

Drill NATION

"Where JROTC Excellence is Celebrated Every Year"

2023-2024 Edition



GET YOUR TEAM RUNNING ON THE
"WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS BEACH" AT THE
2024 NATIONAL JROTC FITNESS CHALLENGE!



Cadet 1SG Chiara Tomasini commands the Ridge Community High School Lady Bolts, an Army JROTC unit from Davenport, Florida during the Unarmed Exhibition Routine in the Ocean Center Arena.



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 2024 events, featuring the incomparable...
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DRILL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS IN DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA!

DISCOVER AMERICA'S MILITARY COLLEGES THROUGH ARMY ROTC



ARMY ROTC



GEORGIA MILITARY COLLEGE (MJC)
Milledgeville, GA



MARION MILITARY INSTITUTE (MJC)
Marion, AL



NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTITUTE (MJC)
Roswell, NM



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA (SMC)
Dahlonega, GA



NORWICH UNIVERSITY (SMC)
Northfield, VT



TEXAS A&M (SMC)
College Station, TX



THE CITADEL (SMC)
Charleston, SC



VALLEY FORGE MILITARY COLLEGE (MJC)
Wayne, PA



VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE (SMC)
Lexington, VA



VIRGINIA TECH (SMC)
Blacksburg, VA



Two, three, and four-year scholarships are available for qualified students at Senior Military Colleges (SMC) and Military Junior Colleges (MJC). Army ROTC Scholarships cover tuition and fees or room and board, a book allowance of \$600 per semester and a monthly stipend of \$420 per month to spend as you please

Graduates of a Senior Military College who desire to serve on active duty do not have to compete nationally. Active duty is based on the recommendation of the Professor of Military Science.

Become an Army Officer in just 2 Years through the Military Junior College Early Commissioning Program

Text MCINFO to GOARMY (462769)

DrillNATION

Official Publication of the Internationally Recognized
JROTC Drill & Ceremony Spectacular, the
National High School Drill Team Championships

2022 Army Raider Nationals	event wrap-up	5
2022 All-Service Raider Challenge Championships	event wrap-up	6
2023 National JROTC Fitness Challenge Championships	event wrap-up	7
2023 Army National Drill Championships	event wrap-up	9
2023 AFJROTC Open Drill Nationals	event wrap-up	11
2023 USMC JROTC Drill Championships	event wrap-up	12
2023 Navy Nationals Academic, Athletic & Drill Championship	event wrap-up	13
2024 National High School Drill Team Championships Daytona Beach, Florida / May 4-5, 2024	invitation	14
2024 Nationals Drill Camp	general info	17
2023 Daytona Nationals / Open Level CG	event wrap-up	18
2023 NHSDTC Roster of Schools	event wrap-up	20
2023 World Drill Championships	event wrap-up	25
Nationals Scrapbook	articles	26

On The Cover


Cadet 190 Chiara Tomasini commands the Ridge Community High School Lady Bolts, an Army JROTC unit from Davenport, Florida during the Unarmed Exhibition Routine in the Ocean Center Arena. The cover photo and several others contained within this publication are courtesy of US Army Cadet Command Public Affairs Office.

MAGAZINE DEDICATION

With troop deployments that stretch across the globe, the 2023-24 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.

Sports Network International thanks the many exhibitors who help make the Nationals a special home for JROTC drill: Army Marksmanship, Columbia Southern University, Country Meats, Crossman Rifles, Daisy Outdoor Products, Drill Dojo, Fine Designs, Forward Flow, Georgia Military College, Glendale Parade Store, Marion Military Institute, Nationals Drill Camp, New Guard America, New Mexico Military Institute, Norwich University, Pershing Rifles, Poppin Popcorn, Schreiner Institute at Schreiner University, Texas A&M University, The Citadel, The Drill Hub, US Army 1st Brigade, US Naval Academy, University of North Georgia, University of the Potomac, US Merchant Marine Academy, USACC 4th Brigade, USACC 6th Brigade, USACC 7th Brigade, US Army G-4 Logistics, Valley Forge Military College, Virginia Military Institute, and Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets.

DrillNATION is the official publication of the National High School Drill Team Championships. DrillNATION is produced by Sports Network International, Inc. (SNI), 388 Muddy Creek Lane, Ormond Beach, FL, 32174. For information regarding DrillNATION or Sports Network Int'l (SNI), please visit the SNI homepage at: <http://drill.thenationals.net> or contact SNI via email: sni@thenationals.net or call toll-free at 800/327-9311.



Daisy


LOOKS LIKE THE REAL THING

PERFORMS BETTER LASTS LONGER

Perfect for honor guards, color guards and drill teams, Daisy's Drill Rifle built to Mil Spec is virtually indestructible. While it looks like a 1903, this is a big improvement over a firearm converted to be non-functional. There is no chamber and only the bolt is operational. It's specifically designed - from the butt to the muzzle - strictly for drill team use. The black synthetic stock, rugged steel components (available in black or chrome) and a barrage of tests that Daisy puts this Drill Rifle through makes this one Drill Rifle that can stand up to a veteran or inexperienced drill team member. There's no FFL required to purchase this Drill Rifle directly from Daisy. For special pricing, contact Daisy Customer Service.

(479) 636-1200

1700 N. 2nd St., Rogers, AR. 72756

Made in USA 

glendale

paradestore.com



- Air Force Honor Guard Sword,
- Regulation Army Officer Saber
- West Point Military Style Sword

- Navy Officer Sword
- Coast Guard Officer Sword
- Marine Corps NCO Sword



Swords and Sabers

We carry world-famous Weyersberg, Kirschbaum & Co. (WKC) Swords and Sabers.
Visit www.paradestore.com to learn more about these extraordinary weapons.

DrillAmerica® 1903
Springfield Rifle
Black with Chrome Metal
\$309.95

DrillAmerica®
makes the finest drill
rifles you can buy.
Designed for precision
and balance to the
exacting specification
of world class drillers.
Visit www.paradestore.com
to see all 5 models.



Time for new gloves?



Sure-Grip Flag Bearer Gloves

When one slip can spoil the show, Sure-Grip's patented palm and finger rubber dots provide extra grip.

White	#1068	\$5.95 pair
Black	#1069	\$6.95 pair

NEW!

9" Tactical Boots

#3475S \$109.95 pair



Everything You Need to Be Parade-Ready

www.paradestore.com • Order by phone 1-800-653-5515 (9-6 EST Mon-Fri) • Fax 1-800-555-9269

Raider Nationals Cadets Prove That **PAIN** Just Lets Them Know They're Not **DEAD** Yet!

2023 USACC Army National Raider Challenge

3-5 November 2023
Fort Knox, Kentucky



Home of the Largest Raider Competition in existence!

THE OFFICIAL U.S. ARMY-JROTC RAIDER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



In the crisp autumn air of November, a sense of anticipation filled the hearts of the JROTC cadets from various high schools across the country. They were preparing to gather in Molena, Georgia, for the highly anticipated Army Raider Nationals, a competition that would test their physical prowess, teamwork, and determination. These die-hard cadets had trained rigorously for months, waking up before dawn for early morning runs, pushing themselves through grueling obstacle courses, and bonding as a team in ways only shared challenges could forge.

With an unprecedented number of teams registered, the Army Raider event was split for the first time into Challenge and Masters Levels. The strongest teams participating in Masters and the newer or younger teams competing in Challenge.

FEMALE DIVISION: Always strong Leavenworth HS Lady Pioneers left no room for doubt this year as they dominated all events except Rope Bridge where they placed second. These ladies will be ready to defend their championship title in 2023. Ozark HS female team stayed strong throughout the day just a few steps behind capturing second place in PTT, Gauntlet, and CCR, third in the 5K Mountain Run and fifth in Rope Bridge, giving them the Runner Up title.

MIXED DIVISION: In the Masters level, Sarasota MA Mixed Eagles eked out the championship just one placement point in front of Marion HS Mixed Giants. They both took home trophies in all five events (Sarasota: 1st-Gauntlet; 2nd-PTT, 5K, Rope Bridge; 3rd-CCR. Marion: 1st-PTT, CCR; 2nd-Gauntlet; 3rd-Rope Bridge; 4th-5K). In the Challenge Level Junction City HS Mixed Jays soared through the events grabbing first in PTT and Gauntlet and second in the 4K Mountain Run and Rope Bridge solidifying their championship in that level.

MALE DIVISION: In the Masters Level Male Division, unquestionably the most competitive of the weekend, the winners repeated from 2022. Riverside MA "A Team" commanded the field finishing first in PTT, Gauntlet, and Rope Bridge and third in the 5K Mountain Run and CCR putting them in the position of finishing a full 11 placement points ahead of their nearest competitor. The Pioneers from Leavenworth HS repeated as the Runner Up with first place in the 5K Mountain Run, second in PTT, and fourth in Gauntlet. They just missed the stage on CCR and Rope Bridge but will come back in 2023 with a vengeance. In the Challenge Level, Riverside MA's JV team also dominated capturing first in Gauntlet and Rope Bridge, second in PTT, and third in the 4K Mountain Run.

On Sunday morning one male and one female cadet from each team compete in the Ultimate Raider Competition. This is a grueling run and obstacle course with 35 pound rucks. This year both the male and female winners came from GMC Prep HS! Walker Bloodworth bested the males and Maria Knapp came in first for the females.

All cadets, instructors and supporters gathered for the awards ceremony to celebrate their fellow cadets but beyond the trophies, it was the sense of accomplishment and the bonds forged that truly defined the experience. As the cadets packed up to return home, they carried with them memories of shared challenges, late-night conversations, and the knowledge that they had pushed themselves beyond their limits and emerged stronger for it.

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. Bob Jones HS (AFJROTC) unit and W.H. Harrison HS (AJROTC) worked very hard helping to set up the courses and serve as runners and staff. These volunteers make this event possible!

The 2023 Army Raider competition will be held at Fort Knox, Kentucky with a brand new course and a huge competition field. It will undoubtedly be the largest Raider competition ever held anywhere!

