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With Covid-19 protocols in place for The Nationals in Daytona Beach, cadet 2nd Lieutenant Adrian Martinez of the Rattler Guard drill team with Ronald Reagan High School from San Antonio, Texas displays school spirit as he performs exhibition drill in his mask.



Inside, see Event Recap Information and Photos from the Various Service Championship Events as well as learn how your cadets can be a part of these 2022 events, featuring the incomparable... NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DRILL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS IN DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA!

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The amazing cover photo of c/2LT Adrian Martinez from Ronald Reagan High School was taken by 1SG (Ret) Mike Jones, Training Technician with U.S. Army Cadet Command.

MAGAZINE DEDICATION

With troop deployments that stretch across the globe, the 2021-22 *DrillNATION* Magazine is dedicated to both the active duty and reserve components of our American Armed Forces, along with the National Guard. These brave and selfless individuals continue to provide the blanket of freedom that Americans enjoy every day. Thousands of former cadets who have attended the Nationals in the past are currently serving around the globe in all branches of the armed forces, helping to protect the interests of the United States of America. SNI is honored by their commitment to duty and wish them all a safe and speedy return home when they complete their mission.

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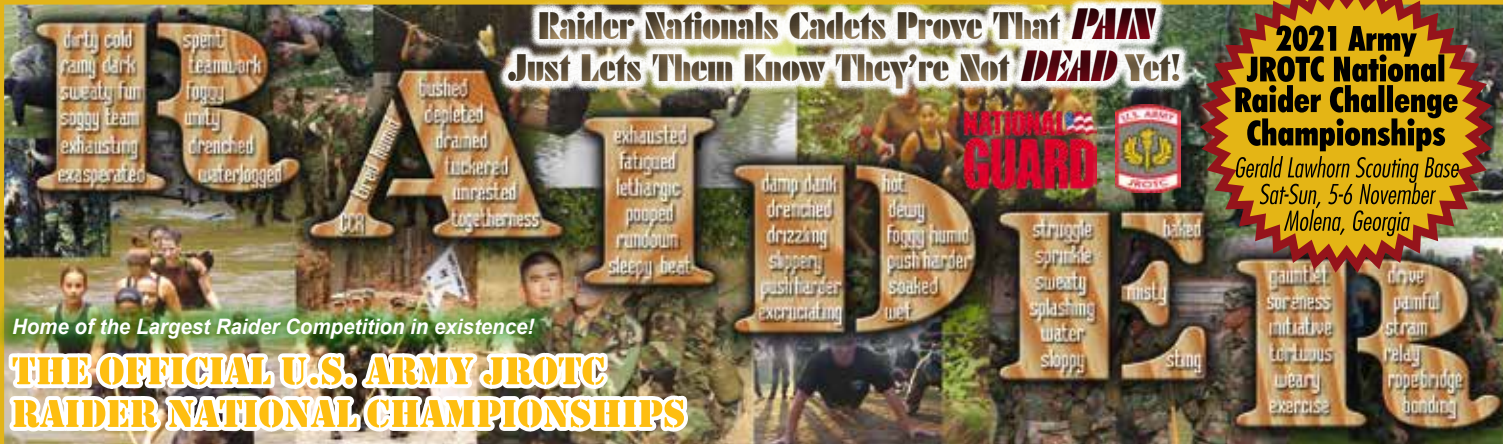


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With the pandemic affecting everything, the 2020 Army Raider Nationals was rescheduled and held in February 2021. Many schools still were unable to gain permission from their school boards to travel and the competition field was only about half of a typical year, but the competition happened! That was the most important thing, to do something that started moving life in the direction of "normal." Masks were required except while competing and cadets didn't mind... they just wanted to compete. It was the first JROTC event to be held in over a year and the cadets that competed appreciated the opportunity to show their stuff.

FEMALE DIVISION: Adairsville HS from Adairsville, Georgia has dominated the Female division over the last few years and with a smaller competition field this year, they were unstoppable. The *Lady Tigers* swept the entire division with first place in all five events. They will be hoping to maintain their dynasty this November but they have a huge target on them and aiming hard will be *Leavenworth HS Lady Pioneers* from Leavenworth, Kansas. They placed second in every event landing them the Overall Runner-Up title.

MIXED DIVISION: Fifteen teams participated in the Mixed division and although some of the historically strong teams were in attendance, the lack of the ability to practice due to Covid restrictions took its toll but that opened the door for different schools to take their place on the podium. Winning the Overall Championship was *Ozark HS* from Ozark, Missouri as they captured first in 5K, second in CCR and Rope Bridge, third in Gauntlet and fourth in PTT. The *Red Knights* from *North Fort Myers HS* in Florida came on strong winning first in PTT and Gauntlet, fourth in Rope Bridge and fifth in 5K. Rounding out the top three was always-strong *Sarasota MA* from Sarasota, Florida. Had it not been for a stumble to 9th place in the 5K they may have won the division (1st CCR; 2nd Gauntlet; 3rd Rope Bridge & PTT) so they will be coming on strong this November trying to get back on top.

MALE DIVISION: This division typically has over 30 teams but the 2020-21 event only had 11 teams attending however, the leaderboard didn't change from 2019. *Adairsville HS Tiger Pride*, even being from a small school, still showed that it isn't the size of the school that matters, but the heart, soul, and sheer determination of the cadets. They captured first place in four of the five events (PTT, Gauntlet, CCR, Rope Bridge) and a solid third place in 5K making them the undisputed champs this year. *Riverside MA* stayed in the Runner-Up spot capturing second in 5K & CCR, third in PTT, fourth in Gauntlet, and fifth in Rope Bridge. These teams and many more are already poised to battle it out this November.

With less schools and teams in attendance and overnight stays restricted, the schedule was reworked for the competition to be held all in one day, including the Ultimate Raider competition on Saturday afternoon. One male and one female tackle a grueling obstacle course and long run as they carry a 35 lb. ruck sack. This takes strength, speed, and especially stamina! *Cadet Kopelyn Delong* from *Ozark HS* captured first place Best Female Raider title and *Cadet Walker Bloodworth* from *GMC Prep HS* took home Best Male Raider.

The Raider Nationals are sponsored by U.S. Army Cadet Command and supported by the U.S. Army Recruiting Company Athens who served as judges for this unique and challenging event. Rutland HS MCJROTC unit and W.H. Harrison HS (AJROTC) worked very hard helping to set up the courses and serve as runners and staff. We could not do it without these amazing volunteers.

The 2021 Raider Nationals has 100+ teams!
The weekend features TWO competitions to allow schools of ALL TALENT LEVELS from ALL SERVICES to attend!
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All-Service Raider Challenge Championships

Molena, Georgia

Raider is growing in all services and this is the perfect laboratory!



As with everything in the entire world, the Raider event was shut down in 2020 but we were able to hold the 2020 event in February of 2021. Due to travel restrictions placed on most teams, the competition field was about half of a typical year. 25 teams were able to attend with many of them very restricted on their ability to practice back home, but they pulled it together and made the trip. So many instructors expressed appreciation that the event was being held saying that their cadets NEEDED to compete, to do something that resembled "normal" again. And although Covid precautions changed some aspects, it was still a great event.

