There is always a fun and healthy debate when people discuss the origins of the high school "Raider" teams and where the best are found. While all agree these teams were loosely patterned after the more well-known college ARMY RANGER competitions, most disagree on where the competition is the most fierce. Certainly, the most well-known hotbed of Raider nationally is within the state of Georgia. Such a high percentage of units have a Raider team that there is a competition going on somewhere almost weekly and the talent level is always quite high! That said, in the past several years a solid case can be made that the Tennessee/Kentucky area is equal to the Georgia influence led by such powers as **Red Bank HS, Campbell County HS, and Hendersonville HS**. New York/New Jersey is not as well known when it comes to Raider but **Francis Lewis HS, Colts Neck HS** and others take a backseat to no one when it comes to Raider talent. Certainly **Grissom HS** in Huntsville, Alabama carries the state flag proudly with their awesome Raider unit that wins high honors at most every meet they attend.

So exactly WHERE the best Raider teams come from is a matter for great discussion, much like where the best college football is played or what is the greatest car ever built. But one thing is for sure, the BEST collection of all-service Raider talent gathers every year historically on the first weekend in November in Molena, Georgia at the Raider Nationals!

A crisp Fall day in November 2009 brought schools together from ten states buoyed by a huge number from neighboring cities in Georgia to chase the elusive quest that is a top finish at the Raider Nationals. The night prior to the event, nearly one thousand cadets and instructors were scattered between sleeping in beds at home, cots & tents in the woods at the competition site, and even a few nearby hotel rooms! These dedicated young JROTC men and women rolled out the next day ready to battle, game faces firmly in place. Small, tight-knit groups of male, female and mixed teams that run, carry, wade, pull, climb, crawl and build to complete near-impossible physical tasks through strength, agility, teamwork and sheer mental and physical toughness make Raider a great sport to watch and be a part of! The crisp Georgia air left cadets bundled for warmth in the morning but as the sun came out, the jackets slowly gave way to shorts and t-shirts for the hearty among them.

FEMALE DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

Eleven hardcore female Raider teams were ready for anything as they looked to bring home bragging rights to their school from the Raider Nationals. As usual, the **Patreetes of Francis Lewis HS** from Fresh Meadows, New York looked to be the favorite as they have jumped into Raider in a big way. Fired up as a result of their loss to last year's champions the **Grissom Femurs** from **Grissom HS** for the 2008 title, the **Patreetes** nearly swept the event, taking 1st place in every Raider event except the Rope Bridge in which they took 2nd. While they couldn't quite match the unbelievable performance put on by **Francis Lewis, Grissom HS** powered their way to Runner-up performance, taking 2nd place in the APFT, Team 5K, and CCR; 3rd in the Gauntlet; and 5th in the Rope Bridge event. They needed every point as both **Richmond Hill HS** (Richmond Hill, Georgia) and **Cedar Shoals HS** (Athens, Georgia) were in 3rd and 4th place respectively right behind the top overall finishers. Another notable performance was turned in by **Paulding County HS** (Dallas, Georgia) who nabbed a 3rd place in the exciting Rope Bridge event. These all female teams have been engaged in a heated rivalry for a few years now. Will they continue to duke it out amongst themselves in 2010, or will another team throw their name into the mix? Come watch for yourself this year or look on the web homepage for results after the event.

MIXED DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

The Mixed Division always brings an element of teamwork and strategy that makes this division best captured by the most talented and smartest teams! Twenty teams were competing for the overall title but after only a few events, it was clear that the field was being dominated by two kingpins. Coming out on top were the **Smith-Cotton Tigers** from **Smith-Cotton HS** in Sedalia, Missouri. These hard working cadets were able to outperform all of their competitors by getting three 1st place finishes (APFT, 5K, Gauntlet) and two 2nd place finishes (CCR, Rope Bridge). Breathing hard down their necks were the **War Eagle White** of **Jenkins County HS** from Millen, Georgia. The **War Eagles** had two 1st (CCR, Rope Bridge) and 2nd place (5K, Gauntlet) finishes. Only a tough 3rd place finish in the APFT kept them out of the running for the overall championship. Other notable finishes were turned in by **Campbell HS** from Smyrna, Georgia (four trophy finishes out of five events) and **Wayne Memorial HS** from Wayne, Michigan who grabbed a solid 2nd place finish in the APFT competition.

MALE DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

In the most high visibility division at the Raider Nationals, several contenders were looking to deliver a knockout-blow to last year's champions. Few of these teams are used to losing back home so pride was running high! With 25 teams competing for the title, the crowd held their breath as scores of head-turning performances were put forth in every event. In what turned out to be the closest finish of the whole competition, a new champion rose to the top as **Paulding County HS** managed to beat competition favorite **Francis Lewis HS** by a single placement point! Team **Delta** nailed two 1st place finishes (CCR, Rope Bridge), two 3rd place finishes (5K, Gauntlet), and one 4th place finish (APFT). This gave them just enough points to edge the the **Francis Lewis HS Patriot** team as they took 1st place in three events (APFT, 5K, Gauntlet) and 3rd place in the CCR, but an uncharacteristic 7th place finish in the fan-favorite Rope Bridge event kept them just out of reach of this year's National Championship.

The following morning, the Ultimate Raider competition was held for the all-star cadets from each school. A frenzied crowd cheered on the herculean efforts by these cadets as they raced through, around and in the woods, then up and over a six-foot high wall to conclude the event. Grabbing Best Female Raider was **Cadet Davis** from **Cedar Shoals HS** and flying home with Best Male Raider was **Cadet Chernookiy** from **Smith-Cotton HS**.

Numerous dignitaries attended the 2009 Raider Nationals led by **BG Arnold Gordon-Bray**, Deputy Commanding General, USACC, **COL John Vanderbleek**, USACC JROTC Director, and **Major Corley**, Georgia National Guard Recruiting Task Force Commander. The 800+ cadets and hundreds of parents assembled let each know the appreciation they felt for their involvement and support.

The National Raider Challenge Championships are becoming an event with an inspiring aura all its own. This year, more teams from greater distances are already committed to attend as word spreads of this fantastic event. **Winder Barrow HS** Army JROTC under the direction of **Major Tom Evans** provides the backbone of support and the **Georgia National Guard** continues to provide the sponsorship and judging support that make this event special to all the cadets. Along with that, the **Lawhorn Scouting Base** continues to provide the Yankee Stadium of Raider facilities! We salute all of the supporters, parents and instructors for the efforts they provide for these great cadets as they continue to make Raider history every year at the Raider Nationals.



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Introduction

Sports Network International is pleased to provide this invitation to all precision drill units to attend the 29th annual **National High School Drill Team Championships** in Daytona Beach, Florida. This event is open to all Junior ROTC units and select other military-style programs competing in Armed & Unarmed divisions. This is your school's **official invitation** to enter the nation's finest drill & ceremony competition, referred to worldwide as simply "**The Nationals.**" Schools will never experience a more spectacular event than this.

The **National High School Drill Team Championships** remains the most coveted drill destination in the nation. Schools travel from across the U.S. to attend this all-service drill spectacular. Schools considering entry into the Nationals *should make plans early* as competition spaces are limited to roughly 50 schools at the Masters Level; 55 schools at the Challenge Level; and 35 schools within the Open Level Color Guard event.

Sports Network International, Inc. (SNI) serves as the Event Manager for The Nationals. The National High School Drill Team Championships are proudly sponsored by the **U.S. Army Cadet Command**.

Competition Guidelines

All units may use their own service regulations to compete at the NHSDTTC. Armed Divisions where their manual is not specific, US Army FM 3-21.5 is used while the Unarmed Division uses US Air Force FM 36-2203 (1996). The variety of services that gain top finishes at Daytona is a testament to the fairness of this drill event. The event SOP is mailed to all registered schools in mid-January and posted on the website. Schools having specific questions regarding the event should contact SNI before applying for entry.

Event Judging

All judges at the NHSDTTC maintain a strong background in military drill. Judges are fully qualified military personnel representing all four branches of the service. Judges are given extensive judging manuals in advance of the event, as well as a full on-site briefing on the eve of the competition. The Nationals' judges are extremely motivated and give a 110% effort. This remains a major reason why so many teams look to end their drill season at "**The World's Most Famous Beach.**"

Competition Events

The NHSDTTC maintains two competition levels. The **Challenge Level** event is designed for drill teams who wish to be part of the Nationals experience while competing against similarly talented schools at a less intense skill level than the Masters Level. The Challenge Level maintains Armed (demilitarized weapons only) & Unarmed divisions. All schools are also encouraged to consider entering "stand-alone" Color Guard units into the exciting Open Level Color Guard competition also held on Saturday during the Challenge Level event.