The 2023 USACC Army Raider Challenge will have over 300 teams which includes an All-Service, Army Challenge, and Army Masters Levels Held at Fort Knox, Kentucky on a brand new course
<https://thenationals.net/raider-main-army.htm>





All-Service Raider Challenge Championships

Molena, Georgia

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



The towering pines and the gentle rustling of leaves in the heart of the Lawhorn Scouting Base provided a natural backdrop for the All-Service JROTC Raider Challenge Championships, a highly anticipated event that had brought together cadets from across the nation. That day in early November would be etched in the memories of these young men and women forever.

Cadets from Army, Marine Corps, and Air Force JROTC programs converged at the base, their uniforms fresh, their eyes alight with determination and excitement. In the early hours of dawn, the four events began that would test their physical and mental strength, their teamwork, and their sheer determination.

FEMALE DIVISION

With eight teams in the hunt within the Female Division, four teams managed to place in all events. However, Clarkrange HS Lady Buffalo Stampede (AJROTC) rose to the top and snagged the championship title with first in PTT and Gauntlet and second in the 4K Mountain Run and Rope Bridge. They were followed closely by Live Oaks HS (AJROTC) who were the 2021 champions. The Lady Wolfpack took first in the 4K Mountain Run,

second in PTT, and third in the Gauntlet and Rope Bridge giving them the Runner Up title this year. George Rogers Clark HS Lady Long Knives came close to the runner up title, falling only one point short. They placed first in Rope Bridge, second in Gauntlet, third in PTT and fourth in the 4K Mountain Run.

MIXED DIVISION

The Mixed Division was talent laden as the top five placements were spread across eight teams of the twenty-three competing. The top two teams were neck and neck all day but Camdenton HS Team Two (AJROTC) managed to win the championship by one placement point. They placed second in the 4K Mountain Run, Gauntlet, and Rope Bridge and third in PTT. Hot on their heels was Lake Cormorant HS "The Lake" (MCJROTC) who placed first in the 4K, second in PTT, third in Rope Bridge, and fourth in Gauntlet landing them solidly in the Runner Up position.

MALE DIVISION

The Male Division is always a treat to watch with some of the most competitive teams. With so much talent it is rare for a team to sweep the division placing first in every event but the Eagles from Etowah HS (AFJROTC) did just that! They did well in 2021 placing third overall but a disappointing showing in Rope Bridge prevented a title that year which lit a fire that carried them through every practice for the entire year. It paid off this year! The next nearest competitor was Perry HS Panther Male team (AFJROTC) who put forth very solid performances in all events winning second in Gauntlet and Rope Bridge, third in the 4K Mountain Run, and fourth in PTT. Although their placements were much higher than in 2021 they repeated with the Runner Up title.

As the event concluded, all of the cadets left the Scouting Base with a profound sense of accomplishment. They had pushed their limits, demonstrated their teamwork, and formed bonds that transcended service lines. The All-Service JROTC Raider Challenge Championships not only showcased their physical prowess but also their unity as young leaders of tomorrow.

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

<https://thenationals.net/raider-main-ALLSERV.htm>



MIXED DIVISION CHAMPIONS
Camdenton 2 - Army JROTC
Camdenton High School
Camdenton, Missouri



MALE DIVISION CHAMPIONS
Eagles - Air Force JROTC
Etowah High School
Woodstock, Georgia



FEMALE DIVISION CHAMPIONS
Lady Buffalo Stampede - Army JROTC
Clarkrange High School
Clarkrange, Tennessee

The LARGEST JROTC Fitness Championships Yet!



2023 saw the largest growth in the National JROTC Fitness Challenge Championships since its inception in 2017. Representing all four major branches, there were 55 teams competing this year. 21 Male teams, 18 mixed teams, and 16 female teams took to the sands of Daytona Beach to take on the grueling PTT obstacle course and the challenging 3K beach run then moved into the beautiful Ocean Center Arena for the Standing Broad Jump, Seated Power Throw, and Pull-up/Flexed Arm Hang events. All teams hoping to take home many of the 81 spectacular trophies built for this prestigious national event. This thrilling event brought together JROTC cadets from across the nation, showcasing their strength, endurance, and determination. These young men and women pushed their limits and left spectators in awe.

When competing on the beach, weather and tides are always a consideration and this year both were a factor. The high tide hit around 9:00am and limited the amount of dry beach to run on for the 3K event, but some cadets just took this in stride and ran along the edge of the water making it a wonderful unique experience. The rain decided to become an issue around noon, soaking everyone on the beach but it did not stop these hard-charging cadets, it never slowed them down!



In the Female Division eleven teams took home at least one event trophy but only one team placed in the top five in all five events (in any division) and that was the Clarkrange HS Lady Buffaloes (Army - Clarkrange, TN). They won both the Broadjump and Power Throw, came in third in the Flexed Arm Hang and fourth in both the PTT and 3K putting them in the perfect position to take home the title this year. Close behind were the Lady Wolfpack from Live Oaks HS (Army - Milford, OH) capturing first in Flexed Arm Hang, second in Broad Jump and Power Throw and third in the 3K Beach Run. Only a slight stumble in the PTT kept them from the championship.

The Mixed Division also had the top five placements spread across a large number of teams (12 out of 18) and no single team placed in all events. But when all times were tallied, the clear winner emerged as the Mighty Mules from Alamo Heights HS (Army - San Antonio, TX). They took first in Broad Jump and Pull-Up/Flexed Arm Hang and fifth in both the PTT and Power Throw as well as the overall championship trophy for their division. Richwoods HS Knights (Marine Corps - Peoria, IL) landed firmly in the Runner Up position with a first in Power Throw, fourth in the 3K Beach Run and fifth in Pull-Up/Flexed Arm Hang.

The Male Division was the largest and also had a great number of teams take home a top-five trophy (16 out of 21) so the overall talent and speed was very spread out. The way to find yourself at the top of the leaderboard is to be relatively strong in all events but in this division only one team placed in four of the five events and only two placed in three events. At the end of the day last year's champion was able to hold on to their title and take the championship trophy back again to Haines City HS (Army - Haines City, FL). The Hornets placed first in Pull-Ups, second in PTT and Broad Jump and third in the Power Throw. They will be looking to defend this title again in 2024. Landing in the Runner-Up position were the Centurions Blue from Air Academy HS (Air Force - USAFA, CO) by taking first in Broad Jump, second in Pull-Ups and third in PTT.

The Awards Ceremony on Saturday evening was filled with Cadet Command VIPs in attendance and presenting trophies were MG Antonio (Andy) Munera, Commanding General US Army Cadet Command, COL Adam J. Lewis, 3rd Brigade Commander, COL Anthony (Tony) P. Marante, 6th Brigade Commander, and COL Edwin L. Chilton, 7th Brigade Commander. MG Munera presented not only the championship trophies but also awarded big scholarship checks to this remarkable group of cadets.



2024 COMPETITION DATE - SATURDAY 4 MAY
DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA



FUNDRAISING NEVER TASTED SO GOOD!

50% PROFIT | 12+ FLAVORS | HIGH-QUALITY SNACKS

"FOR SEVERAL YEARS ... WE USED YOUR PRODUCTS AS OUR PRIMARY FUNDRAISER. MOST OF THE MEAT STICKS I SOLD FROM MY OFFICE DURING CLASS CHANGES ... I HAVE NEVER HAD ANY PROBLEMS WITH ORDERS AND HAVE NEVER EXPERIENCED ANY NEGATIVE COMMENTS ABOUT THE QUALITY OF THE PRODUCTS. FOR ANYONE LOOKING FOR AN EASY WAY TO RAISE A LITTLE (OR A LOT) OF CASH FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION. GIVE COUNTRY MEATS A TRY!"

-HIRAM TISON, VERNON HS FFA FL

TRY A FREE SAMPLE



ORDER NOW!





U.S. Army Cadet Command JROTC National Drill Championships



2023 Army Nationals - A Display of Precision and Excellence

The Ocean Center Arena in Daytona Beach, Florida, played host to the highly anticipated "Army Nationals." This prestigious event brought together JROTC cadets from across the nation, showcasing their exceptional skills, discipline, and dedication to the JROTC program. The championships were a true testament to the values instilled in these young cadets, as they competed in various drill events with unwavering precision and excellence.

The Ocean Center Arena provided the perfect backdrop for this grand event. With its state-of-the-art facilities and spacious arena, it offered an ideal setting for the cadets to demonstrate their prowess. The arena buzzed with excitement as teams from different schools and regions gathered to compete in a friendly yet fiercely competitive environment.

ARMED DIVISION

It was a race to the finish in the Armed Division. When all of the scores were tallied, only 76 points out of 4800 separated the top three teams. Leavenworth High School from Leavenworth, Kansas, Theodore Roosevelt High School and Central Catholic High School both from San Antonio, Texas left the rest of the teams in the dust separating themselves by almost 300 points.

When all was said and done, Chaminade Guard from Central Catholic High School repeated their 2022 championship performance and held on to the title for another year. They captured first in Color Guard, third in Exhibition, and fifth in both Inspection and Regulation. This always-strong team will be back in 2024 to defend their two-year title.

Theodore Roosevelt High School San Juan Guard was Runner-Up in the Armed Division in 2022 and was hoping to unseat the Chaminade Guard but fell just shy of that goal. They did, however, hold on to their Runner-Up position as they took first in Inspection, third in Regulation, fourth in Color Guard, and fifth in Exhibition. Placing third overall, the Pioneer Guard from Leavenworth High School came close to the top with second in Inspection and Regulation and third in Color Guard. They will be gunning for the top next year.

UNARMED DIVISION

It is extremely rare that the champion of a division only places in the top five in two events, but it happened this year. The Diamondbacks from Ronald Reagan High School in San Antonio, Texas only captured two trophies, first in Regulation and Color Guard, but their near misses in Inspection and Exhibition still kept them at the top earning them the championship spot in the Unarmed Division.

