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*Ronald Reagan HS Diamondback drill team Cadet Commander Miranda De Llano proudly accepts the Nationals Spirit Banner from U.S. Army Cadet Command JROTC Director COL Hubert E. Bagley at the Masters Level Awards Ceremony in Daytona Beach, Florida.*

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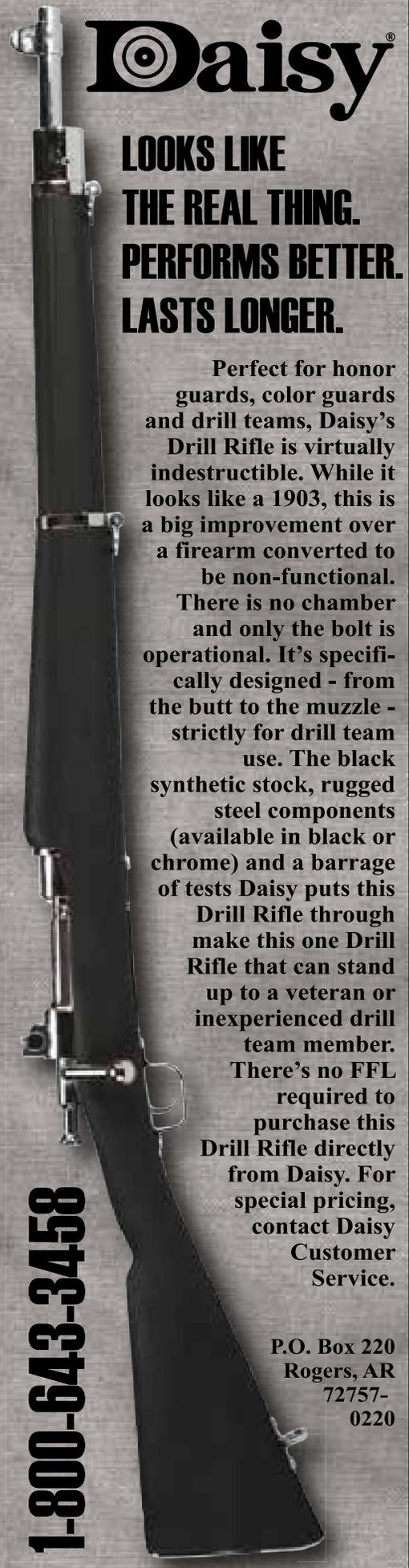
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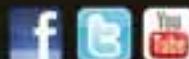
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The Air Force Nationals Western Division took a trip a little further west this year to Phoenix, Arizona. The Valley of the Sun proved a perfect venue to showcase the amazing talents of the Air Force JROTC cadets from eight states across the Western US. Teams traveled from as far away as Washington State and Hawaii to attend this premier gathering of drill and ceremony excellence.

Although the field of competition was filled with many first-time attending schools, both **John Jay HS** and **Thomas C. Clark HS** made the long trek from San Antonio to defend their status as Air Force Nationals royalty. Both schools have finished at the top for the last several years and they were not about to allow a change in location to keep them out of contention.

### ARMED DIVISION

All eyes were on the **Silver Eagles** from **John Jay HS** and the **Centurion Guard** from **Thomas C. Clark HS** as the battle began. John Jay came out strong once again capturing first place in the always tough Inspection and Regulation events. Their second place finishes in Color Guard and Exhibition still gave them enough to capture the Armed Division Overall Championship trophy.

This year, **John Jay** arrived with a JV team called the **Marching Mustangs** and early on it looked as if they might edge out **Thomas C. Clark** from taking home the Runner Up trophy. The **Marching Mustangs** were able to capture four trophies of their own, even

## Invading the Valley of the Sun with a sea of Air Force Blue



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### AF Western Championships - Phoenix, Arizona

besting their sister team with a first place in Exhibition. However, when the scores were tallied, the **Centurion Guard** held on to the Runner Up position with a first place in Color Guard, a second in Inspection, third in Exhibition and fifth in Regulation.

**Deer Valley HS Silver Hawks** from Glendale, Arizona also made their presence known by taking home four trophies (2nd Regulation, 4th Color Guard, 5th Inspection and Exhibition).