The **Masters Level** event brings the finest drill programs in the nation together to compete within three separate divisions. Teams using standard full-weight rifles compete in the **Demilitarized Arms Division**. Teams without weapons enter the **Unarmed Division**. The **Alternative/Mixed Division** is for teams with lightweight weapons (regardless of gender), for all-female teams (regardless of weapon type) and new in 2011, for many mixed teams (see SOP for details).

CHALLENGE LEVEL EVENTS

- ★ Unit Inspection (12 + Cmdr.)
- ★ Platoon/Flight Regulation (12 + Cmdr.)
- ★ Color Guard (4-person only - w/arms)
- ★ Team Exhibition (9 cadets & over)
(*Squad or Platoon Formation is acceptable*)

MASTERS LEVEL EVENTS

- ★ Unit Inspection (12 + Cmdr.)
- ★ Platoon/Flight Regulation (12 + Cmdr.)
- ★ Color Guard (4-person only - w/arms)
- ★ Squad/Element Exhibition (8+ Cmdr.)
- ★ Platoon/Flight Exhibition (13 & over)
- ★ Solo & Dual Exhibition Cadets

Schools may enter multiple complete teams in different divisions at the Nationals **as long as no cadet competes for more than one team**. Therefore, schools entering both an armed and unarmed team may do so, but the two teams **must have separate cadets for each team**. This rule allows maximum cadet participation without adding multiple school entries utilizing the same cadets.

All Masters Level! Armed units are allowed one entry (per team) in both Solo & Dual Exhibition. Unarmed Masters units can enter one pair in Unarmed Dual Ex. ***Select Challenge Level cadets may also be accepted into these events!** Teams can petition for a 2nd entry slot if desired. Also, **ALL CADETS** are urged to compete in their level's Armed & Unarmed Knockout Drills. **NOTE:** No "knockout fee" is charged to participate in this event.

NHSDTTC Event Specifics

The National High School Drill Team Championships are held at the impressive **Ocean Center Arena** in Daytona Beach, Florida in late Spring every year. This state-of-the-art facility features permanent seating for over 6,000 with outstanding amenities for a drill competition the size and prestige of the Nationals. The Ocean Center also features a complete concession area and ample bus parking. All instructors and cadets who attend the Nationals will attest that the Ocean Center remains the most exceptional drill & ceremony facility currently in use in the United States.

Schools are housed in Daytona Beach at one of 20+ oceanfront hotels located within 10 minutes of the Ocean Center Arena. They provide quality & affordable billeting for every Nationals team. SNI will also offer schools the ability to choose an Upgrade Hotel Package Plan at one of several select premium hotels. The Headquarters for the event is the **Hilton Oceanwalk Resort**. Located directly across the street from the Ocean Center, the Hilton is an oasis which will provide exceptional billeting for the few schools selected to stay in this luxury hotel environment. Schools requesting a specific hotel should contact SNI directly.

All schools must be in town the day before their competition begins. Schools attend the **NHSDTTC Commander's Call** the evening prior to their competition. At this meeting, all teams are presented their competition schedules and receive a short briefing by NHSDTTC Competition Director, Justin Gates. The Challenge & Open Level events will be held on **Saturday, April 30th**, with the two-day Masters Level competition held on **Sunday & Monday, May 1st & 2nd**. Both competition levels feature Knockout Drills at the conclusion of the judging and an Awards Ceremony in the evening following the competition.

Awards and Trophies

The Nationals features unparalleled trophies & awards. National Championship and National Runner-Up trophies are awarded in all competition divisions - Demilitarized Arms, Unarmed and Alternative/Mixed (at the Masters Level); Armed & Unarmed (at the Challenge Level). The impressiveness of these trophies remains legendary within the Junior ROTC drill community!

DRILL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Team events in all competition divisions are trophied in **1st-5th place**. All schools competing for a Championship (schools entering every team event in a division) will receive a personalized NHS DTC plaque to commemorate their quest at Daytona.

The Masters Level division maintains both Solo & Dual Exhibitions for all armed teams and Dual Exhibition for unarmed teams. Regulation Cadet Commanders at both the Masters & Challenge Levels also compete for Commander's Trophies. These individual trophies are awarded in **1st-5th place**. Top finishers in all Armed & Unarmed Knockout Drills will receive a hand-painted medallion.

Costs to Attend

All schools choosing to attend the National High School Drill Team Championships **must attend through the Team Package Plan**. This plan is designed to ensure all cadets and instructors are given the enjoyment of staying together in superb oceanfront hotels with other schools from across the country, provided with treasured event mementos, as well as **ensuring all schools receive the finest drill event they have ever attended at an affordable cost**.

Team Package Plan Includes:

- ❖ Four days & three nights billeting in one of several oceanfront hotels in Daytona Beach
- ❖ NHS DTC bronze medallion on a chest ribbon
- ❖ NHS DTC collared sports-shirt for adults or t-shirt for cadets, both ordered to size
- ❖ Swiss-embroidered four-inch patch designed exclusively for the NHS DTC
- ❖ 8" X 10" color team photograph

The price of the Team Package Plan, based on staying four-to-a-room, is only **\$122.00 per person** for the **full 4-day/3-night package**. Challenge level schools have the option to stay in a 2-night package for only **\$107.00 per person** (both unchanged from 2010!). Three, two & one to-a-room prices are slightly higher, utilized primarily for instructors & other adult team followers. Schools interested in Deluxe billets should contact SNI ASAP or check the website for those upgraded rates. **All participants (cadets, chaperones & instructors) are required to attend the NHS DTC through this Team Package Plan to ensure all event costs are fully covered.** Parents and other team followers MAY attend through the package plan, but it is optional.

Registration Fee

The School Registration Fee for Nationals entry is \$300 for the Masters Level, \$200 for the Challenge Level and \$50 per team for the Open Level Color Guard or stand-alone solo/dual exhibition entrants. Schools wishing to enter multiple teams in multiple competition levels should contact SNI for details. **This event Registration Fee is completely refundable** if requested before **Friday, December 3rd, 2010**, but non-refundable once a school has been accepted for entry into the Nationals. This ensures that only those schools who are fully committed to attend the event occupy a valuable competition slot with the many other fantastic drill programs attending.

To Register for the NHS DTC

To register your school for the Nationals, please complete the enclosed **NHS DTC Registration Form** and mail it to Sports Network International along with your Registration Fee. Schools unsure of which competition level they should enter should contact SNI before submitting their School Registration. Upon receipt by SNI, your school will be notified by mail that we have received your entry request.

SELECTION PROCESS: *All registrations will be accumulated and reviewed by the SNI Competition Committee beginning on Friday, December 3rd, 2010.* SNI will evaluate all entries on their merits and decide which schools will be accepted. This judgment will be based on many factors but the largest of these include:

- ❖ Overall team strength in past Nationals performances as well as other regional drill meets you have attended.
- ❖ Teams looking to capture an Overall Championship (complete teams entering all team events within a division) are given preference over partial teams.
- ❖ Geographic spread, service diversity, gung-ho nature & previous entry attempts are all very strong points considered by SNI.

While most returning schools to the Nationals register within weeks of receiving DrillINATION magazine and this invitation, a few schools wait. Historically, demand to enter the Nationals causes the event to be nearly full by this date. Schools registering after the December 3rd review deadline will have a smaller chance of getting into the Nationals. Any "standby slots" available after this date are available on a strictly first-come, first-served basis.

Additional Registration Info

Schools accepted for entry will be emailed confirmations and listed on the SNI website by Tuesday, December 7th. Any school not accepted will have their Entry Fee refunded within 10 business days.

All checks and correspondence should be made payable and sent to **Sports Network International** at the address listed below. Schools may contact SNI by email **BUT** all paperwork should be sent through the mail or submitted via our state-of-the-art website.

In Closing

We invite all teams, **especially those who have considered attending in the past**, to look at attending the 2011 Nationals. Your drill team's attendance will become the highlight of your school year, giving focus and purpose to your drill season. It provides a strong means of attracting interest in your program from within your community and will give your school and drill unit the national notoriety and incredible learning experience that they richly deserve. The Nationals is renowned for the strong teams who annually attend. With the availability of the Challenge & Open Level competitions, schools of all talent levels now look to become a part of the exciting & memorable Nationals experience.

Mostly, a trip to the Nationals will give your cadets, parents and staff a great experience to reflect upon for the rest of their lives. The Nationals is the ultimate reward for a long year of hard work and dedication.