The Lady Bolts from Ridge Community High School in Davenport, Florida were poised to capture the championship with first place in Inspection, second in Regulation, and third in Color Guard but a very disappointing eighteenth place in Exhibition prevented their victory. However, with almost all teams being weak in at least one event, it was enough to keep them in the Runner Up position this year.

The Silver Guard from Harlingen High School in Harlingen, Texas landed in third place overall by only two points as they took second in Color Guard and fifth in Exhibition. The top five trophies in the four events were spread across 13 different teams showing that some teams were very strong in one or two events, but it takes strength in all events to land at the top.

CSM Roy A. Young, US Army Cadet Command CSM gave an inspiring speech to the assembled cadets, instructors, parents, and supporters during the awards ceremony in the Ocean Center Arena. During the awards ceremony, CSM Young also presented "Big Checks" from Army ROTC to deserving JROTC cadets for college scholarships totalling more than 1.1 million dollars!



CSM Roy A. Young (center), US Army Cadet Command SGM presents the overall trophies to (L-R) Ridge Community HS, Ronald Reagan HS, Central Catholic HS, and Theodore Roosevelt HS.

2024 U.S. ARMY CADET COMMAND NATIONAL DRILL CHAMPIONSHIPS

OCEAN CENTER ARENA
DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA
FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

FOR EVENT SCORING, PICTURES,
INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER FOR THE
UPCOMING 2024 ARMY NATIONALS VISIT

[HTTP://ARMY.THENATIONALS.NET/](http://army.thenationals.net/)

LET US HANDLE YOUR PROGRAM'S TRAVEL NEEDS

Trust SNI Travel for worry-free airline & hotel bookings.
Reach out and discover how we can help!
Contact Linda Moad, with over 35 years travel experience.

*Let SNI Travel
find the best
prices for
YOUR JROTC
team!*

SNI can help with ALL travel, not just to our events.

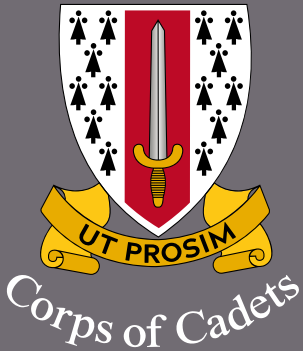


800.327.9311 Ext2
linda@thenationals.net

A portion of all proceeds goes to benefit the Jean K. Weil Scholarship program.



Virginia Tech



BE A LEADER

IN THE MILITARY. IN BUSINESS. IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

Be a part of something bigger than yourself. Since 1872, the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets has evolved into a world-class leader development program that understands this: At the root of great leaders is great character. Join us.





AFJROTC - A Triumph of Precision and Patriotism



"When everything seems to be against you, remember that an airplane takes off against the wind, not with it." - Henry Ford

On a crisp and patriotic March morning, the Nutter Center Arena in Dayton, Ohio, played host to the Air Force JROTC National Open Drill Championships. This year's event, held on March 19th, was a resounding success, bringing together JROTC cadets from across the nation for a day filled with precision, discipline, and the unbreakable spirit of youth dedicated to their country.

The "Air Force Nationals" was a grand spectacle of discipline and precision. The young cadets, resplendent in their crisp uniforms, executed intricate drill routines with unwavering dedication. The arena echoed with the synchronized cadence of heels hitting the floor, and the gleam of polished rifles caught the eye of every spectator. It was clear that each team had poured countless hours into their training, aiming for nothing less than perfection.

Beyond the fierce competition, this event served as a platform for these future leaders to demonstrate their teamwork, discipline, and commitment—the very qualities that form the bedrock of the Air Force JROTC. The program instills in these cadets the principles of leadership, responsibility, and citizenship, and these young men and women exemplified these values throughout the day.

While the championships were a testament to the competitive spirit of the cadets, they also showcased the heartwarming camaraderie among participants. Cadets from different regions and backgrounds shared their experiences, traded stories, and forged lasting friendships. This sense of unity and mutual respect underscore the fundamental values of the JROTC program.

ARMED DIVISION

In the Armed division, the B-1 Bombers from Beavercreek High School from Beavercreek, Ohio who finished in third overall last year made their way to the podium for top honors. Although they did not place in every event, their first place in Inspection and Color Guard and second in Regulation took them all the way and allowed them to walk away with the Armed Championship this year.

The next two competitors ended the day only 30 points apart but when all of the scores were tallied, the Black Dragons from Jefferson City High School in Jefferson, Georgia landed in the Runner Up position with first in Exhibition and fourth in Inspection and Color Guard. Close on their heels were the Thunder Rifles from West Aurora

High School in Aurora, Illinois. They were the only team to place within the top five in all four team events (2nd Exhibition, 3rd Regulation & Color Guard, 5th Inspection) but they fell just shy of taking home top honors.

UNARMED DIVISION

Although there were 19 teams competing within the Unarmed division, only 11 teams competed within all four events and were eligible for the overall awards and no single team placed in the top five in all four events so the trophies were distributed over many teams. But the top three schools from the armed division also grabbed the top three spots in the unarmed division - just in reverse order.

At the end of the day, the Thunder Guard from West Aurora High School bested the field by only 37 points and won the championship by capturing second in Color Guard and Exhibition and fourth in Regulation. Landing in the Runner Up position were the Red Dragons from Jefferson City High School. They won first place in Exhibition, third in Inspection and fifth in Color Guard.

The B-2 Bombers from Beavercreek High School placed first in Color Guard and fourth in both Inspection and Exhibition which positioned them in third place in the overall standings.

The 2023 Air Force JROTC National Open Drill Championships will be remembered not only for the impressive performances but also for the indomitable spirit of the young cadets who participated. Dayton, Ohio, and the Nutter Center Arena played gracious hosts, leaving everyone eagerly anticipating the next edition of this prestigious competition. As the echoes of heels striking the floor and the patriotic fervor of the day slowly faded away, the legacy of excellence and dedication remained, a testament to the bright future of these young leaders and their commitment to their respective programs.

March 2024 will again bring back many of the nation's best Air Force JROTC cadets for this venerable Air Force JROTC Open event. Many teams have planned their calendars and spaces will be limited. Think about bringing an Armed or Unarmed team to the event today. Go to the home of the AF JROTC Open Drill on-line to read the invitation, the event SOP, or even register to hold your competition space:

<https://thenationals.net/af-nationals.htm>

2023 USMC JROTC Drill Championships

In the Shadow of Quantico, the Few, the Proud, the Marine Corps JROTC Drillers put on a show not to be forgotten at the 2023 Marine Corps Nationals



A new competition structure put the best of the best on display. A new venue just down the road from MCJROTC HQ allowed the attendance of many including VIPs. But the same fired-up drill & ceremony performances didn't change at all!

In early April of 2023, the Marine Corps JROTC HQ brought together their top 8 Armed drill teams and top 8 Unarmed drill teams in the world. The effect was exactly as expected - every team on the floor earned their place on their own merits and the talent was extreme. Smaller schools and bigger schools went toe-to-toe because separating the two formats allowed the smaller schools with less instructors to concentrate on either Armed or Unarmed and excel - *and excel they did!*

The Fredericksburg Expo Center served as the home for the new "Marine Corps Nationals" and it did not disappoint. Nearby hotels, plentiful parking and ample amenities so close to the nation's capital proved to be a winning combination for the event.

The "Marine Corps JROTC Nationals" begins with the always-tough Team Inspection event. While still isolated for fairness, teams marched in column individually, breaking off into four ranks where hungry Marines from both Marine Corps Recruit Depots



Inspection Judges Prep

(MCRD), Parris Island, South Carolina and San Diego, California were waiting to provide... "guidance". Yes, the cadet pucker factor was on high.

Teams dismissed and grabbed their harnesses & flags competing in Color Guard

on the other side of the sound proof wall. On the Armed side of the house, **The Woodlands College Park HS** (The Woodlands, TX) dominated both Inspection and Color Guard gaining 1st place finishes in both. On the Unarmed side, the same story as **Kubasaki HS** (Kubasaki, Japan) powered home champions in both as well.

During mid-morning, the **Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon** from the venerable 8th and I stationed just up the road in Washington, DC raised the roof on-site. These marines are rock stars to these cadets and they certainly let them know how much they enjoyed their efforts, even staying around to speak with them for a bit afterwards.



Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon

Afternoon is when the sweat began to flow as both Armed & Unarmed Regulation teams were rocking, along with Exhibition Drill routines as well. This is when the mental toughness comes in for the best teams to shine.

On the Armed side, 2022 Marine Corps Champion **Caprock HS** (Amarillo, TX) put on the afterburners and grabbed BOTH the Armed Basic & the Armed Exhibition championships, but close behind was The Woodlands in Basic Drill and **Nation Ford** (Ft. Mill, SC) a more distant 2nd in Armed Exhibition. **South Iredell HS** (Statesville, NC) powered to two, 2nd place finishes (Inspection and Color Guard) and a 3rd place in Regulation, but a tough 7th place finish in Armed Ex really hurt their overall chances. When the final totals were complete, the 2023 Marine Corps National Champions were close, but the 2022 All-Service Champions from The Woodlands CPHS had enough to secure the 2023 Marine Corps JROTC Armed Drill Championship.

In the Unarmed Division, **Brenham HS** (Brenham, TX) put up an initial solid fight by grabbing a championship in Unarmed

Regulation and a solid 3rd place in Inspection but poor finishes in the remaining events knocked down their overall chance. **Tomball Memorial HS** (Tomball, TX) showed balance & power, grabbing two, 2nd place (Inspection, CG) and two, 3rd place (Regulation, Exhibition) trophies (NOTE: the only team to gain top three finishes in every event). This put them in position to nab the overall title. But when the computers cooled, for the first time in memory a National Drill Championship in ANY service was captured by a DoDEA school as Kubasaki HS shocked the globe and brought the 2023 Marine Corps JROTC Unarmed Drill Championship to the land where the sun rises!