### UNARMED DIVISION

The Unarmed Division looked like it might be a repeat of the Armed Division placements, but with only 11 points out of a possible 4000 separating the top two, **Thomas C. Clark HS Silver Valor** reigned supreme. They took home first in Regulation and Exhibition and second in Inspection and although they did not trophy in Color Guard, their overall scores were high enough to keep them in the top spot.

**John Jay HS Snap II** stayed right on their heels by snagging first in Inspection and



Armed and Unarmed Champions and Runner up cadets from John Jay HS and Thomas C. Clark HS proudly display their trophies presented by Mr. John Toohey, Southwest Region President of the Air Force Association. He gave an inspiring keynote speech during the Awards Ceremony.

Color Guard, second in Regulation and fifth in Exhibition. Both schools came to dominate and made sure to do just that.

**Air Academy Centurion Guard** from USAFA, Colorado came in third overall with strong finishes in Color Guard (2nd) and Regulation (3rd). Although they did not trophy in the other two events, their overall strength placed them at a solid third place overall.

All cadets that participated showed Phoenix what drill is all about. Congratulations to all of the teams that competed.

### AF Eastern Championships - Landover, Maryland



Armed Champion and Runner Up, Franklin K. Lane HS and Oxon Hill HS along with Unarmed Champion and Runner Up, Tift County HS and Oxon Hill HS cadets pose with Mr. Greg Winn, Deputy Director AFJROTC and keynote speaker, Mr. Joe Hardy, AFA Maryland State President.

Air Force Blue was out in force in our Nation's Capital as high schools from all over the east coast sent teams to battle for the illustrious and elusive Overall Eastern Championship trophy.

### ARMED DIVISION

All eyes were on **Lackey HS** this year as the returning champion, wondering if 2010 was the beginning of a new dynasty. Although the **Ruff Ryders** came out strong and captured a second place Regulation and fourth place Exhibition, they were not strong enough to hold on to the title as they finished in third place overall.

**Franklin K. Lane HS** and **Oxon Hill HS** rose

to the top as the competitors to beat this year with impressive performances in three out of the four events. But when the scores were tallied, **Franklin K. Lane Black Knights** were victorious, taking home first place Regulation and Color Guard, second place Exhibition and the Armed Division Overall Title. **Oxon Hill Execution** was close on their heels with a first place in Inspection, third in Regulation, and fourth in Color Guard which

was enough for them to receive the Overall Runner Up trophy this year.

### UNARMED DIVISION

Twenty-five schools were in the running for the overall title in the Unarmed Division and trophy placements were all over the board. But only two schools showed true consistency by placing in the top five in three or more events.

**Tift County HS Devil's Honor Guard** captured first in Color Guard, second in Regulation and fourth in Inspection and Exhibition which placed them solidly at the top and earned them the Unarmed Division Overall Championship title.

The fight this year was for the Runner Up title. Although **Sandalwood HS Silver Eagles** took first in Exhibition and second in Color Guard, their tough finishes in both Inspection and Regulation kept them away from the Runner Up trophy by a mere seven points out of 4000.

**Oxon Hill HS Blue Guard** was able to sneak into the second place overall spot even though they did not trophy higher than fourth in any event with an overall strong showing. Their fourth place Regulation and Color Guard and fifth place Exhibition was just consistent enough that they were able to claim the Unarmed Runner Up title this year.

In 2012, the Air Force Nationals will combine East and West into one true National Championship which will be hosted at the Macon Centreplex in Macon, Georgia on Saturday, March 17th. This will be a great fight as the best of the best gather to battle for supreme bragging rights within the world of Air Force JROTC. Make your plans today to be a part of this Air Force spectacular!

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# U.S. ARMY CADET COMMAND



*A change of venue doesn't phase any of these Army JROTC cadets!*

## Western Championships

**P**hoenix, Arizona was the place to be this year for the U.S. Army Cadet Command JROTC Western Drill Championships! The desert location brought out several schools that had not attended in past years and with several heavy-hitters absent, the championship trophies were up for grabs.