Veterans of the Nationals will attest that **no other drill meet compares with the National High School Drill Team Championships**. The overall talent, all-service flavor and vast geographic spread of teams attending the Nationals give this drill event an unparalleled atmosphere of drill excellence! We at SNI wish your program and your cadets the best of luck this school year and **we hope to see your school in Daytona Beach, Florida this May at "The Nationals"!**

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NHSDTC Challenge Level Event - Show Me the Bluegrass!

From a competition field full of long-time attendees rose the great states of Kentucky & Missouri to take home the Challenge Championships in 2010

The Army flag flies proudly during the Challenge Level competition that maintained well over 1,500 cadets & instructors from across the nation.

While the Challenge level event is always ripe with up-and-comers looking to make their mark in the drill world year in and year out, it was two veteran teams who have been competing at the Nationals since 2006 who showed the rest of the competition what diligence and hard work are all about on their quest for victory at this year's NHSDTC Challenge Level Event!

ARMED DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

In a division with over 35 schools competing for this year's Armed Division Championship at the NHSDTC Challenge Level, it was impossible to foresee who would reign supreme at the drill capital of the world, Daytona Beach, Florida. Every year, the Armed Division seems to contain many programs that just seem to put it all together at just the right time of year!

However, when the rubble had been swept away, it was the **Black Tigers** from **Smith-Cotton HS** in Sedalia, Missouri who walked away with a convincing victory. With 1st place finishes in Regulation & Color Guard and a close 2nd place finish in Team Exhibition, not even a tough finish in Inspection could stop utter dominance at this year's event. These Army JROTC cadets have demonstrated their worth in the drill universe, and they are hungry for a run at the competition in the Masters level next year! These fine young cadets from the "Show-Me State" sure showed every spectator what it takes to be a champion!

Taking home the Runner-up trophy this year with consistent performances in nearly all of the events was **Hubbard High School** from Chicago, Illinois. They placed 4th in Regulation, Color Guard, and Exhibition, and even managed to edge out this year's champs in Inspection. With such strong performances throughout, the **H-Squad** showed that they are A-List competitors and look to take next year's competition by storm.

Several other schools had very impressive showings and debuts this year. **Colts Neck Guard** from New Jersey took 3rd overall in only their second year of competition, while new kids on the Nationals block **Ben Davis HS Golden Eagles** from Indianapolis, Indiana showed their Marine Corps gung-ho spirit by capturing 4th place overall and a very impressive 1st place finish in Inspection. Rounding out the top five is **Rutland HS's Mid Georgia Leathernecks**, ensuring that the Marine Corps was well represented at the top tier of this year's event.

UNARMED DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

With 35 schools competing, not including last year's National Champs in the Masters Level and the absence of last year's Runner-up, this year's NHSDTC Unarmed Challenge Level event was wide-open for a team looking to make an impact. That team came blowing in hard as the **Raging Storm** from **Hopkins County HS** in the heart of the Bluegrass State (Madisonville, KY) took home a decisive win, leaving all the other teams to sort through the debris left behind by the Storm. With 1st place finishes in Regulation, Color Guard, and Team Exhibition, not even a tough finish in Inspection could break up this category 5 hurricane to keep them from achieving overall victory. Congratulations to this outstanding Air Force unit on a well-deserved victory.



FORCM Charles Dassance, Force Master Chief, Naval Net Warfare (left), Colonel John Vanderbleek, Director, USACC (center left) and CDR Tony Almon, Commanding Officer, NRD Jax (center right) and CSM Charles Green, USACC 1st Brigade CSM (right) congratulate the Challenge Level overall champions (left to right) Hubbard HS, Smith-Cotton HS, Hopkins County Central HS and Colts Neck HS.

Hot on the heels of the National Champions was **Colts Neck HS** from **Colts Neck, New Jersey**. In only their second year of competing at the World's Most Famous Beach, these fine Navy cadets showed off their impressive knowledge and bearing with a blowout performance in Inspection (1st), beating their nearest competitors by almost 200 points! When you combine that with a 2nd place finish in Regulation, the **Pride of Colts Neck** appeared ready to brave the onslaught of the **Raging Storm**. However, their performances in Color Guard and Team Exhibition kept them from taking the overall title. Be on the lookout for these New Jersey natives next year as they face the big dogs in the Masters level in 2011.

2010 OPEN LEVEL COLOR GUARD COMPETITION

Open Level Color Guard is the only division at "The Nationals" where you can see the most seasoned of veterans taking on the greenest of newcomers.

Some units bring only a four-person color guard to Daytona while other units have entire teams competing in a variety of divisions and decide to bring an additional color guard. Regardless of the why or where, this huge division always provides a unique competition for all who participate.

With a near-legendary reputation, the cadets from **Alamo Heights HS** showed everyone what Color Guard is all about. With two separate teams competing in this division, these Army JROTC Cadets from deep in the heart of Texas managed to take home two finishes in the top five. **The Mulettes**, National Champs from two years ago, came away with the crown this year while their counterparts, **the Lady Mules**, came away with a 5th place finish. These two teams were separated by less than 100 points in this 1200 point total category, and there were still three teams in between! **Alamo Heights HS** is showing us year in and year out what it takes to dominate this division and should be looked upon as a good model for all teams looking to be successful when they come to Daytona.

In similar fashion, the 2006 champion **Lancaster High School** Army JROTC unit had two teams finish in the top ten. Both the **Black Guard** and the **Orange Guard** were hot on the heels of the **Mulettes** and **Lady Mules**, respectively, taking 2nd place and 6th place finishes. The consistent performances of these two units is developing quite a rivalry, and it will be interesting to see if there are any teams out there formidable enough to take them down in the coming years.

Filling out the rest of the top 5 at this year's Open Level Color Guard event were the **North Miami Beach Sr. High School Chargers** (3rd) and the **Lady Broncos** (4th) from **Brandeis High School**, two teams who were equally well-represented in the Masters level of the NHSDTC.

Interested in competing against scores of color guards from across the country? Be sure to apply early to nail down a spot in this highly competitive division. Entry spaces are limited to approximately 45 teams, so don't hesitate when applying to get in on the action! For full scoring results of this year's Nationals, be sure to go online to DrillNATION.net and check out the "Scoring Results" section.

This division was filled with close finishes, and here's how the rest of the top five shakes down: the **Warriors** from **West Orange HS** grabbed 3rd place, **Lady Wranglers** from **West Mesquite HS** took 4th overall, and the **Gold Tigers** from **Smith-Cotton HS** placed 5th in a bitter fight to the finish. These three teams were all separated by less than 30 points total, a testament to just how competitive this year's Unarmed Division at the Challenge Level Event really was! Other impressive showings include **Caddo Parish Magnet HS** (3rd-Color Guard) and the **Untouchables** from **Oxon Hill HS** (2nd-Exhibition). Congratulations to all the fine competitors at this year's NHSDTC Challenge Level Event!

Every year, many competitive programs that are well deserving of a competition slot in the Challenge competition are left out due to the sheer volume of applicants! Schools that plan to attend the NHSDTC should ensure that they meet the early December deadline for entry submission to increase the likelihood that they will be vying for the title at "The Nationals" in 2011!

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2010 National High School Drill Team Championships

Challenge Level Attendees & Event Standings



Armed Division

Inspection

Ben Davis HS	<i>Golden Eagles</i>	948
Oxon Hill HS	<i>Execution</i>	859
Colts Neck HS	<i>Colts Neck Guard</i>	851
Rutland HS	<i>MidGeorgiaLeathernecks</i>	812
Central Crossing HS	<i>Comets</i>	807

Regulation

Smith-Cotton HS	<i>Black Tigers</i>	842
Southside HS	<i>Drilling Tigers I</i>	820
Ben Davis HS	<i>Golden Eagles</i>	793
Hubbard HS	<i>H-Squad</i>	777
Rutland HS	<i>MidGeorgiaLeathernecks</i>	775

Color Guard

Smith-Cotton HS	<i>Black Tigers</i>	860
John Horn HS	<i>Jaguars</i>	798
Central Crossing HS	<i>Comets</i>	780
Hubbard HS	<i>H-Squad</i>	764
Pulaski County HS	<i>SgtBrooksMemorialDrill</i>	736

Team Exhibition

Colts Neck HS	<i>Colts Neck Guard</i>	839
Smith-Cotton HS	<i>Black Tigers</i>	832
La Salle Institute	<i>O'DonovanRifles</i>	829
Hubbard HS	<i>H-Squad</i>	826
Evans HS	<i>Knights</i>	759