FEMALE DIVISION

In the Female Division, Mariner HS Lady Tritons (USA) from Cape Coral, Florida almost swept the division. They captured first in 5K, Gauntlet, and Rope Bridge falling only to third place in PTT. Their overall victory was secured by an over 50 second lead in Rope Bridge and an almost two minute lead in the 5K. They were nearly unstoppable all the way around.

Coming in the Runner-Up position were the Lady Mavericks from James Madison HS (USA). This San Antonio team took first in PTT, second in 5K and Gauntlet and fourth in Rope Bridge.

MIXED DIVISION

Graves County HS Eagles and GMC Prep HS Mixed Black team (from Mayfield, Kentucky and Milledgeville, Georgia respectively-both Army JROTC) were fighting each other all day to see which would take the Championship trophy and which the Runner-Up. But when the dust settled and the mud dried, Graves County Eagles were on top taking first in Gauntlet and Rope Bridge and second in PTT and 5K solidifying the division win. GMC Prep fought hard and came up with two first place finishes (PTT and 5K) and two third place finishes (Gauntlet and Rope Bridge). In November 2021, the competition field will be full to the brim as these two teams try to stay on top once again.

MALE DIVISION

Lake Cormorant HS (USMC) from Mississippi was a middle-of-the-pack finisher in 2018 but with tons of practice found themselves taking home the Male Division Championship trophy this time around. "The Lake"

cadets were thrilled as they came to collect their first place trophies in PTT and Gauntlet, second in 5K and third in Rope Bridge and Overall Champion. Following not too far behind were both Perry HS Panthers (USAF) and Mariner HS Tritons (USA) (Perry, Georgia and Cape Coral, Florida). These two battled it out to see who would claim the Runner-Up title. The Panthers squeezed out the Tritons by only one placement point as they took first in Rope Bridge, third in PTT and Gauntlet, and fourth in 5K. The Tritons took home first in 5K, second in PTT and Gauntlet but a disappointing seventh place in Rope Bridge kept them from taking home either of the two big trophies this year.

Even with the pandemic still in the news and schools having issues gaining travel approval, the November 2021 event is completely full with a waiting list of three schools at this writing. So many teams are ready to get back out on the course and prove their abilities despite any past issues with restrictions.

Keep in mind that spectators are always welcome during the weekend in the hills of Georgia so feel free to join us to cheer on these amazing teenagers as they once again face the challenges presented by the All-Service Raider Challenge Championships.

For more information and top-to-bottom scoring visit the website:

www.thenationals.net/raider-main-challenge.htm

CHAMPIONS



RUNNER-UPS



Pictured above (L-R): Lake Cormorant HS "The Lake" - Male Division Champions, Graves County HS "Eagles"- Mixed Division Champions, Mariner HS "Lady Tritons" - Female Division Champions, Perry HS "Perry Panthers" - Male Division Runner-Up, GMC Prep HS "Mixed Black" - Mixed Division Runner-Up, James Madison HS "Lady Mavericks" - Female Division Runner-Up.

Weather in Florida is unpredictable, but even if it Rains... our Cadets have GOT THIS!



With the memory of the MASSIVE thunderstorm that washed away the final few events from the last National JROTC Fitness Challenge Championships pre-Covid still fresh, both teams and Sports Network vowed with the extra time and planning that this would never happen again. Changes were made and a better indoor/outdoor hybrid event is now the Fitness Nationals standard in use annually! What a day of competition it was!

With those changes, only the positive memories of accomplishment: sweating, running, jumping, and that incredible surf pounding the shores of the Atlantic Ocean just feet away are memories these cadets will remember! On Mother Nature's grandest stage, the 4th annual all-service **National JROTC Fitness Challenge Championships** with Covid protocols in place were held FULLY for the limited number of schools still able to travel & compete! It was an amazing treat for those teams who kept the fire burning all school year!



Sponsored by the **U.S. Army Cadet Command**, the best JROTC fitness programs showcased intensity within all of their individual & team efforts.

In the now THREE competition divisions (Mixed, Female, and Male), each team competes in five events (Physical Team Test, 3K Team Beach Run, Standing Broad Jump, Seated Power Throw, and Pull-Ups/Flexed Arm Hang) with 12-cadet teams and 9 cadets performing in each event. The event always begins with the early morning 3K Team Run on the soft sands, with Male & Mixed teams running with a 10' PVC Schedule 40 pipe to increase that difficulty (ladies, get ready, you will be carrying it this upcoming year!)

★ 2022 COMPETITION DATE - FRIDAY 15 APRIL - SUNNY DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA ★

MALE DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

Two long-time attendees kept squaring off all day trading wins back and forth with the **Mighty Mules** from **Alamo Heights HS** (*San Antonio, Texas*) grabbing two wins but nabbing the three other events was the **Red Team** from **Utah Military Academy - Hill Field** (*Riverdale, Utah*). At the end of the day, the Mighty Mules captured the overall Male Division championship. To magnify how slim the margin of victory was, had the Red Team from Utah MA - Hill Field achieved collectively only 15 more inches in distance from their nine total jumpers, they would have gained the championship! What an excruciatingly tight finish between two great teams! **St. John's Northwestern MA SJNMA Fitness Team** just edged out the always tough **FPC Men** from **Flagler Palm Coast HS** to grab the overall 3rd place trophy.

FEMALE DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

Again, **Alamo Heights HS** got every inch, count and second from every cadet. They left nothing behind winning three of the five competition events. But the other two events were nabbed by the **Flagler Palm Coast FPC Women** (*Palm Coast, Florida*). But the schools did not know that the deciding event came to be the Physical Team Test held early that morning. The FPC Women finished with the fastest time, however they received a 15-second penalty that cost them the victory and with that, the championship, having to settle for the Runner-up position. The **Golden Mules** from Alamo Heights powered forward to again grab the top spot!

MIXED DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

The mixed division had the largest number of teams and you could feel the tension knowing the championship was wide open for the taking, but the head of the field was **Clarkrange HS** (*Clarkrange, Tennessee*). The domination by the **Buffalo Stampede** team included winning four of the five events! The **Haines City HS Hornets** (*Haines City, Florida*) stung the field with a first and 3 second-places clearly owning the division runner-up title. A very tight third place overall scrum came down to **Utah MA - Lehi Marauders** edging out several other teams in the division.

The memorable event was attended by several service dignitaries throughout the day with the evening capped off at the Grand Nationals Weekend Awards Ceremony with **Major General John R. Evans, Jr., Commanding General, USACC & Ft. Knox** as our keynote speaker. His presence gave the cadets the huge pat on the back they deserved in overcoming so many obstacles to attend.

The 2022 Fitness Challenge is already shaping up to be bigger and better than previous competitions. SNI congratulates all of the teams of the 2021 Fitness Nationals!

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(L to R) **Major General Evans**, Commanding General, U.S. Army Cadet Command and Fort Knox, then event top finishers: Mixed Division Runner-up **Haines City HS**, Male Division Champion **Alamo Heights HS**, Mixed Division Champion **Clarkrange HS**, Female Division Champion **Alamo Heights HS**, Male Division Runner-up **Utah MA-Lehi**, and the Female Division Runner-up **Flagler Palm Coast HS**.