*Armed Overall Champions Claudia Taylor Johnson HS and Runner Up James Madison HS (left) and Unarmed Overall Champions Theodore Roosevelt HS and Runner Up James Madison HS (right) pose with CSM Hershel Turner, Cadet Command CSM, MSG John Garrison, Arizona State University ROTC Senior Military Instructor, and COL Hubert E. Bagley, Director of Army JROTC.*

### ARMED DIVISION

Last year's Runner Up, **James Madison HS Maverick Guard** was ready to take home the gold this year and they came very close with first place in Inspection, second place in Regulation and Exhibition and a third in Color Guard. However, the extremely tight scoring in both Color Guard and Exhibition allowed **Claudia Taylor Johnson HS Liberty Guard** to edge them out of the top spot by less than 40 points out of a total of 4000 possible points. **Liberty Guard** went home with first in Regulation, second in Inspection, fourth in Exhibition, and fifth in Color Guard. **Manual Arts HS** came to compete in only Exhibition and walked away with a convincing first place in that event. **South Mountain HS** also impressed with a first place finish in the Color Guard competition.

### UNARMED DIVISION

The 2010 Runner Up, **Theodore Roosevelt HS Riderettes** came ready to fight hard for the top place after being denied last year. They hit the drill floor hard and handily captured first in the Inspection and Regulation events and second in Exhibition. Even a rough eighth place finish in Color Guard did not keep the **Riderettes** from realizing their dream of taking home the Unarmed Overall Championship! **James Madison HS Lady Maverick Guard** landed solidly in the Runner Up position with second in Inspection and third in both Regulation and Color Guard. The **Johnson First Ladies** from **Claudia Taylor Johnson HS** tried hard to join their armed counterparts as champions this year, but fell short with a second in Regulation, fourth in Exhibition, and fifth in Inspection, but it was enough to place them in third overall.

*After years of planning, the United States Army Cadet Command HQ has officially made the announcement that the Army Eastern & Western Championships have now been consolidated into a single service championship beginning in the Spring of 2012! The official home for this exciting new competition will be in the shadows of the new Ft. Knox Army JROTC Headquarters in beautiful Louisville, Kentucky. Get your school calendars set for the final Saturday in March annually!*

## Eastern Championships

**A** trip to our Nation's Capital is always thrilling and educational for anyone, then add in the exhilaration of competing at the U.S. Army Cadet Command JROTC Eastern Drill Championships and it is a trip full of once-in-a-lifetime memories.

### ARMED DIVISION

All eyes were on multi-year champions **Francis Lewis HS Patriot Guard** to see if they could hang on to the championship spot. Hopes were high as trophies were awarded and the **Patriot Guard** only walked away with two trophies, first in Inspection and Regulation. It looked like **Union HS Maroon Guard** might usurp the former champions as they claimed second place finishes in Inspection, Regulation, and Color Guard. Even the **North Miami Beach Sr. HS Chargers** were hopeful with their first place in Color Guard, fourth in Regulation and fifth in Inspection. While the scores in Color Guard and Exhibition were tightly grouped, the **Patriot Guard** blew away the competition in both Inspection and Regulation. The final tallies showed **Francis Lewis HS** as Overall Champions, **Union HS** as Runner Up and **North Miami Beach Sr. HS** coming in third. The dynasty continues.

### UNARMED DIVISION

After **Francis Lewis HS Patriot Pride** lost their title last year, they came back with a vengeance against reigning champion **North Miami Beach Sr. HS Lady Chargers**. Both teams captured two first places, one second place and one fourth place (**Patriot Pride** - 1st: Regulation & Exhibition, 2nd: Inspection, 4th: Color Guard; **Lady Chargers** - 1st: Inspection & Color Guard, 2nd: Exhibition, 4th: Regulation). But in the end, **Francis Lewis** reclaimed their crown by a mere 4 points out of 4000! It will be quite a fight when these two champions meet again.

In conjunction with the Army Eastern Championships, the 4th Brigade Best of the Best Championships were held which encompasses both Armed and Unarmed events. **Forestville MA** walked away with the Best of the Best Overall Championship trophy.



*Armed Overall Champions Francis Lewis HS and Runner Up Union HS (left) and Unarmed Overall Champions Francis Lewis HS and Runner Up North Miami Beach Sr. HS pose with keynote speaker LTC Jackielyn Lewis.*



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# NAVY NATIONALS

## Bridesmaid No More!



*After fighting for years, the title finally makes its way to South Florida.*

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Twenty-five Navy JROTC schools descended on NAS Pensacola in early April with the intention of fighting for the overall Navy Nationals Championship title and bragging rights for the next year. Amid rumors of a government-wide shutdown at midnight on the first day of the competition, instructors, Area Managers, and the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) were hard at work trying to figure out a contingency plan that would have the least impact on the competition.