Overall Armed Champion

Smith-Cotton HS - *Black Tigers*

Overall Armed Runner-up

Hubbard HS - *H-Squad*

Airport HS
Army JROTC
W.Columbia, S.CAROLINA

Bainbridge HS
Air Force JROTC
Bainbridge, Georgia

Bartram Trail HS
Air Force JROTC
St. Johns, Florida

Ben Davis HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Indianapolis, Indiana

Bloomington HS
Air Force JROTC
Valrico, Florida

Blythewood HS
Army JROTC
Blythewood, S.CAROLINA

Caddo Parish Magnet HS
Army JROTC
Shreveport, Louisiana

Central Crossing HS
Navy JROTC
Grove City, Ohio

Coffee HS
Navy JROTC
Douglas, Georgia

Colts Neck HS
Navy JROTC
Colts Neck, New Jersey

Delaware MA
Navy JROTC
Wilmington, Delaware

Englewood HS
Army JROTC
Jacksonville, Florida

Evans HS
Army JROTC
Evans, Georgia

Fairmont HS
Army JROTC
Fairmont, N.CAROLINA

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Navy JROTC
Orange Park, Florida

Forestville MA
Army JROTC
Forestville, Maryland

Gloucester HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Gloucester, Massachusetts

Greenwood HS
Navy JROTC
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Unarmed Division

Inspection

Colts Neck HS	<i>Pride of Colts Neck</i>	957
Smith-Cotton HS	<i>Gold Tigers</i>	783
West Orange HS	<i>Warriors</i>	776
Oxon Hill HS	<i>Untouchables</i>	755
Bainbridge HS	<i>Wings of Blue</i>	*738

Regulation

Hopkins County Central HS	<i>Raging Storm</i>	786
Colts Neck HS	<i>Pride of Colts Neck</i>	754
West Mesquite HS	<i>Lady Wranglers</i>	697
West Orange HS	<i>Warriors</i>	696
Hubbard HS	<i>Black Sheep Squadron</i>	683

Color Guard

Hopkins County Central HS	<i>Raging Storm</i>	981
Bainbridge HS	<i>Wings of Blue</i>	977
Caddo Parish Magnet HS	<i>Crimson Mustangs</i>	974
John Horn HS	<i>Big Red</i>	970
Gloucester HS	<i>Scarlet Thunder</i>	965

Team Exhibition

Hopkins County Central HS	<i>Raging Storm</i>	925
Oxon Hill HS	<i>Untouchables</i>	916
West Mesquite HS	<i>Lady Wranglers</i>	*890
West Orange HS	<i>Warriors</i>	890
Papillion La Vista South HS	<i>Silver Titans</i>	877

Overall Unarmed Champion

Hopkins County Central HS - *Raging Storm*

Overall Unarmed Runner-up

Colts Neck HS - *Pride of Colts Neck*

Gulfport HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Gulfport, Mississippi

La Salle Institute
Army JROTC
Troy, New York

Ooltewah HS
Army JROTC
Ooltewah, Tennessee

Pulaski County HS
Army JROTC
Somerset, Kentucky

T.C. Williams HS
Army JROTC
Alexandria, Virginia

Washington HS
Air Force JROTC
Tacoma, Washington

Hopkins County Central HS
Air Force JROTC
Madisonville, Kentucky

New Mexico Military Institute
Army JROTC
Roswell, New Mexico

Osceola HS
Air Force JROTC
Osceola, Arkansas

Rutland HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Macon, Georgia

Taylor County HS
Army JROTC
Perry, Florida

Waukegan HS
Army JROTC
Waukegan, Illinois

Hubbard HS
Army JROTC
Chicago, Illinois

North Point HS
Air Force JROTC
Waldorf, Maryland

Oxon Hill HS
Air Force JROTC
Oxon Hill, Maryland

Smith-Cotton HS
Army JROTC
Sedalia, Missouri

Thurgood Marshall HS
Army JROTC
Dayton, Ohio

West Charlotte HS
Army JROTC
Charlotte, N.CAROLINA

Jackson-Olin HS
Army JROTC
Birmingham, Alabama

Northview HS
Army JROTC
John's Creek, Georgia

Papillion La Vista South HS
Navy JROTC
Papillion, Nebraska

South Cobb HS
Army JROTC
Austell, Georgia

United South HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Laredo, Texas

West Orange HS
Air Force JROTC
Winter Garden, Florida

Jefferson City HS
Air Force JROTC
Jefferson, Georgia

Northwest HS
Army JROTC
Clarksville, Tennessee

Passaic HS
Navy JROTC
Passaic, New Jersey

Southside HS
Air Force JROTC
Greenville, S.CAROLINA

Wagener-Salley HS
Army JROTC
Wagener, S.CAROLINA

Westfield HS
Army JROTC
Houston, Texas

John Horn HS
Army JROTC
Mesquite, Texas

Wilbur D. Mills HS
Army JROTC
Little Rock, Arkansas

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE SCHOOLS WHO MAKE UP THE CHALLENGE LEVEL COMPETITION!

DAWN OF A DYNASTY

First LaSalle Military had their run in the 80's, then San Antonio stormed the stage led by Theodore Roosevelt and Winston Churchill throughout the '90s and into the new century. Flour Bluff HS then dominated along with Fern Creek HS into the recent era in their divisions, but now many think Francis Lewis HS high school may be on the cusp of something just as big!

As the dawn approaches on an early Sunday morning in May of 2010, hundreds of cadets have already sprung from their racks on the shores of Daytona Beach, Florida putting the finishing touches on their uniforms, shaving their faces, braiding their hair, and preparing for two days of the most grueling competition they've ever experienced. The many hundreds of hours and the many gallons of blood, sweat, and tears they've shed in the preceding 363 days of the year all come down to this: two days, five separate events, and one chance to be the best.

Pressure? You better believe there's pressure. That pressure is the very foundation of what has given the National High School Drill Team Championships its esteemed reputation as the finest gathering of high school athletes that this country has to offer. In no other place will you see a gathering of such tremendous talent in one place to determine who truly is the best in their sport. This year marked the 28th Annual competition, and the stakes were as high as they've ever been. With dozens of the sport's teams chomping at the bit to display their own excellence, there was never any question that this year's Nationals would be anything short of fantastic.

In conjunction with the growth of the Ocean Center, the Nationals, too, has grown in size. This year's PX area was filled with cadets, instructors, and spectators alike constantly heading up to gather information or to pick up souvenirs to commemorate their time at the Nationals. The new indoor practice areas were bustling and the 20+ meeting rooms in the Ocean Center made it possible for some teams to have a space to make into a relaxing home. In addition, the Nationals Village exhibitor's area featured a little something for everyone, highlighted by the jaw-dropping trailer anchored by the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Army Marksmanship display, both featuring examples of the coolest military technology wrapped in fun for anybody looking to let loose while not on the drill floor. With all of these fine additions tacked on to the National High School Drill Team Championships, the ambience of the event can only be described as breathtaking.

This year's competition was highlighted by the most difficult Inspections in recent national's history. With everyone looking to dethrone last year's champs Francis Lewis (Demilitarized), Flour Bluff (Unarmed), and Fern Creek (Alternative Arms); the slightest mistake in any event could make a world of difference. Throughout the entirety of the competition, you could cut the tension in the Ocean Center with a knife. Would last year's champions be denied, or would these apparent dynasties tighten their grip on their respective divisions, leaving everyone else behind once more?

ALTERNATIVE ARMS HIGHLIGHTS

In its storied history, Sports Network International has been witness to many dynasties and would be dynasties. In the early years, it was LaSalle Military Academy in the Demilitarized Arms Division. In the late 90s and early 2000's, it was Black Watch on the male side and Theodore Roosevelt on the female side. But never in any division has there ever been a more consistent, unstoppable force than the female cadets from just outside Louisville for the last 11 years!

The **Lady Leathernecks** from **Fern Creek HS** arrived on the Nationals drill scene and took the division by storm. Since then, no one else has been able to get their hands on that big piece of hardware that sits on the middle of the stage at the Nationals Awards Gala each year. Some have come close....very close! MCJROTC unit **Palm Bay HS** from Palm Bay, Florida and Army JROTC unit **Winter Springs HS** in Winter Springs, Florida nearly did it a few times. Unfortunately for the rest of this year's competitors, there was no Cinderella in the 2010 storybook as the **Lady Leathernecks** clinched their 11th consecutive National Championship! With three 1st place finishes in Regulation, Squad & Platoon Exhibition, and two 2nd place finishes in Inspection & Color Guard, Fern Creek

separated themselves from their nearest competitors by roughly 400 points! With a new instructor taking over the reigns this year at Fern Creek HS, we will see whether this drill powerhouse can be stopped in 2011, or will they continue to dominate this division for another decade to come?