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The Army Nationals moved to Daytona Beach in 2021 and found a new home!

As with everything, the Covid-19 pandemic affected every aspect of life which certainly included JROTC. In 2019 the Army Nationals was the largest ever with 102 teams, but with school district restrictions throughout the country the 2020 event was cancelled and the 2021 competition hosted only 29 teams. The teams that were able to attend were extremely happy to have the opportunity to prove their talent on the drill floor, especially in the beautiful Ocean Center in Daytona Beach.

ARMED DIVISION

With 16 teams in the Armed Division, it was surprising that not one team placed in all four events. The top-five placements were spread among eight different teams. For the first time, **Marmion Academy** from Aurora, Illinois did not participate in the Exhibition event which kept them from being in the running for the overall championship, otherwise they may have taken top billing with their first in Inspection and second in both Regulation and Color Guard.

Theodore Roosevelt HS San Juan Guard from San Antonio, Texas captured the championship with a first place in Exhibition and third place in both Regulation and Color Guard. Very close on their heels was the **Ozark Mountain Guard** from **Ozark HS** (Ozark, Missouri) finishing less than 100 points behind. They took home second in Exhibition and fourth in both Inspection and Color Guard. Only a near miss in Regulation at sixth place kept them from taking the title. **Thomas Jefferson HS Crimson Guard** (San Antonio, Texas) landed in third place overall taking home first in Regulation and fifth in both Color Guard and Exhibition.

Other notable finishes: **Missouri MA** (1st CG, 3rd Insp, 5th Reg); **Central Catholic HS** (2nd Insp, 3rd Exh); **Ronald Reagan HS** (4th Reg, 5th Insp).

UNARMED DIVISION

The Unarmed Division hosted 13 teams but only one team trophied in every single event, in fact they almost swept the entire division. The **Lady Bolts** from **Ridge Community HS** from Davenport, Florida were well-prepared and it showed. They took first in Inspection, Regulation and Color Guard and only a third place in Exhibition kept them from a clean sweep.

The division Runner-Up title went to **Thomas Jefferson HS Crimson Brigade** as they took home second place in both Color Guard and Exhibition and fifth in Regulation. Staying very close, finishing only 55 points behind, were the **Mountainettes** from **Ozark HS**. They took home first place in Exhibition and third in both Inspection and Regulation earning them third place overall.

Other notable finishes: **Oasis HS** (2nd Insp & Reg); **Ronald Reagan HS** (3rd CG); **Southwood HS** (4th Insp & Reg, 5th CG); **Winston Churchill HS** (4th CG & Exh); **Theodore Roosevelt HS** (5th Insp & Exh).

The awards ceremony was punctuated by an encouraging and uplifting keynote speech by **COL Steve Smith**, US Army Cadet Command Program Director. He assisted in handing out the six overall trophies to the deserving cadets.

The Ocean Center was a beautiful backdrop for the Army Nationals and USACC has decided to keep the event in Daytona Beach for the foreseeable future allowing Army teams to also participate in the National High School Drill Team Championships as well as the JROTC National Fitness Challenge Championships, held the same weekend, both sponsored by USACC.



USACC Program Director COL Steve Smith (center) is surrounded by the proud cadets displaying their overall trophies. Pictured left to right, Thomas Jefferson HS (Armed 3rd Overall), Ozark HS (Armed Runner-Up), Theodore Roosevelt HS (Armed Champion), Ridge Community HS (Unarmed Overall), Thomas Jefferson HS (Unarmed Runner-Up), Ozark HS (Unarmed 3rd Overall).




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After a two-year hiatus, JROTC Devil Dogs are so fired up they have been burning up the phone lines. Working with USMC JROTC Headquarters, everyone is ready! Headquarters pushed to ensure the top two finishing schools will be guaranteed entry in the all-service National High School Drill Team Championships the following two days.

Currently, four USMC Regional Directors are spreading the word and hearing back that teams are ready. Top finishers from these early Spring region competitions will yield the 12 finalist schools sent to compete in this Marine Corps Championship in Daytona Beach, Florida.

This event will be a true test of all-around excellence. The competition will begin with a "rolling thunder" inspection event where each team cadet is individually inspected simultaneously, quickly followed by a Marine Corps JROTC curriculum focused academic exam. A quick night sleep for all teams, then back to the Ocean Center for the five competition drill events remaining in this championship event (Armed/Unarmed Basic Regulation, Armed/Unarmed Exhibition and 4-person Color Guard).

Cadets, parents and instructors we are getting ready...you should too!

The Air Force JROTC Open Drill Nationals remains the annual home to many of the finest AFJROTC programs. Most commonly referred to as the "Air Force Nationals," the event maintains the widest geographic spread of Air Force JROTC schools of any Air Force JROTC-only competition. Those that have competed in this event previously will attest to the awesome nature and standing this competition has within the world of competition drill & ceremony. This event is supported by the U.S. Air Force JROTC HQ and attended by teams across the United States.

Both 2020 and 2021 brought devastating cancellations but 2022 is completely ready to ROCK! The Air Force Nationals will again offer Armed and Unarmed divisions with four events (Inspection, Regulation, Color Guard and Team Exhibition). Solo & Dual Armed, Dual Unarmed Ex, and both Armed & Unarmed Knockout events! Top finishers in both divisions also receive priority entry into the all-service Nationals in Daytona Beach, Florida should they wish to attend.

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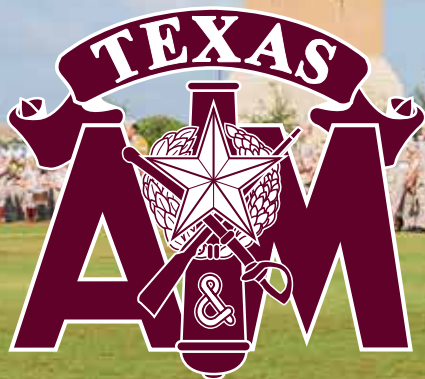
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NAVY NATIONALS

ACADEMIC, ATHLETIC & DRILL CHAMPIONSHIP



Into the breach we go again with a virtual competition, only this time with lots of planning, preparation and the assistance of NJROTC Headquarters, Area Managers, and maybe the greatest Judging Corps ever assembled, the event was truly spectacular for the cadets!

Covid reared its ugly head and the Navy was left with a quandary... again! The year prior, everything happened so suddenly and school districts were closing schools. Uncertainty was everywhere and teams were bewildered. But the NJROTC Headquarters made a great call and simply put forth the excellence teams had shown before Covid and moved forward, de-emphasizing the competition but putting the cadets on a huge pedestal. But April 2021 was going to be different....you could feel it.

With Covid and schools BOTH a bit more under control, the decision was made to stay in a virtual format but to follow the venerable advice of RADM Farragut and "DAMN THE TORPEDOS, FULL SPEED AHEAD". So SNI was told to remove the inspection competition, but formulate a fully competitive, nine-event academic, athletic and drill championship on-line. We were also told to make this event awesome and special for the cadets. And that is exactly how everything happened in numerous ways!