Marine Judges from Rhode Island flew home on Friday to make sure they didn't get stuck in Florida without a way home if the furlough went through leaving the entire Saturday drill portion of the competition without judges. However, Marines from Marine Aviation Training Support Group 21 stationed locally volunteered their time with no notice to make sure that the cadets were able to compete in all facets of the competition. Due to this selfless act by these Marines, the competition was not affected by the impending furlough. The only noticeable change was that the Awards Ceremony was moved from the National Museum of Naval Aviation to the main drill floor in the hangar at Chevalier Hall. The schedule was not changed and the cadets were able to keep their eyes focused on the gold.

All units strive to be the one that brings home the top prize in the all-important Unit Personnel Inspection. This single event accounts for 27% of the total overall points that determines the National Champion. If a school does not perform well in UPI, their chances of taking home the overall title are almost non-existent. Every participating cadet stands Inspection and is asked questions to test their knowledge. Not only does their uniform have to be perfect, they have to maintain their composure and bearing under the intense scrutiny. Boca Raton HS aced the UPI by more than 40 points over Troy HS with Centennial HS coming in third, George Bush HS fourth, and Westview HS rounded out the top five. These five schools placed themselves in a good position to make a run for the championship.

After Unit Personnel Inspection on Friday the cadets competed in the athletic portion of the competition. Everyone expected Centennial HS and Shawnee Mission North HS to be at the top of the athletic leader board like they were in 2010 and they

both received two athletic team trophies each (Centennial: 4th-Push Ups, 4th-Oval Relay and Shawnee Mission: 1st-Curl Ups, 1st-Push Ups) but they ended up in third and fourth place overall due to weak placements in other events. Union Grove HS, a school that hasn't shown recent athletic prowess, dominated in the Shuttle Relay (1st place) and the Oval Relay (2nd place) and captured fourth place in Curl Ups. This put them solidly in first place overall followed very closely by Flanagan HS who also captured three team trophies (2nd-Curl Ups, 5th-Push Ups, 5th-Oval Relay). Although they did not place in the top five, both Escambia HS and Pine Forest HS did great in the relay races by capturing a top three finish in both of those events.

*Announcement of the Champion sparked an emotional response throughout the audience.*

Friday evening, fifteen cadets from each school file into the academic testing room with their heads spinning after cramming as much knowledge as possible into their brains. As cadets filed out of the testing room with sweat on their brows and a glazed look in their eyes, everyone realized this was the hardest test in recent years. In the past, the highest score on the Navy Nationals Academic Exam was around 85-89. This year, the highest score was 68 out of 100. Only 10 cadets out of 375 received 60 or higher. Three of those cadets were from Flour Bluff HS and two from Troy HS, so it was no surprise that Flour Bluff took top placement with Troy HS only 10 points behind capturing the second place Academic Team trophy. Third, fourth, and fifth places went to Boca Raton HS, Northmont HS and Centennial HS, respectively.

Saturday is devoted exclusively to the drill events. With all of the cadets, instructors and spectators moving between two hangars, excitement is all around and the performing cadets receive the admiration from everyone in attendance including general officers and visiting dignitaries. The five events, Armed Basic, Unarmed Basic, Color Guard (held on Friday), Armed Exhibition and Unarmed Exhibition combined account for 36% of the overall total

needed for the national championship, so consistent strength in all aspects of drill can help push a team to the top. Pine Forest HS edged their way to capturing the Overall Drill trophy by capturing second in Unarmed Basic and fourth in Color Guard, Armed Exhibition and Unarmed Exhibition. Boca Raton HS held their own and placed second overall in drill with second place in Armed and Unarmed Exhibition and third in Unarmed Basic. Troy HS rounded out the top three with four trophies of their own (2nd-Color Guard, 3rd-Armed Basic, 4th-Unarmed Basic, 5th-Unarmed Exhibition).

During the Awards Ceremony, Rear Admiral David Steindl, Commander, Naval Service Training Command spoke and then all of the trophies were awarded... except for the Overall top five that everyone was waiting for. 2010 overall champion Centennial HS cadets were on the edge of their seats hoping they had done enough to hold on to the title while last year's runner up Shawnee Mission North HS was trying to calculate points to see if they would take home the "big" trophy this year. The answer came very quickly for Shawnee Mission North when they were called to receive fifth place overall. Next, the fourth place trophy was awarded to Pine Forest HS which seemed to surprise the cadets as they ran to the front to receive proof of their placement. Centennial HS was called next to receive the third place trophy, answering the question of a repeat win. When Troy HS was called as the Overall Runner-Up, the audience erupted and the cadets were ecstatic. But then, when the Navy JROTC National Champion was announced as Boca Raton HS, the entire hangar cheered and many gave a standing ovation to the school that had been so close to victory for so many years. For Boca Raton, this win was years, even decades in the making and truly well-deserved.