The Awards Ceremony brought out the big guns where Col. Robert Oltman, Director MCJROTC hosted & welcomed Anthony Greco, ex-Deputy (SES) Training & Education Command, to say a few words to the 1,200 assembled and assisted in presenting the trophies to the excited and deserving cadets. He thanked those who made the event possible and watched the cadets blow off some steam after being full game-faced for over 12 hours! What an amazing evening. Thank you, sir!

For full details, go to the online home: www.thenationals.net/mc-main.htm



Kubasaki HS - Unarmed Champions



The Woodlands College Park HS Armed Champions



NAVY NATIONALS

Academic, Athletic & Drill Championship



NJROTC Nationals is known for being overflowing with more drama & excitement than anyone can handle - and more!

See the Full Results:
<http://navy.thenationals.net>

This event is legendary for many reasons. Ten events in two days. The mental, physical and even the emotional drain is worn on the cadets' faces in downtimes like a badge of honor. The parents, instructors and SNI staff wear it more constantly! But then as if rain and thunderous applause can heal all wounds, the awards ceremony storms comes late in the day on day two. Smiles are everywhere. There is a spring in everyone's step. Tension & applause follow almost every uttered phrase. And all the months, if not years of effort seems worth it to the 24 champions who made it through the gauntlet of competitions just to get here! For the uninitiated, nothing in JROTC can equate to the annual pageantry, ambiance, and magnitude of the "Navy Nationals" in sunny NAS Pensacola, Florida.

The 2023 event had a charge as big as anything on a Navy Battleship. Teams were coiled like a spring waiting to get out and be a part of the big show. And display with pride and honor they did.

Arriving in Pensacola the day before the event, SNI was immediately struck with the number of new faces making up the Area Manager pool. Handshakes and trying to remember new bosses names and who they replaced was the biggest order of the day. Everything was so normal and back to business, it was going to be a brand new competition to a large number of Area Managers who play an integral role in the management and flow of these two busy competition days.

Day one always starts calm with the smell of fresh coffee flowing into judges and Area Managers cups as they then stroll out to the adjacent huge hangar where the Unit Inspection event begins. Once complete, those teams immediately feed into the Color Guard event. As a testament to the judges in BOTH events, several top finishers were among the early teams to compete – a rarity at many meets with less diligent judges. **Green Run HS** from **Virginia Beach, VA** going FIRST finished just one percent behind the 2022 Overall Returning Champion 2023 Inspection champion **Pace HS (Pace, Florida)**. 2023 Inspection Runner-up **Troy HS (Fullerton, CA)** and 3rd place **Gaither HS (Tampa, FL)** were the annual big dogs who also just missed out on the top honors. Huge points are delivered early in Inspection and at the Navy Nationals, EVERY CADET you have on your competing team stands inspection, so you do get a true TEAM SCORE!

With just 12 minutes to get ready for Color Guard, no time is ever wasted. Troy HS nabbed top honors to launch to the front of the pack, followed very closely by **Patrick Henry HS (San Diego, CA)** as Runner-up, and Pace HS in 3rd within the always stirring Color Guard competition.

The teams compete in 15-minute blocks until the building is cleared just after lunch. Teams then leave the air conditioning and change into athletic gear, double-timing to the Push-up and Curl-up area to continue their campaign to greatness in the bright Florida sunshine.

This event, just as much as exhibition drill does, stops the casual base observer with slack-jawed amazement as they walk by. Teams of 16 cadets (8 male, 8 female) compete to a 5-minute, 50-count per minute pacing tape (lovingly called the "up/down tape"). At the end of the 5-minute tape AFTER EXECUTING 250 CURL-UPS, the few top cadets still able to move are given "bonus time" to execute additional proper curl-ups - as many as they still have within them! This, combined with their total push ups these same cadets perform just 30 minutes later, and their 16 person, 100-yard Shuttle Relay times, give them a large point total as their Overall Athletic Score.

Colts Neck HS (Colts Neck, NJ) laid waste to the athletic field, grabbing both Curl-up & Push-up championships, and a 3rd place in the Shuttle Relay. The females really powered the way gaining five of the top ten female scores. **JW Mitchell HS (New Port Richey, FL)** just edged out always powerful **Shawnee Mission HS (Shawnee Mission, KS)** for Runner-up and 3rd place respectively. Noteworthy was **Allen D. Neese HS (Ponde Vedra, FL)**, the overall Shuttle Relay champion with an amazing 3:31:29 team time, beating **JW Mitchell HS** by just 13 one-hundredths of a second!

After athletics are completed, the sun is fading, but the day is not over for anyone. Cadets in 10-person teams cluster into TWO time slots to take the grueling 100-question Navy Academic test. Big points are on the line and no one seems to dominate this test like **Gaither HS** (4 of the top 5 cadets scores!) who crushed the field as the Team Academic Champion. The familiar names of **Pace HS** (Runner-up) and **Troy HS** (3rd Place) amassed more points in closing out competition Day One.

Day Two is a four-event rotation of both Armed & Unarmed Basic Drill, and Armed & Unarmed Exhibition drill. Knowing the top finishers from the day before, everyone in the scoring room saw it was going to be another razor close finish. **Troy HS** gained a 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th REALLY putting the pressure on Pace HS who the previous day gained numerous top finishes. **Patrick Henry HS** gained the same exact finishes in different events! These were the ONLY two schools to gain top-five finishes in all four final-day events, but everyone knew Troy was, "in the hunt." **Shawnee Mission North HS** grabbed first in Armed Basic while **Pace** took first in Unarmed Basic. **Patrick Henry** gained the championship in Armed Exhibition while Unarmed went to **Troy**.

As the trophies began to find their rightful homes at the electric Awards Ceremony, no clear winner charged to the front. With steady excellence in every event, **Allen D. Neese** took the 5th place overall, just nudged out by **Pacifica HS (Garden Grove, California)** in 4th place by 8 points out of six thousand! **Gaither HS** comfortably settled in 3rd place, with the Overall Event Championship returning to **Pace HS** who fended off hard-charging **Troy HS** who were making up ground all day, but came just short.

SNI wishes to thank the Navy League for their generous trophy support, the NJROTC Headquarters, the Area Managers and JROTC Instructors who served as judges for this prestigious event. They gave the cadets and parents a great show to remember forever. For all past results and the complete information on the 2024 competition, head to the official website at: <http://navy.thenationals.net>.

2023 Navy National Champions

Pace
High
School



REGISTER NOW TO BRING YOUR CADETS TO THE....

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DRILL TEAM

For over three decades, THE Premier All-Service

4-5 March

Join the over 300,000 cadets, parents and instructors who



THE NATIONALS - what makes this the greatest event in drill history?

- ★ Premier All-Service National Drill Championship Event, in its 42nd year
- ★ Sponsored by U.S. Army Cadet Command and supported by all service headquarters
- ★ Schools can attend with full teams in multiple levels and divisions
- ★ Schools can attend with stand alone Color Guards and/or individual exhibition cadets
- ★ Produced by SNI, with experience in managing over 300 competitions in the past 41 years
- ★ Nationals Judging Corps brings together professional judges from active duty military training facilities across the nation; with extensive pre-event/on-site training, this gives the event the finest judging available in the world of competition drill
- ★ Schools submit and track all paperwork & payments online
- ★ SNI works with all services to ensure payments and receipts are done in strict accordance with all military requirements
- ★ Awards ceremony streamed on-line
- ★ Daytona Beach Ocean Center Arena & Conference Center is a state-of-the-art facility, including elevated fixed seating for over 6,000, complete concessions, ample parking, extensive indoor and outdoor practice areas, and private meeting rooms
- ★ Beachfront location of venue and many hotels, nearby theme parks, Kennedy Space Center and college tours make a trip to the Nationals awesome on and off the drill floor

EVENT REGISTRATION - register by 9 December for automatic acceptance

- ★ School Registration Fee is \$300 per school for teams entered into Masters, Advanced, or Basic
- ★ Open Level Color Guard & Stand Alone Solo/Dual registration - \$75 per team
- ★ All fees paid are fully refundable prior to 9 December 2023
- ★ All schools who register by the 9 December deadline have a guaranteed entry slot!
- ★ Contact SNI for registration fee details if you have any questions regarding the Divisions
- ★ See the custom MySchool website where all schools register at: <https://myschool.thenationals.net>

PACKAGE PLAN - what will your cadets & instructors receive

- ★ All participants are required to attend through the Hotel Package Plan to cover all event costs
- ★ Discounted billeting in standard through luxury hotels in the Daytona Beach area
- ★ NHS DTC attendees receive a bronze medallion on a chest ribbon, NHS DTC collared sport shirt for adults and t-shirt for cadets (ordered to size), NHS DTC embroidered 4" event patch, 8" x 10" color team photograph taken during the event

The price of the four day / three night Package Plan (based on four people in a room) starts at only \$162 per person, three, two & one-to-a-room prices are slightly higher; used primarily for instructors & other adult supporters (all prices shown online). Parents may stay through this package with the school, but this is optional. Schools interested in the Hilton HQ package (located directly across the street) or other upgraded and luxury accommodations should check the website for those rates at <https://thenationals.net/dt-prices.htm>.



The Ocean Center Arena & Conference Center



Go to the Facebook page for photos, videos & more information at <https://www.facebook.com/thenationals>

DRILL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Service National Championship Drill Event

May 2024

to have made "The Nationals" a part of their unit's history!