The SOP was created first outlining rules for filming, test taking, and general supervision and material submission to ensure the highest standards were in play. On-line hosting was designed. The teams were ITCHING to get back into the fight after so long on the sidelines and most all called seeking added info and performing & filming tips. This left us KNOWING they were prepping for battle to be the best which was a great sign.

Then SNI struck GOLD when the **United States Navy Ceremonial Guard Drill Team** graciously volunteered to judge BOTH the Armed and Unarmed Exhibition events! Not that it wasn't impressive enough having the premiere Navy drill & ceremony men and women judging, but we were blessed to have both judging groups spearheaded with active duty drillers who were just years before wearing the JROTC uniforms and competing in meets just like the cadets they were about to evaluate. These judges knew drill and their scoring reflected it.

Area Managers and especially Area 7 **CDR Pat Thurman** were instrumental in formulating a truly exceptional group of Navy JROTC judges with massive drill experience both within active duty and during their JROTC careers with BOTH the MCO & CFM to score the Regulation & Color Guard sequences. SNI was able to secure three rooms at the **Ocean Center Arena & Conference Center in Daytona Beach, Florida** and place massive projections and televisions with solid sound systems to give all the judges the very best listening and viewing ability to produce scores. With the venue coordination largely pushed by **Samantha Ste.Claire** and the scoring materials and logistics knocked out of the park by both **Jennifer Ladd & Sharron Ritch**, the long-scoring day saw every team reviewed by the judges in order of the draw just as if they were on the floor at NAS Pensacola!

Similarly, **Justin Gates** flew to the **Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling AFB in Washington, DC** to be on-site to both brief and then supervise/produce the two areas needed for both Armed & Unarmed Exhibition Drill to be scored. Despite a bit of technical tension circumventing the base security to play 21 JROTC videos (thank goodness for back-up thumb drives), the toughest part of the day proved to be the 1st floor, 2nd floor room set-up that left Justin feeling a bit like a mountain climber by 5pm when the day came to a close and all scoresheets were completed, present and accounted for.

The Academic Tests and all related materials were sealed and express mailed, waiting for the day & time across the nation the bulk of the teams would take the test simultaneously. All tests were then mailed back and again back-up procedures saved the day as the U.S. postal service tried to play "Where's Waldo" with several teams' academic tests!

When everything was totalled it was a year to remember as **Pace High School** from **Pace, Florida** simply overwhelmed the judges and the scantron machine blowing away the competition field. Winning the Academic Event and Overall Drill made computation for the overall champion a foregone conclusion!

452 miles away in **Tampa, Florida, Gaither HS** was proudly presented their Navy National Runner-Up trophy and many other event top-finish trophies. Gaither used a very strong finish in every area to power their way to a runner-up placement and a vow from one motivated cadet they will be taking home the overall title in 2022.

The fight for 3rd Place Overall was epic with **Nease HS** in **Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida** just edging out **Shawnee Mission HS** from **Overland Park, Kansas** by less than 100 points out of several thousand!

It must be noted that a few schools decided to compete with only a few WEEKS of practice due to school closures & other challenges. These schools are as impressive as anyone. To go into the area of competition knowing you have major hurdles, the lessons you taught your kids go far beyond trophies/accolades won or lost. We salute you!

Our thanks also go out to **Mr. Mark Watson** in his final Navy Nationals as NJROTC Operations Manager for his efforts over the years, and his replacement **Mr. David Hart** who is now busy on the 2022 event. Lastly, a giant HOOYAH to **Mr. Tim Daseler, NSTC Deputy Commander for NJROTC Operations** for throwing down a Facebook Live Awards Presentation that was exceptional when the champions were announced! As always, our thanks to the instructors, cadets and parents who make the commitment to provide lifetime memories and lessons to the greatest high school kids on the planet through participating in the Navy Nationals!

2021 HIGHLIGHTS

ACADEMICS

- 1st - Pace HS
- 2nd - Escambia HS
- 3rd - Gaither HS
- 4th - Pacifica HS
- 5th - Green Run HS

DRILL

- Champion - Pace HS
- Runner-up - Colts Neck HS
- 3rd Place - Hamilton HS

ATHLETICS

- Champion - Shawnee Mission N. HS
- Runner-up - Colts Neck HS
- 3rd Place - Nease HS

OVERALL EVENT

- Champion: Pace HS
- Runner-Up: Gaither HS
- 3rd Place: Nease HS
- 4th Place: Shawnee Mission N. HS
- 5th Place: Colts Neck HS

FUN NOTES from the 2021 NAVY NATIONALS!

Regarding the Armed Exhibition from Hamilton HS, your video was the ONLY video shown TWICE to any judges during the event. Wanna know WHY? The judges were so blown away by the solo ex work featured during your routine, they called in several other team members after scoring was complete for THEM to see your efforts...HOOYAH!

SNI Competition Director Justin Gates designed two roadtrips to hand-deliver most awards to top finishing schools. In Florida he looped to Nease, Pace, Gaither, JW Mitchell and Richard Spoto. Then he pushed up Interstate 95 to Norview, Green Run and Colts Neck! "Looking into the eyes of the instructors, cadets, parents and administrators and showing our pride in their efforts in person was a lifetime memory for me". said Mr. Gates. "Love what you do and you will never work a day in your life."

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- ★ DUAL EXHIBITION (Armed & Unarmed Divisions)
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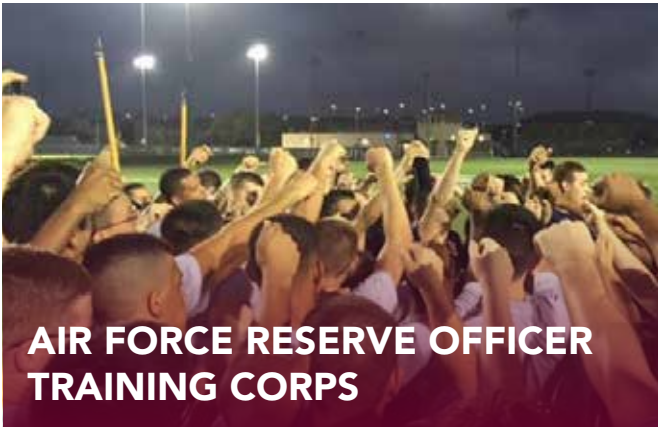
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National High School Drill Team Championships ~ Daytona Beach

CHALLENGE CADETS STEP UP TO THE CHALLENGE

Teams attending the 2021 National High School Drill Team Championships were so happy to get back onto a competition drill floor after having all of the spring 2020 competitions cancelled on them. Although many had only a month or so of actual team practice, they were eager to show up to compete and feel the exhilaration that comes along with the excitement of the "Nationals."

ARMED DIVISION

The competition field was less than half of a normal year since schools were still having issues gaining approval to travel, but the teams that did attend were ready to kick butt and take names! **Ozark HS's Ozark Mountain Guard** from Ozark, Missouri was strong in every event as they captured first place in Regulation and Color Guard, second in Exhibition, and fourth in Inspection. They separated themselves by over 150 proportional points to take home the Overall Armed Division Championship title.