The battle for the Runner-up trophy was a brutal one that boiled down to two teams, the **Lady Redhawks** from **Seneca HS** (Louisville, Kentucky) and the **Golden Bears** from **Winter Springs HS** (Winter Springs, Florida). With 1st place finishes in Inspection and Color Guard, considered two of the most difficult events at the Nationals, the **Golden Bears** looked well poised for a run at the ten-time champions. A solid 2nd place finish in Platoon Exhibition and 3rd place finish in Regulation put them in position but a disappointing 5th place finish in Squad Exhibition left them left them in a dogfight for 2nd place overall with **Fern Creek HS's** arch rival **Seneca HS**. While the **Seneca Lady Redhawks** may not have taken 1st place in any event, their consistent performance was enough to edge out the **Golden Bears** by a mere 11 points for the Runner-up trophy! **Seneca** was impressive in all their performances: Regulation & Squad Exhibition (2nd), Platoon Exhibition (4th) and Inspection (5th). Their point totals managed to eke out a victory over **Winter Springs HS**, but you had better believe that next year the **Golden Bears** have their sights set on both the **Lady Redhawks** and the champs from **Fern Creek** as they look to take over this highly competitive division.

Other notable finishes in this division include **Bellevue West HS** (3rd-Platoon Exhibition), **J.H. Reagan HS** (3rd- Inspection & Squad Exhibition), and **Carroll HS** (3rd-Color Guard, 4th-Squad Exhibition), and an amazing solo exhibition routine by Cadet Phillips from the **Carroll HS Golden Knights** and the tandem dual team from the **Braden River HS**, Cadets Bowman & Poirier. DrillINATION cannot wait to see what they all have in store for us at the 2011 National High School Drill Team Championships!



The Nationals PX area was "Grand Central Station" of this year's event where cadets, instructors, and spectators gathered to get the latest info, souvenirs, and team packages.

UNARMED DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

Much like the ladies from Fern Creek in the Alternative Arms Division, the **Sea Hawks** from **Flour Bluff HS** in Corpus Christi, Texas have become synonymous with the Unarmed Division. Since capturing their first national title in 2000, they have been a veritable force to be reckoned with and have held on to the six foot trophy every year since 2003. However, being the champion from a fairly small school also leaves you in the crosshairs of the many rival schools vying for your title. With so many targets on their backs and with the tenacity of the Runner-up from the last 2 years, the **Patriot Pride** from **Francis Lewis HS**, snapping at their heels every step of the way, could the **Sea Hawks** hold on to their title as we began a new decade of Nationals excellence?

These two teams went at it like two prizefighters in a heavyweight bout. However, when the last bell was rung and the judges' scores had been tallied, it was unanimous. The brawlers from Fresh Meadows, New York had done the unthinkable as the **Francis Lewis HS Patriot Pride** Unarmed Drill Team lay claim to this year's National Championship! With three astounding 1st place finishes in Color Guard, Flight & Element Exhibition, **Patriot Pride** became an early favorite for this year's title. These fine young Army JROTC cadets have shown everyone that no team is safe in this division, and their hunger for victory was satiated in a bravado performance on the shores of Daytona Beach.

Though dazed from their brutal battle with **Francis Lewis**, the ladies of the **Flour Bluff HS Sea Hawks** managed to stay in the top two of this division for the eleventh consecutive year with great performances across the board. While the Runner-Ups did not place first in any individual event, they looked ever-impressive throughout the competition, especially in Flight (2nd) and Element (4th) Exhibition. However, even the Runner-up title didn't come easy this year as another drill force, the always strong **Blue Angels** from **Douglas MacArthur HS** (San Antonio, TX) applied pressure and just missed grabbing a big trophy by 11 points on the 6,000 point scale! With a 1st place finish in Inspection and a 2nd place finish in Element Exhibition, these Army JROTC cadets showed the Navy JROTC **Sea Hawks** (and everyone else) that they mean business.

Other notable finishes this year included the **Riderettes** from **Theodore Roosevelt HS** (2nd-Inspection, 3rd-Element Exhibition), **Winston Churchill HS** (2nd-Regulation, 3rd-Inspection, 5th-Squad Exhibition), and **Brandeis HS** (1st-Regulation, 3rd-Flight Exhibition). In the Dual Exhibition event, Cadets Arevalo & Ho from the **Patriot Pride** managed to edge out the hard-charging representatives of the **Rahway HS Lady Devil Pups**, Cadets Almeida & Almeida, by a single point for first place! In such a tight division with so many good schools, next year's Unarmed melee is looking to be another nail biter.

DEMILITARIZED ARMS DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

In what many consider to be the most exhilarating and unpredictable division of the National High School Drill Team Championships, titles are often won by margins so small that even the slightest mistake in any event can have crippling effects. In the last three years, the titles of National Champions and Runner-ups have gone to some combination of four schools (**Francis Lewis**, **Douglas MacArthur**, **Rahway**, and **Flour Bluff**), with no repeat of the same combination. However, in that time, the mighty **Patriot Guard** have surged to the upper echelon of the division with two National Championships. They have also dominated nearly every other competition they've attended in recent years, winning overall championships at the National Raider Challenge Championships and the U.S. Army Cadet Command Eastern Championships several times over and secured the top spot in 2009's Demilitarized Arms Division at the NHDTC. It may be too early to call them a dynasty, but they have demonstrated through their tremendous versatility in all aspects of their program they have the formula and the tools to continue their dominance for years to come. Would anyone be able to challenge this seemingly unstoppable juggernaut for this year's overall championship?

With conviction in their voices, the Army JROTC cadets from the heart of Fresh Meadows, New York answered that question with a resounding and appropriate, "fuhgeddaboutit." The **Patriot Guard** absolutely dominated this year's competition by taking home trophies in all 5 events. Three first place finishes in Inspection, Regulation, and Color Guard, a 4th place in Squad Exhibition, and a 5th place in Platoon

Exhibition were more than enough to separate **Francis Lewis HS** from their nearest competitors by a solid 200+ points! Watch out DrillINATION because it looks like the **Patriot Guard** is here to stay.

Always a top tier competitor but several years removed from their last run at the top two spots at Nationals, the **Silver Eagles** from **John Jay HS** (San Antonio, TX) came surging back into contention by taking home this year's Runner-Up trophy. They edged out last year's Runner-Up, **Douglas MacArthur HS Blue Guard**, with top placements in Squad Exhibition (1st), Color Guard & Regulation (3rd), and Inspection (5th). Solidifying a spot at the top for Air Force JROTC units everywhere, the **Silver Eagles** have poured concrete into the reputation foundation as being the finest Air Force drill program in the country.

Other notable finishes in this exciting division include 2008 National Champions **Rahway HS** (2nd-Platoon Exhibition), the **Lynn English Bulldogs** (2nd-Inspection & Regulation), **Grant HS** (4th-Regulation, 5th Color Guard), the **Fern Creek Leathernecks** (1st-Platoon Exhibition), **Flour Bluff** (4th-Inspection) and the **Flanagan Rifles** from **Marmion Academy** (3rd-Squad & Platoon Exhibition). Taking home the coveted Demilitarized Arms Solo Exhibition Championship trophy was Cadet O'Leary from **Vero Beach HS**, and taking home the Dual Championships were Cadets Sevidal & Hanuna from **Farrington HS** in Honolulu, Hawaii!

On the final night of the NHDTC each year, all of the teams, instructors, and spectators get dressed in their best and file into the transformed Ocean Center for the Masters Level Awards Gala. This event is full of panache as Master of Ceremonies, Justin Gates, leads us through a magical evening filled with suspense, excitement, and some of the finest speakers eager to reach out to the attendees of this great event. This year's ceremony was highlighted by a stellar performance by the Navy Ceremonial Drill Team and speeches from U.S. Army Cadet Command Deputy Commanding General, **Brigadier General Arnold Gordon-Bray** and Savannah State University Navy ROTC Commanding Officer, **Captain Kent V. Flowers**. In addition, there were some highly touching moments as the National High School Drill Team Championships honored United States Army **Sergeant Amanda Older**, a former JROTC cadet and Nationals competitor from **James Madison HS** who has battled with cancer in recent years. The Nationals also bid farewell to one of the finest coaches in the history of JROTC drill as **MGySgt Dunlapp** from **Fern Creek High School** took the stage one last time before his impending retirement. Without a doubt, this year's ceremony (which was also broadcast live for the first time on *DrillINATION.net*) will go down as one of the most memorable ceremonies in Sports Network's long and storied history.