COMPETITION EVENTS

Masters, Advanced, and Basic Divisions with Armed & Unarmed events

Saturday, May 4, 2024 - Sunday, May 5, 2024

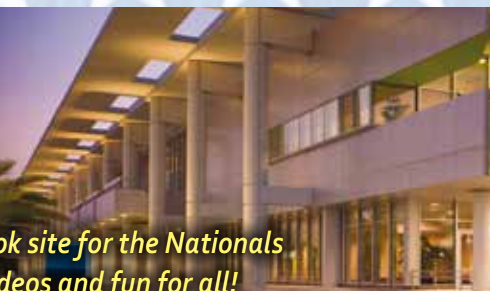
- ★ UNIT INSPECTION (D1 & D2: 12 cadets + cmdr, D3: 8-12 cadets + cmdr)
- ★ TEAM REGULATION (D1 & D2: 12 cadets + cmdr, D3: 8-12 cadets + cmdr)
- ★ COLOR GUARD (2 rifles + 2 flags only)
- ★ TEAM EXHIBITION (All divisions: 8 cadets + Commander & over - no maximum)
- ★ SOLO EXHIBITION (Armed Divisions)
- ★ DUAL EXHIBITION (Armed & Unarmed Divisions)
- ★ OPEN LEVEL COLOR GUARD competition
- ★ WORLD DRILL CHAMPIONSHIPS (Post High School Drillers - see website for details)

AWARDS, TROPHIES & ACCOLADES

- ★ The finest event trophies and cadet competition awards presented anywhere!
- ★ National Championship trophy stands over six-foot tall
- ★ 1st-5th awarded in all events due to the amazing depth of talent & sheer number of schools
- ★ Schools attending are featured within the DrillNATION Magazine, Service Headquarters websites, and the event Facebook page

With over 40 years of experience and history, "The Nationals" remains without parallel in the 3,500+ program JROTC and non-affiliated drill community. The Nationals provide the finest all-service drill & ceremony competition available anywhere! Your program's fundraising dollars and quest for excellence are precious, so make sure to invest in the best and most trusted experience possible for your cadets by attending the only national drill competition with a proven track record for excellence.

Become a partner in the history and excellence of the Nationals. See, be seen and become part of the brother and sisterhood that only comes from competing with the best schools & the best instructors. Over a dozen colleges on-site offering information along with many national drill supporters/vendors. For full competition details, see the NHS DTC website online at: <https://thenationals.net/nhsdtc.htm>



Visit our website for the Nationals
ideas and fun for all!
www.facebook.com/NationalsDrill

For additional information:
Event Manager
Sports Network International, Inc.
388 Muddy Creek Lane
Ormond Beach, Florida 32174
800/327-9311 ☎ 386/274-1919
website: <https://drill.thenationals.net>
email: drill@thenationals.net

Sunny Daytona Beach, Florida

Where do PT/Fitness teams, Raider teams and other JROTC Athletic teams want to end their year?

2024 NATIONAL JROTC FITNESS CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIPS



FOR THE ANNUAL FITNESS CHALLENGE THE SWEAT WILL FLOW IN THE ULTIMATE FITNESS BATTLE ON THE SHORES OF THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS BEACH!

Imagine your cadets competing on the shores of the World's Most Famous Beach in the most exciting and fun fitness competition ever hosted! This one-day, all-service JROTC-only competition held in Daytona Beach, Florida during the National H.S. Drill Team Championships will provide your cadets the ability to pull together an entire year of work into one stellar weekend!



The Fitness Championships will be hosted at the Daytona Beach Plaza Resort & Spa and the beautiful Ocean Center Arena. Located just 4 blocks north of the Ocean Center,



this stretch of the World's Most Famous Beach is traffic-free and hosts the 3K Beach Run and Physical Team Test (obstacle course) events. The Pull Ups/ Flexed Arm Hang, Broad Jump and Weighted Ball Throw are held

inside the Ocean Center Arena.

Divisions for the Fitness Championships include a MALE Division, a MIXED Division (for those teams with three or more females competing) and a FEMALE Division. Events for the National Fitness Challenge include:

- 3K TEAM BEACH RUN -
- PTT BEACH OBSTACLE COURSE -
- PULL UPS/FLEXED ARM HANG -
- STANDING BROAD JUMP -
- SEATED POWER THROW -



COME TO WHERE THE ALL-SERVICE CHALLENGE, EXCITEMENT AND PROFESSIONALISM WILL BE HIGH!

COMPETE ON THE FAMOUS SHORES OF DAYTONA BEACH AND GIVE YOUR CADETS A FITTING END TO THEIR SEASON!

See the FACEBOOK PAGE for all of the latest details:



<https://www.facebook.com/JROTCFitnessNationals/>

GO TO THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE FOR THE EVENT:

[HTTPS://FITNESS.THENATIONALS.NET](https://fitness.thenationals.net)



AIR FORCE RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS

Schreiner University participates in a cross-town agreement with the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) AFROTC Detachment 842. Students who are interested in participating in Air Force ROTC will be able to do so while also attending Schreiner University. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the university will provide transportation for students to attend ROTC required activities located at the UTSA campus.



MILITARY ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL (MAPS)

The Schreiner Institute Military Academy Preparatory School is a 10-month intensive academic program for post-high school students seeking a nomination to one of the five US military service academies. Students will focus on academics, physical fitness, leadership and ethics training, and community service. During our 10-month program, the behavior and character of the cadet candidate will be modified and developed, respectively.



Schreiner University
schreiner.edu
schreinerinstitute@schreiner.edu
(830) 792-7492

NATIONALS DRILL CAMP

THE MOST AMAZING WEEK OF YOUR DRILL LIFE!!



SCHREINER UNIVERSITY ~ JULY 6TH - JULY 12TH, 2024

CADET & JROTC INSTRUCTOR INTENSIVE TRAINING



Trivia



The Definition of Discipline



Platoon Marching



Morning Formation



Regulation



Wellness Checks



Armed Exhibition with Paul Naki



Color Guard Basics



Train the Trainer Instructor Seminar



Art of Drill Seminar



Platoon Movements



Unarmed Exhibition

- ✦ Six nights housing
- ✦ World-caliber Cadre
- ✦ Basic and Advanced classes
- ✦ Color Guard, Inspection, Regulation
- ✦ Specific instruction in Exhibition
- ✦ Team Building exercises
- ✦ Leadership skills
- ✦ Fun and new friends

\$874 CADETS
Housed 2 per room

\$924 INSTRUCTORS
Housed 1 per room

Visit our website for info on available discounts

Many Instructor-Only Classes
Instructors Integrated with cadet instruction to reinforce concepts

INSTRUCTORS GET 40 HOURS OF JROTC CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

JROTC cadets can now be a part of a one-of-a-kind military drill experience! A full immersion camp that is fully focused on all things drill! Trained by world-caliber judges, instructors & former national champion cadets, attendees will learn what it takes to become the best! Nationals Drill Camp cadets spend six days of intensive drill training on the ground and in the classroom, learning all the tools to create a championship drill team. Whether you want to become the best unit in your county, your state or the entire nation, we can help you get there.

COME HUNGRY TO LEARN ... AND LEAVE READY TO COMPETE WITH THE BEST!

For further information on the Nationals Drill Camp, Contact Sports Network International
email: drillcamp@thenationals.net ★ website: <https://drillcamp.thenationals.net> ★ toll-free: 800/327-9311

VISIT THE NATIONALS DRILL CAMP WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS!



NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DRILL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

2023 EVENT

In the world of precision and discipline, high school Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) cadets stand out as exceptional examples of dedication, teamwork, and leadership. These young individuals, who participate in a program that emphasizes character development and citizenship, come together annually to showcase their skills and compete in the most esteemed drill and ceremonies competition on the globe—the National High School Drill Team Championships. Hosted at the renowned Ocean Center Arena in sunny Daytona Beach, Florida, this event brings together the best JROTC units from around the world for a thrilling showcase of precision, camaraderie, and patriotic pride.

The NHSDTC isn't just a competition—it's an embodiment of the core values instilled in every JROTC cadet. From mastering intricate marching routines to executing flawless rifle spins and formations, these young individuals demonstrate a level of commitment that goes far beyond their years. The event isn't just about winning; it's about embracing discipline, honor, and the pursuit of excellence.

JROTC units from all corners of the United States descended upon the Ocean Center to participate in a multi-day extravaganza that includes a variety of events, such as team inspection, regulation drill, color guard and exhibition drill, performances in both Armed and Unarmed divisions. These events are designed not only to test the cadets' technical skills and precision but also to emphasize their ability to work as a team, remain poised under pressure, and exhibit unwavering professionalism.

The competition is a culmination of months, even years, of rigorous training and practice. Cadets spend countless hours perfecting their movements, refining their routines, and learning to operate as a synchronized unit. The National High School Drill Team Championships provide them with an opportunity to put their dedication and hard work on display for peers, instructors, and spectators alike.

One of the most captivating aspects of the event is the precision with which the cadets execute their routines. The

symmetry and coordination achieved by these young performers is a testament to their commitment to the principles of precision and discipline. Each step, spin, and salute is a tribute to their training and a reflection of the values that JROTC seeks to instill.



Division 3 Basic

This Basic Division is for newer programs that have little competition experience or are rebuilding their team from the ground up after losing upper classmen. Units from the hot-bed of drill, Texas, came ready to perform and several shined. The Storming Tigers from Mansfield HS (Army, Mansfield, TX) took top three in all four events in the Armed Division and ended the event with the Championship trophy. The Silver Guard from Harlingen HS (Army, Harlingen, TX) only placed top-five in two events, but managed to best the nearest competitor by only 11 points out of 4800 in the Unarmed Division making them this year's Champion. Nimitz HS took home the Runner-Up trophy in both Armed and Unarmed Divisions and all three of these schools will be moving up to Division 2 next year.

Division 2 Advanced

The scoring in Division 2 Armed was extremely tight as the top two units in the Armed Division finished within 10 points of each other (out of 4800). The Warhawks from Waller HS (Air Force, Waller, TX) bested the Black Knights Elite from Sam Houston MSTC HS (Army, Houston, TX) crowning them the Champion this year. The Unarmed Division scoring was not quite that close with no school placing in all four events. But when scores were tallied, the Queen's Guard from Winston Churchill HS (Army, San Antonio, TX) as the clear champion. New to the stage were the Bengals from Bonanza HS (Army, Las Vegas, Nevada) as they captured the Unarmed Runner-Up title this year.