Coming in second overall was the **Chaminade Guard** from **Central Catholic HS** from San Antonio, Texas. They only took home three team trophies (1st Inspection, 3rd Exhibition, 4th Color Guard) but maintained a 10 point lead over the next competitor keeping them in the Overall Runner-Up position.

Third place overall went to **Thomas Jefferson HS Crimson Guard** also from San Antonio, Texas. They took home a good bit of hardware themselves winning first in Exhibition, third in Inspection and Color Guard, and fourth in Regulation.

The only other team to capture top five placements in all four events were the **Warhawks** from **Waller HS** from Waller, Texas. They took second in Regulation, fourth in Exhibition, and fifth in both Inspection and Color Guard.

Other notable finishes included: **Highlands HS** (2nd Ins & CG); **Karen Wagner HS** (3rd Reg); **St. John's Northwestern MA** (5th Reg & Ex).

UNARMED DIVISION

In the Challenge Unarmed Division only one team captured a top-five placement in all four team events. Like their armed counterparts, the **Ozark HS's Mountaintettes** dominated the division. They took first in Regulation and Exhibition, second in Inspection, and third in Color Guard leaving no doubt that they were going home with the National Championship.

The next closest team, the **Tornadoes** from **Clearwater HS** in Clearwater, Florida, placed first in Inspection, second in Regulation, and fifth in Exhibition putting them solidly in the Runner-Up position. Only their disappointing finish in Color Guard kept them from challenging the Mountaintettes for the top placement.

The **Crimson Brigade** from **Thomas Jefferson HS** in San Antonio, Texas came in third place overall with only two trophy placements (2nd Color Guard, 3rd Inspection) but maintained high enough placements in the other two events to keep them near the top.

Other notable finishes were: **Bob Jones HS** (1st CG, 2nd Ex, 4th Reg); **Southwood HS** (3rd Ex, 5th Reg); **Karen Wagner HS** (5th Insp & CG); **Winston Churchill HS** (4th Ins & Ex); **Pensacola HS** (4th CG); **Coffee HS** (3rd Reg).

Congratulations to all teams that participated in the Challenge Division. We look forward to seeing you at the Nationals again next April!



The Challenge Level Champions flanked our Keynote Speaker, MG John R. Evans, Commanding General of the United States Army Cadet Command & Ft. Knox. Picture L-R, Central Catholic HS (Armed Runner-Up), Ozark HS (Armed Champions), MG Evans, Ozark HS (Unarmed Champions), Clearwater HS (Unarmed Runner-Up)

"Challenge Level teams climb the ladder each year as the talent pool gets deeper and deeper in JROTC drill."
- Justin Gates, SNI Competition Director

Open Level Color Guard Competition dominated by Air Force and Army Cadets

The always competitive Open Level Color Guard event is open to any unit regardless of talent level and typically attracts over 40 teams, although with travel issues for so many this year, the competition field dropped to 17 schools, but the talent level was still off-the-charts! **Alamo Heights HS** from San Antonio, Texas has brought two color guard teams to the Open Level competition for many years and has taken home many top finishes, this year was no different. The **Lady Mules** captured first place while their male counterparts, the **Mighty Mules**, took third place. The **Panthers White** color guard from **Springboro HS** (Springboro, Ohio) put forth an amazing performance that landed them solidly in second place while their **Panthers Blue** team followed close behind in fourth place. This is the first time we have had two schools capture four placements in the top five. **Walter L. Sickles HS Sickles Guard** from Tampa, Florida (not pictured) rounded out the top-five. These teams will have much more competition when they return to Daytona Beach next April.





2021 National High School Drill Team Championships Challenge, Open, & Masters Level Attendees



Abraham Lincoln High School
Air Force JROTC
Council Bluffs, Iowa

Clearwater High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Clearwater, Florida

Haines City High School
Army JROTC
Riverview, Florida

Marmion Academy
Army JROTC
Aurora, Illinois

Ronald Reagan High School
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Utah Military Academy - Hill Field
Air Force JROTC
Riverdale, Utah

Alamo Heights High School
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Coffee High School
Navy JROTC
Douglas, Georgia

Highlands High School
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Missouri Military Academy
Army JROTC
Mexico, Missouri

Scott Regional Tech Center
Army JROTC
Monett, Missouri

Waller High School
Air Force JROTC
Waller, Texas

Bloomington High School
Air Force JROTC
Valrico, Florida

Cypress Creek High School
Navy JROTC
Houston, Texas

Independent Maryland
Other
Upper Marlboro, Maryland

North Branch Area High School
Air Force JROTC
North Branch, Minnesota

Southwood High School
Army JROTC
Schreveport, Louisiana

Walter L. Sickles High School
Air Force JROTC
Tampa, Florida

Bob Jones High School
Air Force JROTC
Madison, Alabama

Dixie Hollins High School
Army JROTC
Saint Petersburg, Florida

Jones County High School
Army JROTC
Gray, Georgia

North Bullitt High School
Army JROTC
Shepherdsville, Kentucky

Springboro High School
Air Force JROTC
Springboro, Ohio

Ware County High School
Army JROTC
Waycross, Georgia

Caddo Magnet High School
Army JROTC
Shreveport, Louisiana

Effingham County High School
Air Force JROTC
Springfield, Georgia

Karen Wagner High School
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Ozark High School
Army JROTC
Ozark, Missouri

St. John's Northwestern Military Academy
Army JROTC
Delafield, Wisconsin

Winston Churchill High School
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Central Catholic High School
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Freedom High School
Navy JROTC
Tampa, Florida

Killeen High School
Army JROTC
Killeen, Texas

Palmetto High School
Army JROTC
Palmetto, Florida

Taylor County High School
Army JROTC
Perry, Florida

Xavier High School
Army JROTC
New York, New York

Central Hardin High School
Army JROTC
Cecilia, Kentucky

Grants High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Grants, New Mexico

Lakewood High School
Navy JROTC
Lakewood, California

Pensacola High School
Air Force JROTC
Pensacola, Florida

Theodore Roosevelt High School
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Cibola High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Greenville High School
Army JROTC
Greenville, Alabama

Leavenworth High School
Army JROTC
Leavenworth, Kansas

Prattville High School
Air Force JROTC
Prattville, Alabama

Thomas Jefferson High School
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Claudia Taylor Johnson High School
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Gulf Coast High School
Army JROTC
Naples, Florida

Liberty County High School
Army JROTC
Bristol, Florida

Ringgold High School
Army JROTC
Ringgold, Georgia

Tulsa Memorial High School
Army JROTC
Tulsa, Oklahoma



Nationals Virtual Competitors

Battle Ground HS
Air Force JROTC
Battle Ground, Washington

Fountain-Fort Carson HS
Army JROTC
Fountain, Colorado

Jefferson HS
Air Force JROTC
Jefferson, Georgia

Lynn English HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Lynn, Massachusetts

Thomas Jefferson HS
Army JROTC
Denver, Colorado

Blue Springs South HS
Air Force JROTC
Blue Springs, Missouri

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Air Force JROTC
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John Jay HS
Air Force JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Pacifica HS
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Garden Grove, California

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Clover HS
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Clover, South Carolina

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Air Force JROTC
Helotes, Texas

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Air Force JROTC
Aurora, Illinois

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William J Brennan HS
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San Antonio, Texas



NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DRILL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS MASTERS LEVEL DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS



Inside the Ocean Center Arena in Daytona Beach pictured left to right, Missouri Military Academy Armed Fusileers, Demilitarized Arms Division Runner-Up, Theodore Roosevelt High School San Juan Guard Demilitarized Arms Division Overall Champion (pictured with three instructors), Major General John R. Evans, Commanding General of the United States Army Cadet Command & Ft. Knox, Leavenworth High School Cavalry Angels, Unarmed Division Overall Champions, Theodore Roosevelt High School Riderettes, Unarmed Division Runner-Up.