The 2010 Nationals were honored to host alumni competitor Sergeant Amanda Older, shown here flanked by BG Arnold Gordon-Bray, Deputy Commander USACC (left) and LTC Amador Cano, SAI, James Madison HS (right).

The training has already begun for the 2011 Nationals, and one can only imagine how it will play out. After seeing dynasties tighten their grips, some stunning upsets, and some amazing displays of excellence in all areas of competition, drill lovers around the world are already eager to be let off the leash to storm the beaches of Daytona on May 1st & 2nd, 2011 to make their mark on the world of JROTC. A new decade has begun, and the future is a blank tablet ready to be inscribed forever. What astounding feats await us on the drill floor in 2011? Be in sunny and warm Daytona Beach next year to see for yourself!



NATIONAL High School DRILL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS



Masters Level Event Standings

ALL RAW SCORE TOTALS ARE BASED ON A MAXIMUM 1200 POINTS PER EVENT

Demilitarized Arms

Inspection

Francis Lewis HS	<i>Patriot Guard</i>	1005
Lynn English HS	<i>Bulldogs</i>	926
Douglas MacArthur HS	<i>Blue Guard</i>	909
Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Devils</i>	903
John Jay HS	<i>Silver Eagles</i>	881

Regulation

Francis Lewis HS	<i>Patriot Guard</i>	998
Lynn English HS	<i>Bulldogs</i>	968
John Jay HS	<i>Silver Eagles</i>	964
Grant HS	<i>Maroon & Golden Knights</i>	936
Douglas MacArthur HS	<i>Blue Guard</i>	931

Color Guard

Francis Lewis HS	<i>Patriot Guard</i>	906
Douglas MacArthur HS	<i>Blue Guard</i>	896
John Jay HS	<i>Silver Eagles</i>	885
Ronald Reagan HS	<i>Rattler Guard</i>	843
Grant HS	<i>Maroon & Golden Knights</i>	835

Squad Exhibition

John Jay HS	<i>Silver Eagles</i>	1072
Douglas MacArthur HS	<i>Blue Guard</i>	1040
Marmion Academy	<i>Flanagan Rifles</i>	1033
Francis Lewis HS	<i>Patriot Guard</i>	1020
James Madison HS	<i>Maverick Guard</i>	1004

Platoon Exhibition

Fern Creek HS	<i>Leathernecks</i>	1123
Rahway HS	<i>Devil Pups</i>	1121
Marmion Academy	<i>Flanagan Rifles</i>	1113
Lynn English HS	<i>Bulldogs</i>	1072
Francis Lewis HS	<i>Patriot Guard</i>	1067

Demilitarized Arms Champions

Champion: Francis Lewis HS - *Patriot Guard*
Runner-up: John Jay HS - *Silver Eagles*

Solo Exhibition

1 st	Cadet O'Leary - Vero Beach HS
2 nd	Cadet Vass - Marmion Academy
3 rd	Cadet Sevidal - Farrington HS
4 th	Cadet Hawkins - W.T. Woodson HS
5 th	Cadet Hanuna - Farrington HS

Dual Exhibition

1 st	Sevidal & Hanuna - Farrington HS
2 nd	Satter & Shaw - John Jay HS
3 rd	Long & Zoeller - Seneca HS
4 th	Grahovec & Loehmann - Marmion Academy
5 th	Baez & Heuser - Rahway HS

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Unarmed

Inspection

Douglas MacArthur HS	<i>Blue Angels</i>	941
Theodore Roosevelt HS	<i>Riderettes</i>	940
Winston Churchill HS	<i>Queen's Guard</i>	933
James Madison HS	<i>Lady Maverick Guard</i>	*902
Lynn English HS	<i>Lady Bulldogs</i>	902

Regulation

Brandeis HS	<i>Blue Aces</i>	864
Winston Churchill HS	<i>Queen's Guard</i>	859
North Miami Beach Sr. HS	<i>Lady Chargers</i>	807
Coffee HS	<i>Trojan Elites</i>	801
James Madison HS	<i>Lady Maverick Guard</i>	795

Color Guard

Francis Lewis HS	<i>Patriot Pride</i>	922
North Miami Beach Sr. HS	<i>Lady Chargers</i>	910
Sandalwood HS	<i>Silver Eagles</i>	896
Aransas Pass HS	<i>Pink Panthers</i>	871
John Jay HS	<i>Snap II</i>	869

Element Exhibition

Francis Lewis HS	<i>Patriot Pride</i>	1062
Douglas MacArthur HS	<i>Blue Angels</i>	1028
Theodore Roosevelt HS	<i>Riderettes</i>	992
Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Hawks</i>	950
Winston Churchill HS	<i>Queen's Guard</i>	945

Flight Exhibition

Francis Lewis HS	<i>Patriot Pride</i>	1040
Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Hawks</i>	1033
Brandeis HS	<i>Blue Aces</i>	1022
Bellevue West HS	<i>T-Birds</i>	985
James Madison HS	<i>Lady Maverick Guard</i>	963

2010 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Unarmed Champions
Champion: Francis Lewis HS - *Patriot Pride*
Runner-up: Flour Bluff HS - *Seahawks*

Dual Exhibition

1 st	Arevalo & Ho - Francis Lewis HS
2 nd	Almeida & Almeida - Rahway HS
3 rd	Lutka & De Llano - Ronald Reagan HS
4 th	Brandon & Peralta - Fleming Island HS
5 th	Bertan & Bradley - Colts Neck HS

Alternative Arms

Inspection

Winter Springs HS	<i>Golden Bears</i>	900
Fern Creek HS	<i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	895
J.H. Reagan HS	<i>Reagan Riflettes</i>	890
West Creek HS	<i>Coyote Pride</i>	880
Seneca HS	<i>Lady Redhawks</i>	875

Regulation

Fern Creek HS	<i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	812
Seneca HS	<i>Lady Redhawks</i>	789
Winter Springs HS	<i>Golden Bears</i>	749
J.H. Reagan HS	<i>Reagan Riflettes</i>	726
West Creek HS	<i>Coyote Pride</i>	697

Color Guard

Winter Springs HS	<i>Golden Bears</i>	856
Fern Creek HS	<i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	829
Carroll HS	<i>Golden Knights</i>	749
West Creek HS	<i>Coyote Pride</i>	719
J.H. Reagan HS	<i>Reagan Riflettes</i>	656

Squad Exhibition

Fern Creek HS	<i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	978
Seneca HS	<i>Lady Redhawks</i>	977
J.H. Reagan HS	<i>Reagan Riflettes</i>	934
Carroll HS	<i>Golden Knights</i>	848
Winter Springs HS	<i>Golden Bears</i>	704

Platoon Exhibition

Fern Creek HS	<i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	947
Winter Springs HS	<i>Golden Bears</i>	929
Bellevue West HS	<i>Lady Thunderbirds</i>	928
Seneca HS	<i>Lady Redhawks</i>	905
J.H. Reagan HS	<i>Reagan Riflettes</i>	902

Alternative Arms Champions

Champion: Fern Creek HS - *Lady Leathernecks*
Runner-up: Seneca HS - *Lady Redhawks*

Solo Exhibition

1 st	Cadet Phillips - Carroll HS
2 nd	Cadet Pons - Winter Springs HS
3 rd	Cadet Spencer - Southside HS

Dual Exhibition

1 st	Bowman & Poirier - Braden River HS
2 nd	Rivera & Jones - Winter Springs HS
3 rd	Beberwyk & Reep - Bellevue West HS

★ 2010 MASTERS LEVEL PARTICIPANTS ★

★ Schools of Excellence ★

2010 ALL-SERVICE JUDGING CORPS



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Airport High School
Army JROTC
West Columbia, S. Carolina

Aransas Pass High School
Navy JROTC
Aransas Pass, Texas

Bellevue West High School
Air Force JROTC
Bellevue, Nebraska

Braden River High School
Army JROTC
Bradenton, Florida

Brandeis High School
Air Force JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Buchholz High School
Air Force JROTC
Gainesville, Florida

Carroll High School
Army JROTC
Ozark, Alabama

Claudia Taylor Johnson High School
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Coffee High School
Navy JROTC
Douglas, Georgia

Colts Neck High School
Navy JROTC
Colts Neck, New Jersey

Deerfield Beach High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Deerfield Beach, Florida