DRILL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

HIGHLIGHTS



Division 1 Masters

The Masters Level is where the best of the best compete. Power-house teams from all over the nation descend on Daytona Beach to show the culmination of extreme dedication and practice over the last year. These cadets don't practice until they get it right, they practice until they can't get it wrong! The shining example of hundreds, if not thousands, of hours of practice was The Woodlands College Park HS (Marine Corps, The Woodlands, TX). The Texas Green Horns aced Regulation and Color Guard and placed second in Exhibition with their unique routine and it was enough to earn them the Armed Division Championship Title this year.

Landing in the Armed Runner-Up position were the Nighthawks from Brandeis HS (Air Force, San Antonio, TX). They were the only team to place in every event. Their counterparts, the Blue Aces placed top three in every event which was enough to make them the undisputed Champions in the Unarmed Division. This allowed these ladies to continue their dynasty and maintain control over the Unarmed Championship Title for yet another year. Taking home the Unarmed Runner-Up Title were the Cavalry Angels from Leavenworth HS (Army, Leavenworth, KS). Although they only placed in two events (first in Inspection and second in Exhibition) they were strong enough overall to secure their position.

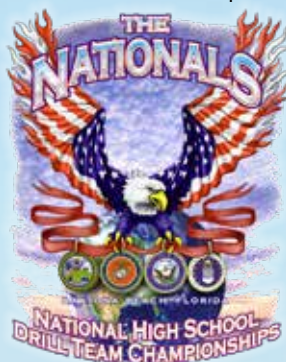
The Awards Ceremony begins with the arrival of the Official Party and the posting of the colors. Even with

thousands of people in the arena of all ages, when the audience rises waiting for the entrance of the all-service color guard, you hear nothing but the foot-falls of the cadets. The silence is inspiring and underlines the respect for our nation's flag and patriotism that JROTC instills.



The Awards Ceremony keynote speaker was COL Edwin L. Chilton, 7th Brigade Commander, US Army Cadet Command and he gave an extremely motivating speech that left the entire arena chanting U.S.A., U.S.A. as he left the stage!

The National High School Drill Team Championships, in its 41st year, stands as a testament to the dedication, commitment, and unwavering spirit of the next generation of leaders. As these young cadets marched onto the stage, they carried with them the legacy of generations of JROTC participants who have come before them. They embody the values of honor, discipline, and citizenship that the JROTC program seeks to instill. And as they compete on the grand stage, they remind us all that excellence is achieved through hard work, dedication, and a shared commitment to something greater than oneself.



Open Level Color Guard

For the first time in the history of the NHSDTC, we had five services represented in the Open Level Color Guard. There were also eighteen states spanning the nation from Florida to Washington and New York to California. We were proud to have our first Coast Guard JROTC unit competing, Lucy Beckham HS from Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina!

Pictured left to right, Mountain Guard, an Army unit from Ozark HS from Ozark, Missouri took top honors with an amazing Color Guard performance. Coming in second overall were the Westside Wardogs 1 from Cibola HS (MCJROTC) from Albuquerque, New Mexico. Placing third were the Mountainettes also with Ozark HS. Taking fourth place were the Lady Tigers (AJROTC) from Mansfield HS in Mansfield, Texas and rounding out the top five was Vanir Guard from North Salem HS (AJROTC) from Salem, Oregon. These cadets should be very proud of the incredible job they did honoring our nation's flag.





2023 National High School Drill Team Championships

Attending Schools - All Levels



ABRAHAM LINCOLN High School
Air Force JROTC
Council Bluffs, Iowa

BRADFORD High School
Army JROTC
Starke, Florida

CLOVER High School
Air Force JROTC
Clover, S. Carolina

FIVAY High School
Navy JROTC
Hudson, Florida

HARLINGEN High School South
Air Force JROTC
Harlingen, Texas

KAREN WAGNER High School
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

AIR ACADEMY High School
Air Force JROTC
AFA, Colorado

BRANDEIS High School
Air Force JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

COFFEE CO. CENTRAL High School
Air Force JROTC
Manchester, Tennessee

FLOUR BLUFF High School
Navy JROTC
Corpus Christi, Texas

HAZEL GREEN High School
Navy JROTC
Hazel Green, Alabama

LAKE GIBSON High School
Army JROTC
Lakeland, Florida

AIRPORT High School
Army JROTC
West Columbia, S. Carolina

CALEXICO High School
Navy JROTC
Calexico, California

COLQUITT COUNTY High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Norman Park, Georgia

FOUNTAIN-FORT CARSON High School
Army JROTC
Fountain, Colorado

HIGHLANDS High School
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

LEAVENWORTH High School
Army JROTC
Leavenworth, Kansas

ALEXANDRIA City High School
Army JROTC
Alexandria, Virginia

CALVERT High School
Navy JROTC
Prince Frederick, Maryland

COURTLAND High School
Army JROTC
Spotsylvania, Virginia

FRANCIS LEWIS High School
Army JROTC
Fresh Meadows, New York

HILTON HEAD Island High School
Navy JROTC
Hilton Head Island, S. Carolina

LOUDOUN COUNTY High School
Navy JROTC
Leesburg, Virginia

ALMA High School
Navy JROTC
Alma, Arkansas

CENTRAL CATHOLIC High School
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

CRESCENTA VALLEY High School
Air Force JROTC
LaCrescenta, California

FREEDOM High School
Navy JROTC
Tampa, Florida

HOWARD High School
Army JROTC
Ellicott, Maryland

LOWER RICHLAND High School
Army JROTC
Columbia, S. Carolina

ARLINGTON High School
Air Force JROTC
Arlington, Washington

CENTRAL High School
Navy JROTC
Brookshire, Florida

DODGE CITY High School
Air Force JROTC
Dodge City, Kansas

G.C. SCARBOROUGH High School
Army JROTC
Houston, Texas

J. FRANK DOBIE High School
Air Force JROTC
Houston, Texas

LUCY BECKHAM High School
Coast Guard JROTC
Mt. Pleasant, S. Carolina

BANDYS High School
Army JROTC
Catawba, N. Carolina

CENTRAL High School
Army JROTC
St. Joseph, Missouri

DUNEDIN High School
Navy JROTC
Dunedin, Florida

GAITHER High School
Navy JROTC
Tampa, Florida

JAMES CAMPBELL High School
Navy JROTC
Ewa Beach, Hawaii

MADISON COUNTY High School
Army JROTC
Danielsville, Georgia

BELLEVUE WEST High School
Air Force JROTC
Bellevue, Nebraska

CHESAPEAKE MATH & IT South
Upper Marlboro, Maryland

EAST AURORA High School
Navy JROTC
Aurora, Illinois

GLYNN ACADEMY
Marine Corps JROTC
Brunswick, Georgia

JL MANN High School
Army JROTC
Greenville, S Carolina

MANSFIELD High School
Army JROTC
Mansfield, Texas

BLUE RIDGE High School
Air Force JROTC
Greer, S. Carolina

CIBOLA High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Albuquerque, New Mexico

EFFINGHAM COUNTY High School
Air Force JROTC
Springfield, Georgia

GREEN High School
Air Force JROTC
Uniontown, Ohio

JOHN F KENNEDY High School
Army JROTC
Denver, Colorado

MARMION ACADEMY
Army JROTC
Aurora, Illinois

BOB JONES High School
Air Force JROTC
Madison, Alabama

CLAUDIA TAYLOR JOHNSON High School
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

ENLOE High School
Army JROTC
Raleigh, N Carolina

HAINES CITY High School
Army JROTC
Haines City, Florida

JOHN PAUL STEVENS High School
Air Force JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

MESA RIDGE High School
Navy JROTC
Colorado Springs, Colorado

BONANZA High School
Army JROTC
Las Vegas, Nevada

FERN CREEK High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Louisville, Kentucky

HARLINGEN High School
Army JROTC
Harlingen, Texas

JONES COUNTY High School
Army JROTC
Gray, Georgia

MILTON High School
Navy JROTC
Milton, Florida



2023 National High School Drill Team Championships

Attending Schools - All Levels



Missouri Military Academy
Army JROTC
Mexico, Missouri

Ozark High School
Army JROTC
Ozark, Missouri

Ringgold High School
Army JROTC
Ringgold, Georgia

The Woodlands College Park High School
Marine Corps JROTC
The Woodlands, Texas

Ware County High School
Army JROTC
Waycross, Georgia

Montgomery Central High School
Army JROTC
Cunningham, Tennessee

Palo Verde High School
Navy JROTC
Las Vegas, Nevada

Ronald Reagan High School
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Theodore Roosevelt High School
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Waukegan High School
Army JROTC
Waukegan, Illinois



Nimitz High School
Navy JROTC
Irving, Texas

Paul R. Brown Leadership Acad.
Elizabethtown, N. Carolina

Sam Houston MSTC High School
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Thomas Jefferson High School
Army JROTC
Denver, Colorado

West Creek High School
Army JROTC
Clarksville, Tennessee



Nixa High School
Army JROTC
Nixa, Missouri

Pensacola High School
Air Force JROTC
Pensacola, Florida

Sandra Day O'Connor High School
Air Force JROTC
Helotes, Texas

Thomas Jefferson High School
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

West Forsyth High School
Army JROTC
Clemmons, N. Carolina



North Branch High School
Air Force JROTC
North Branch, Minnesota

Perry High School
Air Force JROTC
Perry, Georgia

Science Hill High School
Army JROTC
Johnson City, Tennessee

Tulsa Memorial High School
Army JROTC
Tulsa, Oklahoma

William H. Taft High School
Air Force JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

North Bullitt High School
Army JROTC
Shepherdsville, Kentucky

Reading High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Reading, Pennsylvania

Smith Cotton High School
Army JROTC
Sedalia, Missouri

Veterans High School
Air Force JROTC
Kathleen, Georgia

William J. Brennan High School
Air Force JROTC
San Antonio, Texas



North Salem High School
Army JROTC
Salem, Oregon

Reagan High School
Air Force JROTC
Pfafftown, N. Carolina

Smithson Valley High School
Navy JROTC
Spring Branch, Texas

Waipahu High School
Army JROTC
Waipahu, Hawaii

Winston Churchill High School
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas



Oak Ridge Military Academy
Army JROTC
Oak Ridge, N. Carolina

Ridge Community High School
Army JROTC
Davenport, Florida

South Lakes High School
Army JROTC
Reston, Virginia

Waller High School
Air Force JROTC
Waller, Texas

Woodrow Wilson High School
Air Force JROTC
Oak Hill, West Virginia



Southwood High School
Army JROTC
Shreveport, Louisiana

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

Springboro High School
Air Force JROTC
Springboro, Ohio

Wando High School
Air Force JROTC
Mount Pleasant, S. Carolina

Xavier High School
Army JROTC
New York, New York





Marion Military Institute
Marion, AL

Valley Forge Military College
Wayne, PA

Georgia Military College
Milledgeville, GA

New Mexico Military Institute
Roswell, NM



WHY CHOOSE A MILITARY JUNIOR COLLEGE (MJC)?