Demilitarized Arms Division

Despite the pandemic and limited practice time, **Theodore Roosevelt HS San Juan Guard** from San Antonio, Texas came out strong this year capturing first place in both Squad and Platoon Exhibition, second in Inspection, third in Regulation, and fourth in Color Guard. These placements catapulted them to the top as they took the Demilitarized Arms National Championship title.

Extremely close behind were the **Armed Fusileers** from **Missouri MA** in Mexico, Missouri. They also captured two first place trophies (Regulation & Color Guard) one second place (Platoon Exhibition), one third place (Inspection) and one fourth place (Squad Exhibition) giving them the division Runner-Up title.

Unarmed Division

Leavenworth HS Cavalry Angels have fought every year to receive the recognition for their hard work and this year, it finally came. They rose to the top and captured the Masters Level Unarmed Division Overall Championship title with first in Regulation, second in Inspection, Element Exhibition and Flight Exhibition and fifth in Color Guard. These ladies, along with their instructor 1SG Cogdill, could not be more proud!

Theodore Roosevelt HS Riderettes came ready to kick butt and take names. They took home first place in both Team Exhibitions, second in Color Guard, third in Regulation, and fourth in Inspection granting them the Unarmed Division Runner-Up title.

NHSDTC VIRTUAL HIGHLIGHTS

For the first time, the NHSDTC included armed and unarmed virtual divisions for schools to compete remotely through video. It was so popular that we will continue to include it in future years. The Armed division hosted 17 teams and the Unarmed division 23 teams, by far the largest competition field this year. Due to travel restrictions within some of the San Antonio, Texas school districts several power-house teams were unable to travel this year and were thrilled to have the opportunity to still represent virtually. **John Jay HS**, **Brandeis HS**, and **William J. Brennan HS**, all AFJROTC units and from San Antonio took no mercy on the other schools within the virtual competition.

In the Armed Division, **John Jay Silver Eagles** dominated and took first place in the three events that counted toward the overall championships, Regulation, Color Guard, and Exhibition giving them the overall championship title. **Brandeis Nighthawks** were not far behind taking second in all three events and landing them solidly in the Runner-Up position. The Unarmed Division found **Brandeis HS Blue Aces** in the top spot as they captured first in both Regulation and Exhibition and fifth in Color Guard. **William J. Brennan HS Blue Elite** took the Overall Runner-Up title with a second place in Regulation and third in Exhibition.

Although so many more schools will be able to travel in 2022, we believe the virtual competition will continue to be a favorite among teams that for whatever reason are unable to attend *The Nationals* in person.



EXCITING CHANGES TO DAYTONA NATIONALS

COMPETITION DIVISION STRUCTURE & PLACEMENTS

For the past 20+ years, the National High School Drill Team Championships has simply used the completely subjective concepts of "Masters" and "Challenge" to denote the two (and only two) competition levels for the event within both the armed & unarmed divisions. These levels allowed most schools to simply self-identify as one or the other and move forward. These levels were completely outcome-based meaning the level you competed within had almost solely to do with the finish of your previous year team(s). While this system worked fairly well for decades, drill is changing and we recognize that, so now the Nationals are changing to better meet the needs of the teams involved in the grand sport of competitive drill.

The NHSBTC are moving to maintain THREE LEVELS of competition in both Armed & Unarmed Drill for teams seeking an overall title as champion. The event will still maintain the Open Level Color Guard event separate as well as the exciting Solo & Dual competition world. Of course, the World Drill Championships will still be in play as well for post-high school drillers. But for the many teams of the Nationals, we see these changes as a major improvement in many areas the instructors, cadets and parents should love.

A few of the highlights will be:

- All teams (except Open Level Color Guard-only) will now be eligible for Armed Solo and Dual competition slots and Unarmed Dual slots at no additional costs
- All teams will be a part of the famed NHSBTC Awards Gala on the final night of competition. All trophies will be distributed at this ceremony
- All-teams experience a two-day competition to better allow all cadets to fully immerse within the drill weekend.

The THREE DIVISIONS have set criteria and SNI has listed this in detail below. While the division placements still will maintain a subjectivity for competitive balance and fairness, there are far more items SNI will take into consideration before final placements are made though the primary factor is how well does your team do against other schools in your area and how competitive will you be in most events.

Division I / Masters Level: Highest competition division for those teams who are prepared to compete against the best units in the country. Some of these schools often have former cadets or outside trainers who assist in preparation. Regardless of limitations, these teams compete well in most all events and vie for numerous top finishes.

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Division III / Basic Level: These teams will be somewhat limited in their competition experience. These schools are often from smaller towns and/or have much smaller programs. They do not have a history of winning many/any trophies at regional or national competitions like their service qualifiers/championships or the NHSBTC.

A few other notes to be aware of include: Schools who bring both an armed team & unarmed team may be rated differently for each as their on-floor past accomplishments stand alone. The "Mixed" division of the competition is formally ending as your team composition and rifle in use will now be just another factor looked at when placing your team into the Armed Division as a Division 1-3 team. We look forward to seeing your team at *The Nationals* in April 2022!

2022 Date Change for Daytona Nationals

The 2022 Calendar presented a large challenge that required us to move the Nationals from its classic date the first weekend of May. A city-wide event called "Jeep Beach Week" is taking over Daytona Beach during our normal weekend because that event is held the last weekend of April (which is also the first weekend of May in 2022). This event will make hotel rooms both astronomically priced and unavailable as well as make the roads impassable. We could NOT keep our event on that date and were forced to move to a different weekend. Looking at alternatives there was no other option available besides the dates of April 14th – 16th, 2022. Every other weekend was booked.

It should be noted that this is Easter Weekend. We know that this may present scheduling challenges for some programs but we hope that having this advance notice will allow you time to adjust your plans. The schedule is backing up by one day so that Sunday will not be utilized for competition. Note that SNI plans to invite the Ft. Knox Army Chaplain and hold a brief, non-denominational service for Good Friday. Also, Daytona Beach is renowned for our annual Easter Sunrise Service on the beach. We will ensure all teams who stay until Sunday have full details on how to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime, moving experience.

We will return to our first weekend of May date in 2023 and all future years.



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National Military Drill Hall of Fame

Begun in 2012 with 13 original inductees, the National Drill Hall of Fame was formed to recognize those individuals present & past who have made immeasurable contributions to either competition or performance drill. Annually at the National High School Drill Team Championships each Spring, at least one more name is added to the illustrious hall. These individuals and groups have been earmarked as the standard bearers to lead all others. Scores of other individuals and groups were considered and most all brought extremely strong credentials to the table. We will always cherish the impact each has made to the drill world and we look forward to expanding this field annually at the National High School Drill Team Championships.