Douglas MacArthur High School
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Dutchtown High School
Air Force JROTC
Hampton, Georgia

Evans High School
Army JROTC
Evans, Georgia

Farrington High School
Army JROTC
Honolulu, Hawaii

Fern Creek High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Louisville, Kentucky

Fleming Island High School
Navy JROTC
Orange Park, Florida

Flour Bluff High School
Navy JROTC
Corpus Christi, Texas

Forestville Military Academy
Army JROTC
Forestville, Maryland

Francis Lewis High School
Army JROTC
Fresh Meadows, New York

George Bush High School
Navy JROTC
Richmond, Texas

Georgia Military College Prep High School
Army JROTC
Milledgeville, Georgia

Grant High School
Army JROTC
Dry Prong, Louisiana

Grants High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Grants, New Mexico

J.H. Reagan High School
Army JROTC
Houston, Texas

James Madison High School
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

John Jay High School
Air Force JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

John Marshall High School
Navy JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Lackey High School
Air Force JROTC
Indian Head, Maryland

Lafayette Sr. High School
Air Force JROTC
Wildwood, Missouri

Lake Howell High School
Navy JROTC
Winter Park, Florida

Langham Creek High School
Air Force JROTC
Houston, Texas

Leesburg High School
Air Force JROTC
Leesburg, Florida

Long Island City High School
Army JROTC
Long Island City, New York

Lynn English High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Lynn, Massachusetts

Marmion Academy
Army JROTC
Aurora, Illinois

New Mexico Military Institute
Army JROTC
Roswell, New Mexico

North Miami Beach Sr. High School
Army JROTC
N. Miami Beach, Florida

Northeast High School
Army JROTC
Clarksville, Tennessee

Northview High School
Army JROTC
Johns Creek, Georgia

Oxon Hill High School
Air Force JROTC
Oxon Hill, Maryland

Papillion La Vista South High School
Navy JROTC
Papillion, Nebraska

Prince George High School
Army JROTC
Prince George, Virginia

Pulaski County High School
Army JROTC
Somerset, Kentucky

Rahway High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Rahway, New Jersey

Reno High School
Army JROTC
Reno, Nevada

Ringgold High School
Army JROTC
Ringgold, Georgia

Robert E. Lee High School
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Ronald Reagan High School
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Rutland High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Macon, Georgia

Sandalwood High School
Air Force JROTC
Jacksonville, Florida

Seneca High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Louisville, Kentucky

Silver Bluff High School
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STATE OF THE DRILL NATION

As the National High School Drill Team Championships approaches its milestone 30th anniversary, it seems like an ideal opportunity to pause for reflection. Not only to look back at the cradle of JROTC drill excellence that gave birth to the Nationals, but to take an honest assessment of the current state of the Drill Nation.

Sports Network International will forever be indebted to the cadets of New York's La Salle Military Academy, who will be remembered for being as cocky as they were talented. The La Salle Rifles took the championship title in 1983 and went on to clinch a record six more overall victories throughout the 80s and 90s. Without their skills and their swagger, Nationals might never have attained its mystique as quickly and enduringly as it did. Their championships were all the more astonishing given their program's structure, with cadets in charge to lead and train the team with minimal adult instruction.

John Pisa-Relli, who competed in the first two events as a member of LSR, attended the 25th anniversary event, and had this to say: "As good as we thought we were way back then - and for our time we were among the best - we couldn't hold a candle to today's dominant teams. They would have kicked our butts, for sure. Drill has come so far in terms of technique and precision --- it's really quite breathtaking what today's generation of young men and women are capable of doing on the drill deck." But what struck John when he came back to the Nationals in 2007 was something more timeless than timely. "While the technical advances in drill are breathtaking to be sure," he added, "I was most impressed by the patriotism, enthusiasm, esprit de corps, and good character on display. Their talent is a reflection of their values, just as it was back in 1983."

The rest, as they say, is history. The decades unfolded and drill has experienced a meteoric rise as a result of many obvious (and a few not so apparent) reasons. The primary explosion came quite simply from exposure. The Nationals has allowed hundreds of programs and tens of thousands of cadets to see the best drill has to offer up close and personal. And with the convenience of the DVD series and online sites such as Youtube, drill excellence is literally accessible to the world. The astonishing Hawaiian style was brought to the mainland. Black Watch's Texas influence traveled to the northeast. Marmion's (Illinois) precision was studied in the south. Rahway's (New Jersey) intensity made it to the west coast. Francis Lewis' (New York) precision was dissected throughout

the east coast. And Fern Creek's (Kentucky) Lady prowess was analyzed by every female armed team in the country.

The second reason for the fast-paced growth in drill lies where influence is born: at the top. Instructors saw what was possible and set the standard that their teams would have to achieve. They accepted nothing less than the absolute best their teams were capable of. In modern times, a cadet-led team like La Salle would have an uphill battle against today's best instructors that get to school at 0600, leave at 1800, and are committed year around to making their team a national power.

The exponential rise in drill talent is also eroding the realm of the dynasty.

The final reason for both the growth and innovation in drill lives in plain sight - it's in the hands of the cadets. The artistry and creativity at play in the drill world today is nothing short of staggering. In years past, routines were firmly rooted, never to be anything more than tweaked from year to year. Now, cadets are anxious to mix it up, to try something new that pushes the envelope. And it's the cutting edge instructor that allows them the room to grow and advance their skills and refine their style.

The exponential rise in drill talent is also eroding the realm of the dynasty. It's getting more difficult with each passing year to dominate in your division. There's simply too much talent on the floor of the Nationals to walk into the Ocean Center with the misplaced arrogance that you're a lock to take home any trophy, let alone the big one. As good as your team is, there are a dozen other programs working just as hard as you are.

In the Demilitarized Division alone, there have been four different champions in the past five years. Not long ago, Texas was king of the universe. But as the sport evolves, so do programs throughout the country. Even so, San Antonio is still the epicenter of the drill universe. In 2010, *their programs took home a staggering 24 of the 54 trophies in their divisions!*

There are many programs that work tirelessly in preparation for Nationals, but have never finished in the top 10. One might ask, why keep pursuing a trophy that you don't seem likely to win? To the outside world that question might

seem baffling. But to any instructor that is putting in the time, standing post at endless practices, and guiding cadets from their first day of freshman year to their graduation as a senior, it is the simplest question of all to answer.

It's the pursuit that makes the difference. Setting a goal (such as Nationals) builds focus and requires determination, teamwork, commitment and a level of camaraderie that doesn't happen casually. You can't teach someone how to be exceptional without giving them a reason to be. Excellence doesn't happen in a vacuum. It happens after hundreds and hundreds of hours of first trying and failing, then trying and succeeding and finally trying and excelling. By allowing their cadets to work towards the mastery of drill, with the goal of Nationals as a shining beacon in what can be a very long, challenging year of ups and downs, these instructors are setting their cadets up for success in life.

Oftentimes, the pursuit of a goal can become so singular, that the benefits surrounding it can get lost. During the Masters Level Awards Ceremony, one wonders if the cadets present truly grasp just how far they have come in such a short time. Do the adults present appreciate the greater picture that is unfolding before them? Each program accepted the challenge to succeed and worked endlessly to achieve it. With or without that trophy, the goal was accomplished. The victory was attained. As Baron deCoubertin, the founder of the modern day Olympics once said, "The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not winning but taking part; the essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well."



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JROTC: An Impact that Can Last a Lifetime

Once upon a time, there was a young kid from Rahway, New Jersey who never excelled at anything. He had no clear sense of direction nor did he have the discipline necessary to make him successful in his life. He went to high school, still floundering in the life he'd always lived until something amazing happened. In his sophomore year he joined the MCJROTC program at Rahway HS. It was the best decision he'd ever made, and it set him up for a successful track in life.



My name is Matt Graifer, the newest member of the Sports Network International team and all those years ago, that kid was me. I joined a program with a tremendous national reputation, and for the first time ever, I gave something my heart and soul. I became the CO of my unit, Commander of my drill team, and won the National Runner-up trophy as a Regulation Commander at the 2004 Nationals. What JROTC gave me was a sense of camaraderie I'd never experienced before or since, true leadership skills, confidence, and the discipline necessary to carry me through both a baccalaureate and master's degree. I've done many things since my time as a cadet, and never a moment has gone by that I didn't think about how it all might not have been possible had it not been for my time as a Devil Pup. I never expected to be called back to JROTC, but I found myself working with SNI for a graduate project, which ultimately led to the opportunity to join their team. So here I am, fully entrenched in the world of JROTC once again, doing everything I can to make our events, products, and the experiences we offer to the cadets bigger and better.