Only Four Military Junior Colleges (MJC) offer the unique opportunity to become an Army Officer in only two years.

WHY CHOOSE A MILITARY JUNIOR COLLEGE (MJC)?

- Cadets can become an Army Officer in only 2 Years through the MJC Early Commissioning Program (ECP)
- Full Tuition Scholarships are available for those who qualify
- Paid a Book Allowance of \$1,200 per year
- Paid a personal stipend of \$420/Month while attending class
- Paid as a Cadet/E-5 in the Army Reserve or National Guard if enrolled in the Simultaneous Membership Program (over \$300/month)
- MJC ECP Commissioned Officers qualify for the Education Assistance Program, which pays full tuition and fees for the remaining two years at the follow-on college and degree you choose OR elect to receive \$10,000/year room and board
- MJC Commissionees earn time in service during their Junior and Senior year of college for promotions and retirement purposes
- Values and Character are emphasized from day one through graduation.
- Respect for others is a key to succeeding at a MJC
- MJC's instill Pride and Self-Confidence through Teambuilding, Promotions, and Leadership Roles



For more information, text

MCINFO to 462769 (GOARMY)



The Citadel
Charleston, SC

Virginia Tech
Blacksburg, VA

Texas A&M
College Station, TX

Virginia Military Institute
Lexington, VA

University of North Georgia
Dehlonese, GA

Norwich
Northfield, VT



WHY CHOOSE A SENIOR MILITARY COLLEGE (SMC)?

Six Senior Military Colleges in our Nation have Army ROTC programs which are part of a Corps of Cadets.

WHY CHOOSE A SENIOR MILITARY COLLEGE?

- Graduates of Senior Military Colleges are Cadets who will be assessed onto Active Duty upon recommendation from their Professor of Military Science, they do not have to compete nationally for Active Duty
- Full Tuition Scholarships are available for those who qualify
- Paid a personal stipend of \$420/Month while attending class
- Paid a Book Allowance of \$1,200 per year
- SMC's are steeped in tradition and offer students an organized lifestyle, enhanced leadership training, and superb training facilities
- Cadets may choose to commission into the Army Reserve or the National Guard through the Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty option
- Cadets quickly take on leadership roles and experience every level of leadership from top to bottom
- SMC's have many of their own training facilities

For more information, text

MCINFO to 462769 (GOARMY)



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY CORPS OF CADETS



TX.AG/THECORPS
CORPS.TAMU.EDU | (979) 845-9232



WORLD DRILL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dare Mighty Things

Where the Elite Meet to Compete!

Drillers from across America and the world make the World Drill Championships their annual home each & every May. The "Worlds" remain the finest collection of post high school exhibition drillers ever assembled in a single location each & every year. Founded by Drill Hall of Fame member and former nationally-ranked driller, Mr. Abdul Al-Romaizan, the WDC welcomes all drillers who feel they are ready to be a part of the best drill weekend ever presented. Be surrounded by the legends in drill every year and see over 200 of the newest superstars, graduating cadets from the championship ranks of the NHSDTC. There is no other weekend in the world of competition drill that can compare to the Nationals weekend!

THE BUZZ CAN ONLY BE EXPERIENCED IN THE OCEAN CENTER COMPETITION ARENA!

This WDC event is ONLY for those who are post-high school. Solo & Tandem are the two competition divisions available to enter and provide excitement that can become legendary overnight! This international event is operated for independent, college, military reserve or active-duty drillers. With the motto, "Dare Mighty Things", the WDC serves to take drill to the next level beyond the high school arena. Winners are crowned on the biggest stage in drill during the Awards Ceremony of the National High School Drill Team Championships. The WDC is without parallel - ask anyone who has been there! Drillers of all skill levels are urged to be a part of the brother and sisterhood that is the trademark of the WDC. There is simply nothing like it!



www.facebook.com/worlddrillchampionships

You'll come for the competition...
but the fellowship and camaraderie
will have you back year after year!

Be a part of the largest and most high profile gathering of post-high school drillers ever assembled. Make yourself a part of history at the WDC by registering your Solo or Tandem entry TODAY!

KEEP THE FIRE BURNING!

World Drill Championships

Saturday/Sunday 4-5 May 2024
at the Ocean Center Arena
in Daytona Beach, Florida

**COMPETE ON THE BIG STAGE
SET YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!**

For more information on the finest gathering of post-high school, professional drill talent ever assembled in one location, please visit the event website at:

<https://worlds.thenationals.net>

2023 Solo Exhibition Winners

- First Place: **Jackson Rainwater**
- Second Place: **Andrew Katz**
- Third Place: **Mack Weisz**

2023 Dual Exhibition Winners

- First Place: **Simmonds & Rodriguez**
- Second Place: **Katz & Dedomenico**
- Third Place: **Rainwater & Ludwig**



NATIONALS

S C R A P B O O K

A Look Around the Nationals & JROTC Universe!



2024 to Again Have Double the FUN as the Nationals Drill Camp Hosts TWO HUGE Cadet Training Camps next Summer!

Where thousands have trained but millions wish they did! So many cadets contacted SNI to attend the NDC in 2023, we look to build on that success in the Summer of 2024.

Schreiner University near San Antonio in Kerrville, Texas will again serve as the official host school for the dual 7-day training weeks. Cadets and instructors annually marvel at the jump start they gain through a total immersion into drill. Led by many of the most celebrated and awarded JROTC instructors, make this a part of your professional development! You will be surrounded by drill lovers, with those who know how to excel - the progress is astounding.

This year the USMC JROTC HQ will be hosting an EXCLUSIVE WEEK-LONG summer drill camp prior to the long-standing All-Service Nationals Drill Camp. In doing this, BOTH CAMPS will maintain roughly 125 cadets. USMC JROTC Drill Camp is slated for June 23-29 (cadets selected and funded through MCJROTC) with the standard All-Service Nationals Drill Camp July 6-12.



The Jean K. Weil Scholarships for 2023 are in GREAT HANDS with these Two Senior Cadets!

Selecting only TWO graduating seniors annually at the NHS DTC for the prestigious Jean K. Weil Scholarships as the most outstanding overall graduating cadets is always tough. The finalists submit their transcripts, an essay, personal recommendations and more. Finalists are then chosen to go through on-site interviews. The results were again amazing as these two are stellar!



Jakelin Gonzalez-Hurtado is from G.C. Scarborough H.S. - Army JROTC - Houston, Texas (pictured left) and **Alexa Serna from Harlingen H.S. - Army JROTC - Harlingen, Texas** (pictured below) are the very deserving 2023 winners. Their interviews were stellar. The classroom grades and national test scores are important, but buoyed by the personal letters of recommendation, these two individuals laid

a great foundation. But these two REALLY shined the brightest when you got to know them - even for just 20-30 minutes. It is outstanding that two people who will undoubtedly offer so much to the future of this great nation were selected this year!

Along with the notoriety, each of these graduating cadets earned a \$1,000 scholarship to be used for future scholastic expenses. To see more on this award or how to ensure your top graduating senior cadets apply for the award at the 2024 Nationals, go to the on-line home: <https://thenationals.net/jkw-main.htm>



When the Votes were Cast, It Was Unanimous! 2023 Nationals Spirit Award Winner - Bob Jones HS!

Every year at the NHS DTC, SNI selects a single school that epitomizes the hard work, excellence in the face of adversity, overall champion spirit and glorification of drill & JROTC to reign as the Nationals Spirit Award winner for the following school year. For the 2023-2024 school year, the school selected was the pace-setting AFJROTC **Bob Jones High School in Madison, Alabama.**

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

Their overall excellence jumps off the page. Of course, the AFJROTC Distinguished Unit Award with Merit grabs your attention. But they also compete at a high level within Drill, Archery, Marksmanship, Physical Fitness, Orienteering, and CyberPatriot in over two dozen national and regional events. Their demeanor and the way they do business in the classroom, volunteering in their community, or performing on the drill field, frankly anywhere, the program simply transcends goodness into greatness. They also faced many challenges attending this year and moved mountains to make sure that their deserving cadets were able to shine. Their efforts made our choice an easy one. Please join SNI in congratulating this top program which continues to set the standard of overall excellence and embodies the JROTC Spirit.



Coast Guard & Space Force JROTC adding units and looking to make their mark at the Nationals



The Coast Guard will be opening four new Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) units for the 2023-2024 school year, bringing the national total to ten. The new units will be located in: Alabama, Illinois, Mississippi and California.



As awareness of and interest in the program continues to increase, the Coast Guard saw the JROTC applicant pool more than double this past year. The 2023 expansion is the largest the program has ever seen, and is the first time the program has ever established more than two units in a single year.

The Air Force JROTC really pushed this forward when they announced the first 10 JROTC units to convert their affiliation from the Air Force to the Space Force beginning in 2022. In that fall semester, 10 schools converted from AFJROTC units to the inaugural cohort of high school SFJROTC units. These schools were in: Virginia, New Mexico, Nevada, Colorado, Alabama, Texas, Arizona, Florida, California and North Carolina.