2021 Drill Hall of Fame Inductee

- Baron Friedrich von Steuben
- John "Black Jack" Pershing & the Pershing Rifles
- The U.S. Army Drill Team (TOG)
- Mr. Paul Naki & The King's Guard
- The National High School Drill Team Championships & Sports Network International
- Mr. Constantine H. Wilson & New Guard America
- USMC Silent Drill Platoon
- USAF Honor Guard Drill Team
- LaSalle Military Academy
- CMSgt Frank Killebrew & Oxon Hill H.S.
- Major Odell Graves
- MGySgt Douglas Dunlapp & Fern Creek High School
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- Major Greg Mikesell & Black Watch Winston Churchill H.S.
- MSgt. Ken Madden
- CDR Armando Solis & Flour Bluff H.S.
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- MSG Lawrence Badia & Francis Lewis HS Patriot Pride & Patriot Guard Drill Teams
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Central Catholic High School & The Chaminade Guard Drill Team

The first boys' school in San Antonio and still one of the largest all-male private secondary schools in the state of Texas, Central Catholic High School remains a prestigious landmark in San Antonio and a symbol of excellence throughout Texas. The Central Catholic High School varsity drill team was formed in 1938, six years after the Corps of Cadets was established and 3 years after JROTC was officially added to the curriculum. Initially, it was known as the Central Catholic Drill Team. About 1951, the name was changed to The Chaminade Rifles in honor of Blessed Fr. William Joseph Chaminade, founder of the Society of Mary, the order that founded and operates CCHS. About 1955 the team took the current name, the Chaminade Guard. The Chaminade Guard was originally founded in 1938 over 80 years ago. It has been continuously active for that entire period of time and was one of the if not the **FINEST** competition drill program in the United States for decades.



Commonly referred to as "The Guard" and more appropriately and often called "The Machine" mostly by those who were competing AGAINST them, they enjoyed unparalleled success from the later 1950's onward through the 1970's in the highly competitive world of drill in Texas. The Guard normally marching with a 40 block platoon with guidon and right guide, along with the CO and XO, for a total 44 member marching unit. But this wasn't the entire team! The Guard had an 8-10 man reserve, or when things were very flush, an independent freshman drill team known as the "Loyd Rifles". This team in some years had a complete OTHER 40 person drill unit!

Take a look at a Central Catholic HS 8mm video from a smaller unit in 1967 at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Df6bWSoacAk>. The precision shown even on that grainy video is just plain awe-inspiring!

Shown at right, the Chaminade Guard Alumni, from 1960 thru 2021, gather with current team members to celebrate the team's selection into the National Military Drill Hall of Fame, 7 June 2021.



While actual VERIFIABLE FACTS can be hard to come by, it is widely recognized that "The Guard" was the first team to incorporate a ripple line within their performance, as well as the first JROTC west of the Mississippi to incorporate a long rifle toss using a full-weight, demilitarized M1, from the front of the unit to the rear, or in this case over 40 team members! Many remember this being done by Rutgers University on the collegiate level in a similar timeframe but NOT with a formation this large. In designing that historic toss, it is said the CO that year came across an 8mm film loop of Rutgers, and off it went. Totally verifiable were the numerous eye witness accounts from teams that competed against them who said they would often come in and capture 1st place in every event - and that they were simply unbeatable on their WORST DAY!

While the winds of social change in the later 1970's dictated a decrease in popularity of JROTC units, "The Guard" kept marching on with smaller and smaller teams. They continued to perform without interruption. This, in itself, is an unparalleled accomplishment and must rank the unit as one of the oldest, continually active drill units in high school.



It's a testament to their domination evidenced by the words of a competing drill team member, at the 4th Army Championships held in Arlington, Texas, in the 1960's that "Central Catholic looked better getting off the bus than his team did on the competition field". In those days and in those events, they steam rolled teams. Judges were left mouth agape watching a marching unit this size back in the day. The team won during one run 12 of 14 consecutive Fourth Army Championships conducted each year at Arlington State College (now UT-Arlington).

It is an honor long overdue to have a unit with such an amazing pedigree to become a part of the hallowed halls within the National Military Drill Hall of Fame. This site could not be considered legitimate without their entry!

For the full stories and details on all inductees, please visit: <http://www.drillhalloffame.com>



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- Third Place: **Andres Ryan**

2021 Dual Exhibition Winners

- First Place: **Guerin & Fuentes**
- Second Place: **Arroyo & Simmonds**
- Third Place: **Kumar & Lasso**



NATIONALS

S C R A P B O O K

A Look Around the Nationals and JROTC Universe

No People Nor Rivalry was Better, and the World of Drill

WOULD NOT Be Where it is Today Without Them



When you think of the greatest rivalries in sports, numerous teams and people come to mind. But in the nearly 40-year history of the modern era of competition drill, no more heated rivalry took place for a decade just over 20 years ago than between these two Army drill leaders of San Antonio, Texas.

Colonel Jim Rose (left) of Theodore Roosevelt HS and Major John Mikesell (right) of Winston Churchill HS were the top two Army drill programs in a city that spawned greatness like no other. As the city expanded and new school districts carved, their greatness spread and made the city the Mecca of JROTC drill. They went head-to-head in drill with different styles but similar excellent results. The recent passing of both of these Military Drill Hall-of-Fame enshrined giants has been a solemn reflection for THOUSANDS of parents & cadets who looked to these men as family. Many of these cadets today live their lives in many respects through the values and lessons they learned on the drill deck and classrooms of these JROTC titans. Rest in peace gentlemen and thank you for your amazing service to a greatful nation both active duty and retired through JROTC.



2022 Brings Forward TWO Nationals Drill Camps - WOW!

Most everyone knows that SNI hosts the Nationals Drill Camp at Schreiner University in Kerrville, Texas each Summer. However for the first time in July of 2022, the U.S. Marine Corps JROTC HQ will be hosting an EXCLUSIVE WEEK-LONG summer drill camp just PRIOR to the All-Service Nationals Drill Camp we always host. In doing this, BOTH CAMPS will maintain roughly 125 cadets.

USMC JROTC Drill Camp is slated for early July (cadets selected and funded through MCJROTC only). The standard All-Service National Drill Camp will be held immediately following from 15-21 July, 2022!

Visit the National Drill Camp website to learn more:

<https://thenationals.net/camp-main.htm>

The Jean K. Weil Scholarships went to good homes with these Two Senior Cadets Taking Home the Prize



Selecting only TWO graduating seniors annually at the NHSDTC as the most outstanding overall cadets is always tough. The finalists submit their transcripts, an essay, personal recommendations and more. Finalists are then chosen to go through interviews. Because of the event structure, we went ahead and did the final interviews in advance using a zoom call. The results were the same. Spectacularly well-rounded and amazing recipients.