Beyond the advantages that are found in JROTC that can set a cadet up for life, there is often a sense of wanting to "give back" and stay involved in the drill world following graduation. Several former cadets have found unique ways to bring their expertise back to the schools. Andrea Bryant is a California native that attended Moreno Valley HS and graduated in 2003. While she never attended the Nationals as a JROTC cadet, Moreno Valley was widely regarded as the best drill team on the west coast. However, Bryant's claim to fame in the drill world aside from being the Commander of her drill team was when she was chosen to train Hillary Duff for her role in the hit Disney film, *Cadet Kelly*. "They originally were looking at Moreno Valley to be the rival school in the film, but our team was too small. But they wanted trainers to work with Hillary Duff. So the unarmed commander and I went to Hollywood to train Hillary for about four days, and they picked Rahway to be the rival school," recalled Bryant.

She went on to Norwich University where she participated in the Corps of Cadets and was a member of the Shock Platoon. She studied Business Management and graduated in 2007. "Norwich molded me into the business woman I am today," said Bryant. She has also been a competitor at the ISIS World Championships for several years, keeping her passion for drill alive and well.

Bryant is currently the manager of Sytable Web Design, and while her passion lies in web design, her talents are certainly not contained there. Flexing her business muscle, Bryant founded **For The Art**, a clothing company for drillers that features cutting-edge designs that blend the art of drill with pop culture. This year she is expanding her business to include Unarmed Drill with the "As One" clothing line. As if her schedule wasn't full enough, Bryant shares her drill expertise by coaching local teams to make them competitive at the national level. When asked why it was important for her to give back to the drill world, Bryant said, "[I do it] because of what drill gave to me. It put me on a path that was better than how I might have turned out without it. I want to give back and make a similar path available to current cadets. I think



it's very important to increase drill's exposure to the public for acceptance and understanding of what it is and what it can do." She still drills about three times a week when she gets a break from her responsibilities. In the future, she looks to create a website for drillers where they can access instructional videos to help them and their teams improve. Her one piece of advice to cadets today is, "Know that there is drill beyond high school. It is what you make of it, big or small. You can coach, you can compete as a soloist, you can start your own company...You can grow with drill, so stick with it!"



While many proud cadets scoff at the idea of mingling with cadets from rival schools, it is becoming more common for the gaps between rivals to be bridged through the common love of drill. A great example is the dynamic duo of Jaclyn Stewart, Flour Bluff HS '08 and Bill Owen, Orange Park HS '07. Their friendship came out of the heat of rivalry but grew into a lasting camaraderie as they share their continued passion for drill. With his background as Battalion, Drill Team and Rifle Commander, Owen helped make Orange Park nationally competitive and went on to compete as a soloist in both Nationals and ISIS. During Stewart's tenure at Flour Bluff, she commanded her unarmed team to a National Championship. Their first shared drill experience came as Platoon Leaders at the Nationals Drill Camp where they guided both novice and experienced cadets to greatness. Since graduation, they have gone on to higher education, with Owen pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice and a commission as a Marine Corps officer and Stewart working towards her degree in graphic design along with serving her country in the U.S. Navy Reserves.

As if that wasn't enough, they are busy being two of the most active alumni giving back to the drill world through their budding business venture **Competitive Outcomes**. After years of helping their alumni schools with training cadets, they have branched out to offer their services to schools from all over the country. Schools enlist their help to develop their drill talent from Inspection to Exhibition (and everything in between), all created specifically to meet the needs of the team and their ability to learn. Along with fine-tuning skills, they work with the style and imagination of the cadets to create new Exhibition routines. Owen was even flown out to work with the Trinidad & Tobago Cadet Force to improve their drill prowess! Together they are a force to be reckoned with. "It's about the family, the camaraderie, and the bonding. I'd never had anything like that before. I want to keep doing it," remarked Stewart.

"It's what we love doing," said Owen. "JROTC made me a better person. It solidified my desire to join the military and made me likely to succeed," reflected Owen who hopes one day to run a JROTC unit of his own after retirement from the military. As for some free advice, Owen was quick to offer, "Give it your all every step of the way. When you're done and you look back, you want to be able to say you gave it everything you had."

Four different success stories from all walks of life with the common thread of JROTC that changed us for the better and set us all up for successful paths in life. Everyone knows JROTC will make you a better citizen, better leader, and a better person. Where will your experience in Junior ROTC take you after high school? The sky is truly the limit!



NATIONALS

S C R A P B O O K

A Look Around the Nationals and JROTC Universe

The Mighty Blue Guard Performs for Texas Governor

The current Army West Overall Champion and annual NHSDTC Masters Level top finisher Blue Guard from Douglas MacArthur HS was invited recently to perform in the Austin Convention Center for the National Annual Convention of the Army and Air National Guard hosted by Texas Governor Rick Perry. In addition to their awe-inspiring performance in front of 4,000 senior military (including 170 general officers), they also acted as the official Honor Guard for Governor Perry. Along with a standing ovation, all members were awarded a Commanding General's Coin for their outstanding performance by General Jose Mayorga, commander of all National Guard units in Texas. Congratulations to the Blue Guard on receiving such an esteemed honor!



Grant HS Honored as Spirit Award Winner

Every year, Sports Network selects one school that truly embodies the spirit of the National High School Drill Team Championships. In the 28 years of the event's history, there have been countless quality programs that have been true representatives of the Nationals, but only one can be recognized each year. This year, Grant High School from Dry Prong, Louisiana was awarded the Nationals Spirit Banner to proudly display inside their school walls until they make their way back for next year's competition. The Maroon and Golden Knights also took home some gold this year in the Color Guard competition, and on the night of the Nationals Awards Gala, Cadet 1st Lieutenant Joseph Price took the stage to accept the award handed out by Sports Network's Client Relations Manager, Jennifer Ladd (above).



On November 2nd, 2010, mid-term congressional elections will be held throughout the country. These elections may not only decide representation in your state, but who will control both the House and Senate of the United States. If you turned 18 and are registered to vote, learn the issues and VOTE! Implications of your choices may be felt for a generation or more. Make your voice heard!



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"RENNER-UP" NO MORE AT THE ISIS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The ISIS World Drill Championships was a hotbed of exhibition drill innovation and sizzle! Since its inception with post-high school drillers from around the world coming to Daytona to show off their incredible drill prowess. This year's competition saw the 2009 Runner-up, Michael Renn, capture not only the solo championship but also the dual championship alongside his twin brother Adam. Without question, Renn is the talk of the drill community and he looks to be ready for his challengers at next year's competition!



Texas & Georgia Drill Camps: Outta Sight!

This year's Eastern and Western Nationals Drill Camps were tremendous experiences for all who got a chance to be a part of them. Highlighted by instructors and former drillers from some of the nation's finest JROTC programs, these week long camps sent over 150 cadets back to their JROTC units with an edge over all of their competitors that they would not have had otherwise. Don't miss out on this opportunity of a lifetime as next year's Nationals Drill Camp is sure to be more of the same!

Jean Weil Scholarship Amazes

Selecting the two top NHSDTC cadets as the most outstanding overall is generally a near-impossible task. However, this year two cadets LEAPED to the top of most every board members selection chart and the on-site interviews only confirmed this. Erick Juarez from Bainbridge HS, Bainbridge, Georgia - AFJROTC was selected, along with Rebecca Horn from Flour Bluff HS, Corpus Christi, Texas, NJROTC (pictured left) each received a \$1,000 scholarship. To see the

amazing interactive displays and a cargo net climbing wall over twenty feet high! And look out - the Air Force is looking to fly in at the 2011 Nationals in a big way! The Nationals remain more than just a drill competition: it is an overall experience to be remembered long after your JROTC days are finished!

DRILLNATION

Membership Tops 3,800... 5,000 Members Sought By 2011 The JROTC community is flocking to DrillNATION.net big time! Discussion groups, study materials, real-time chat and more makes DrillNATION.net the on-line home for many die-hard drillers worldwide. The goal is to have 5,000 members by January 1st, 2011 - stay tuned for details!

Army and Navy "Keep on Truckin'" at the 2010 Nationals!

As the Nationals Village begins to grow at the NHSDTC, so, too, do the amount of impressive displays available for attendees to visit! This year's Nationals Village was highlighted by the incredible displays put on by the Army, who brought their marksmanship trainer and a National Guard chopper built by Orange County Choppers, and the Navy, who brought a tractor trailer filled with





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