All 10 of these schools volunteered to become Space Force units. Selections were based on proximity to Space Force or related government agencies, including Space Force bases, facilities, and centers of influence, such as U.S. Space Command Headquarters, or NASA, Missile Defense Agency, and other locations, or where the current instructor cadre had prior space operations experience.

"We are thrilled to collaborate with U.S. Space Force and these 10 superb high schools, to inspire the next generation of space visionaries and leaders," said Scotty E. Lewis, deputy director at Air Force Junior ROTC Worldwide. "What these Space Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps instructors, school administrators, and intrepid Guardian cadets will do tomorrow will undoubtedly help secure our nation's security in the future."

As these programs become more prevalent, it is only a matter of time before one of these fine programs hoist a championship trophy of some type onto their trophy case. Be ready cadets - they are coming hard!

Western JROTCs Looking for a Drill Experience that Transcends Just Drill? Look at the **Rocky Mountain**

Drill Classic in Denver



After many years of pushing the different services to try to expand their extra-curricular footprint westward, SNI had a great opportunity fall into our lap in 2023 after Covid ebbed nationally. We were asked to be a part of a venerable drill event in the Mile High City, in the shadows of the Air Force Academy and Pike's Peak. That event is called the **Rocky Mountain Drill Classic**

Motivated local teams from all services have attended in the past, but more and more Pacific Island teams and teams from California, Utah, and other western JROTC programs are taking the plunge and making this late April meet a part of the drill calendar. Their schedule often gives them time to visit the USAF Academy, Pikes Peak, and the Front Range!



The Denver DAI Shop has hosted this great regional drill meet for over 20 years. Nobody cares more about the overall comfort and competitive aspects for your school and to give each cadet a fair and exciting event on and off the drill floor than the dynamic duo of **DAI LTC (R) Kevin Black** and **First Sergeant (R) Paul Mahoney**. These two individuals put hundreds if not thousands of hours collectively



into this event and it shows. They bring together motivated judges, work hard to train them to a standard to give the cadets a fair and impartial competition. They design everything from the ground up to make your entire experience great!

Competition-wise, the meet talent could best be described as solid for this area of the country. Drill in the western USA is not the pressure-cooker feature it is in many other parts of the USA. Many newer teams and teams just starting out and looking to jump into drill are welcomed here. A few strong teams attend as well. But as this meet grows, this could change as the landscape of drill across the entire Western USA could be changed!



For additional info on the Rocky Mountain Drill Classic, contact the Denver DAI Shop directly through 1SG Paul Mahoney at: pmahone@dpsk12.net or call: (720)423-1772.



WHAT IS OLD IS NEW AGAIN - AND JROTC DRILL TEAMS ARE GREATLY BENEFITTING!

Winning at the highest levels of JROTC drill takes many things. Sure, dedicated cadets, supportive parents and knowledgeable instructors make it happen. But you have to build a culture for success or that success is fleeting. You have to have a routine and methods that work with ongoing improvement and accountability. Enter ***Dominate the Drill Pad***.

This company started by recently retired JROTC instructor and Drill Hall of Fame member **1SG (Ret.) James Tadayeski** takes a bit of a different approach. "1SG" himself assists instructors in learning how to modify their team culture from the ground up for a more lasting change. Taking his collective decades of experience as a top level athlete, 20+ years of active duty military culminating with a 1SG role with the legendary U.S. Army Old Guard, then taking a tiny JROTC program in central Louisiana to multiple Drill Championships.

Dominate the Drill Pad imparts concepts, actions, procedures, and on-floor training routines (and more) for YOU AND YOUR CADETS which can lead YOUR cadets to greater success. Then, on-going feedback to keep the drill saber sharpened. The results are immediate and more important, lasting!

Contact **1SG**. at dominatethedrillpad@gmail.com to get drill strong today!

All-Service JROTC Raider Nationals in Molena, Georgia is full. The Army Raider Competitions in Ft. Knox are SUPER full!

In 2022, SNI opened the Raider Nationals Registration window on 1 June. In just six weeks the event filled. We knew a change was needed as Raider has just become far too popular to be held at a single site on a single weekend!

The 2023 All-Service Raider Nationals in Molena, Georgia is full. We have a few spaces in our pocket for select teams, but in general 120-125 teams is a full weekend of Challenge (Friday) and Masters (Saturday & Sunday) event.



This is the case despite the Army moving their event 450 miles NORTH to Ft. Knox, Kentucky. SNI is honored to be contracted to assist them with trophies, registration and scoring, but the event is all their own. Doing that has allowed the breathing room we needed in Molena, Georgia & Alabama Air Force and Marine schools are expanding Raider at a frenetic clip. The Marine Corps is hosting their first ever USMC JROTC Nationals in Pennsylvania in April. We foresee Navy schools being only a few more years behind on this. Busy is the Raider landscape!

We still believe the Lawhorn Scouting Base in Molena, Georgia is the best Raider site in the world. Why? Our attending schools say it is. It has camping in fixed tents, primitive areas for those teams looking to bring their own tents, fire pits and pavilions, bath houses with hot/cold water, and even low power electricity available. The events are within easy walking distance of each other, along with the event HQ, dining hall and other extras. Add this together and you have a recipe for cadets making memories - bonding - and having an experience far better than just Raider itself. And it happens there every year!

Nationals Advisory Board Formed

Over the past four decades, Sports Network International has experienced exponential growth in part due to the amazing feedback we receive annually from knowledgeable instructors. Our hallmark of pragmatic growth through the eyes of our attendees makes our teams feel as valuable as they are. Seeking to elevate our competitions to the highest possible levels of excellence, SNI believes a more formal group of advisors can assist us with insights and experience. With unparalleled drill pedigrees, their input comes from decades of wearing the uniform, both active duty and within JROTC.

The Nationals Advisory Board was created during Summer, 2023. This Board will be made up of a select group of individuals who have retired from their positions as JROTC instructors. The initial board members (listed alphabetically):

- MSG Larry Badia, USA (ret), formerly with Francis Lewis HS
- MGySgt Andrew Johnson, USMC (ret), former JROTC instructor & active NHSBTC Head Judge
- MSgt. Ken Madden, USAF (ret), formerly with Brandeis HS
- CDR Armando Solis, USN (ret), formerly with Flour Bluff HS
- 1SG James Tadayeski, USA (ret), formerly with Grant HS

This Board will primarily serve to provide a touchstone to the JROTC mindset as well as provide formalized guidance in the ongoing evolution of SNI's

event management. They will have open lines of communication with many current and former JROTC instructors from all services so their input will help challenge every facet of the numerous drill competitions we are involved with. This will help to ensure our core drill principles remain soundly grounded in the common sense areas of the three primary drill publications.

The first order of review for the Board was the NHSBTC SOP which has undergone a full review. A select handful of changes have been implemented for the 2023-24. More weighty issues to be emphasized for competitive balance are on the horizon for change in the 2024-25 school year. As the Competition Director, Justin Gates has been evaluating all the advice and supervising the changes.

We are honored to also work with their suggestions regarding related areas such as ways to increase donations to the Jean Weil Scholarship Fund and other ways that SNI can meet the competitive needs of the JROTC community.

Many thanks to not only this group of individuals, but to ALL the former (and current) instructors who keep us on our toes and have helped to make these events the greatest in Junior ROTC.

glendale

paradestore.com



DrillAmerica® makes the best drill rifles you can buy!

DrillAmerica® 1903
Springfield Rifle
Black with Chrome Metal
\$309.95



DrillAmerica® M1 Garand
\$192.95



DA Models as low as
\$54.75



**Imprinted Canvas
Flag Covers**
Starting at \$42.75

Military Floor Stands



As beautiful as they are functional. Two styles
Single and Original Military Floor Stand.

Original Military Floor Stand (with adapter)
#MFS \$571.95 each (\$15*)

Single Military Floor Stand (without adapter)
#MFS1 \$427.95 each (\$15*)

*Additional shipping charges apply. Visit
www.paradestore.com for more information.

NEW!

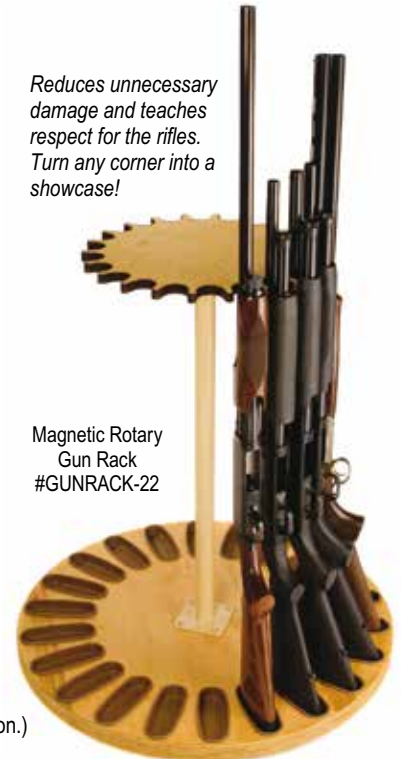
9" Tactical Boots

#3475S \$109.95 pair



*Reduces unnecessary
damage and teaches
respect for the rifles.
Turn any corner into a
showcase!*

Magnetic Rotary
Gun Rack
#GUNRACK-22



Original Military
Floor Stand
#MFS

Magnetic 22 Gun Rotary Gun Rack

Keep drill rifles tidy and easy to reach. This magnetic gun rack rotates around a 30" pedestal, and securely holds up to 22 rifles in only 30" of floor space.

Magnetic gun rack #GUNRACK-22 \$567.95 each*

*Additional shipping charges apply. Visit www.paradestore.com for more information.)

Everything You Need to Be Parade-Ready

www.paradestore.com • Order by phone 1-800-653-5515 (9-6 EST Mon-Fri) • Fax 1-800-555-9269