Tayla Jade Roberts (above) from Liberty County HS - Army JROTC in Bristol, Florida and Sydney Marie Baumbach (below) from Bob Jones H.S.- Air Force JROTC - Madison, Alabama are the deserving 2021 recipients. It was a unique selection process. "Ms. Roberts impressed me with her intensity, her need, and the obstacles she had powered through to gain great success within JROTC" stated Justin Gates, Competition Director and the individual tasked with hosting the interviews. "Ms. Baumbach was classically impressive. She had the academic pedigree with school transcripts & interview skills. She oozed awesomeness."

Along with the notoriety, each of these special graduating cadets earned a \$1,000 scholarship to be used for future scholastic expenses. To see more on this prestigious award or how to ensure your top graduating senior cadets can apply for the award at the 2022 Nationals, go to the on-line home: <https://thenationals.net/jkw-main.htm>.



Esteemed 2021 Nationals Spirit Banner Nabbed by Leavenworth HS

At the NHSDTC, SNI annually selects a single school that best displays the hard work, excellence in the face of adversity, overall champion spirit and glorification of drill to reign as the Spirit Award winner for the following school year. For the 2021-2022 school year, this prestigious school is the Army JROTC unit from Leavenworth HS in Leavenworth, Kansas.



learn more at: <https://thenationals.net/dt-spiritaward.htm>

Ms. Jennifer Ladd of SNI is shown above during the Nationals Awards Ceremony presenting the banner to motivational guru ISG Wayne Cogdill of Leavenworth JROTC. When we sat at the table a month prior to decide the recipient, Jennifer threw out the name Leavenworth HS and everyone simply nodded and said, "I think we are done here"! NO PROGRAM embodies the ideals & values of JROTC more than this one. This diverse program excels in numerous activities with drill just being one. Win or lose they give everything. They chronicle their work, bare no excuses and the event is always better on and off the competition floor with their inclusion. Join SNI in congratulating this top program which continues to set the standard of overall drill excellence.

McKinney HS Cadets Run With Hearts as Big as Texas!

Marine Corps JROTC cadets from the McKinney HS in McKinney, Texas were running in the 9/11 Heroes Run in September 2021. They were the first JROTC to complete the race and gave everything they had with most being quite physically spent. Despite their 110% effort, they saw far downrange a struggling Navy group from Dallas ISD. Without a word being said, the McKinney students ran back through the course, met the Navy unit cadets, and motivated two of those runners to cross the finish line. Singing Marine Corps running cadences (otherwise known as jodies), the cadets physically and mentally assisted other participants trying to finish the race.

"We admire what you did and hope it will rub off on other people," retired Col. Anthony Wood told the McKinney cadets at a short ceremony at their school afterwards. Even more extensive praise came from School Superintendent Rick McDaniel as he handed out certificates to one female and eight male cadets and told them he was proud. Their instructors, Chief Warrant Officer McPhatter and Gunnery Sgt. Trish "Gunny" Ramos, also received certificates.

The current JROTC students who received commendations are Andrea Dietz, Zach Vernier, Gregory Morgan, Albin Myscich, Isiah Henry, Steven Surprenant, Bryce Hartsell, Jacob Madsen and Allen Pierson.

McPhatter said he wasn't surprised and said it was typical of the team. At a physical competition at his school, his cadets rushed to help strained teams from other schools. This is the behavior McPhatter says he has come to expect from his kids. "That's the whole purpose of JROTC...to build character," he said. "I would say we're pretty accurate on hitting our target."

Covid Virus Plays Havoc with the Western Drill Calendar

The Southern California Invitational Drill Meet (SCIDM) has a powerful legacy in the drill universe. The cadre in recent years have done a fantastic job in making this February drill meet better each year. But for 2022, sadly the event has announced it has been cancelled because of the state limitations fighting Covid.



Currently, this is the only larger event out west we know of that has already decided to cancel. SNI wishes any events well regardless of what they ultimately decide. Often these decisions are taken away from them by local governments. It is our great hope that as schools get back to a new normal, this includes all co-curriculars - and especially military drill!

AFJROTC Fights and Wins vs. COVID-19



AFJROTC cadets continue to strive & thrive across the nation and around the world despite ever-changing coronavirus constraints. "COVID has definitely made this a challenging school year," said Col. (Ret.) David Cohen, SAI, Timber Creek HS, Orlando, FL. "Here in central Florida, we have approximately a third of our cadets in the classroom, while simultaneously teaching the remainder through distance learning. Subsequent restrictions on co-curricular activities have impacted how our cadets engage in the program."

The cadets have been by far the most affected in the AFJROTC family by the pandemic. Cadet leaders hold meetings virtually and conduct their planning and unit business on the phone or socially-distanced when possible, but this of course brings limitations. "So many are in the virtual from home learning environment, they are not able to truly experience AFJROTC," said Donald R. Bailey, HQ AFJROTC Region 3 Director. "The program is majority hands-on and many are missing out on uniform wear, drill, wellness and other hands-on activities related to curriculum." Also, most cadets are unable to participate in community service activities, and leadership development practices and events, curriculum in action trips, military balls and dining ins/outs. Many cadets will be stuck in the virtual learning model for the entire school year.

However, despite all the burdens placed on AFJROTC by this global pandemic the staff, cadre, and most importantly the cadets are powering through, learning and growing, while also finding innovative ways to stay connected and part of their unit's teams. SNI believes the AF values of integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do positions their cadets head on into not only meeting the challenges faced by Covid, but becoming better future citizens from the ultimate obstacle. - excerpt from Christian P. Hodge, HQ AFJROTC Public Affairs

The Raider Universe is Looking to Expand WEST!



Horace Greeley said it best and SNI will listen! "Going West" to explore options for expanding the exciting Raider competition from the Georgia area of the USA to a point much closer to western schools nationally. Currently the front-runner location is **Camp Williams**, one hour south of Salt Lake City, Utah. Covid knocked down the momentum for this change but the ball is picking up speed again and rolling downhill. SNI has had discussions with several entities who are seeking to make this happen. Should things continue to go well, SNI would look to have top site preparation and information for a 2023 rollout by September 2022.

SNI will be working with U.S. Army Cadet Command, Brigades and Areas/Regions from all services to hopefully formulate a successful all-service event to provide a first-class competition that can grow to support the growing interest from Western Raider schools. Western schools should keep their antenna up as this early planning stage event soon becomes a reality!

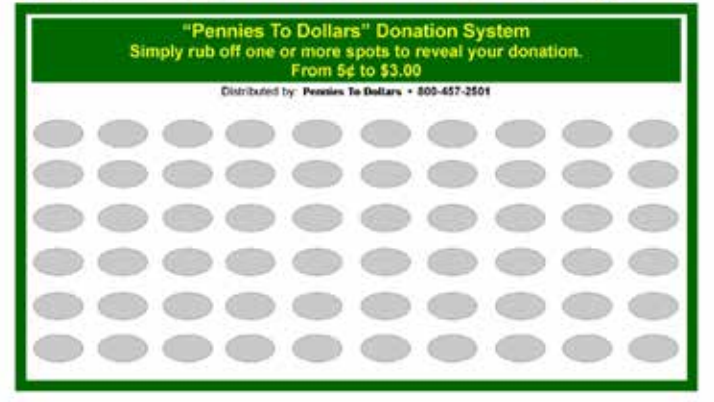


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