Now that Boca Raton has finally tasted victory and took home the Holy Grail, they will not give it up easily. All units attending Navy Nationals next year need to work extra hard and train extra hours, because Boca is going to put up one heck of a fight to keep the spotlight of excellence firmly in south Florida.



*CDR Ken Bingham with Boca Raton HS embraces his cadets with overwhelming emotion when they learn they have finally won the coveted title of Overall Champions at the 2011 Navy Nationals competition.*

**Raider Nationals Cadets Prove That *PAIN*  
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Raider Challenge  
Championships**

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**M**olena, Georgia is located in the heart of the southland where the 2010 National Raider Challenge Championships returned once again to the Gerald I. Lawhorn Scouting Base. The early November event made a memorable mark even before the first event began. It would appear that surviving the cold would be the first task for these hearty cadets. But this is Raider, an event designed for the most hardcore JROTC cadets built to brave the elements. Old Mother Nature was going to need to do more than plunge the temperature to 28 degrees overnight to throw these young warriors who not only competed in the cold woods of Georgia, but most of whom also slept in tents or cabins, carefully cocooned for warmth.

What exactly is a Raider competition? Patterned after the college Army Ranger events, a Raider team is a unit comprised of 10-12 cadets who compete in a variety of demanding physical tasks while taking on the challenges of the forest's terrain. Unlike drill, the results are quantitative rather than qualitative as the best time in all events or the highest amount of sit ups/pushups determines the victor. Much like drill, academics and marksmanship, the more you practice, the better you'll do!

Schools from as far away as Michigan and New York trekked down to the Peach State to compete with the many southern schools in attendance that were certainly regarded as the favorites for merely being in their element. Georgia is considered the hot-bed for Raider teams, but the playing field is level as the course is just as difficult and unfamiliar for the local teams as it is for the teams traveling from distant states. It really doesn't matter where you come from when it comes to being a good Raider team. . . what matters is how much will-power, physical strength, and intestinal fortitude you have to get the job done.

**FEMALE DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS**

While the Raider concept appears macho on the surface, that isn't necessarily the case. 35% of the cadets at Raider Nationals were female, with more and more joining the ranks every year. The 2010 Female Division featured 10 teams, but from the start, the reality was clear that one was far and away the dominant team. The **Patriotettes** of **Francis Lewis HS** from Fresh Meadows, New York swept the competition with 1st place finishes in all five team events. Finishing a distant 2nd place was the **Lady Wildcats** of **Richmond Hill HS** from Richmond Hill, Georgia who grabbed 2nd place in three of the team events, along with a 4th and 5th place event finish. Finishing slightly behind them was **Grissom HS's Femurz** from Huntsville, Alabama who held the other two 2nd place finishes, two 3rd places and one 7th place. The 2011 Raider Championships will see a return of the ladies from New York so Raider schools get ready to bring the heat!

**MIXED DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS**

The Mixed Division is always hotly contested with twenty-one teams vying for the top spot. While the top third of the teams were extremely competitive, three teams made their presence known when the trophies were being handed out. **The Kings Academy Mixed Knights** from Woodstock, Georgia finished in a respectable 3rd place, trophying in 4 events including 2nd place finishes in the Gauntlet and Cross Country Rescue. But the top two spots were as close as they come. Both **Smith-Cotton HS Tigers** from Sedalia, Missouri and **Jenkins County HS War Eagle White** from Millen, Georgia finished tied in placement points with both teams capturing trophies in all five events. Smith-Cotton eeked out the Overall Championship with 1st place wins in APFT, 5K Run and Gauntlet along with two 3rd place finishes in CCR and Rope Bridge. Jenkins County lost the tie breaker but had a dominant showing with two 1st places in CCR & Rope Bridge, two 2nd places in APFT & 5-K and one 3rd in Gauntlet. These two teams are historically very dominant and will no doubt make a tremendous run for the title again in 2011.

**MALE DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS**

No division at the Raider Nationals is more fiercely competitive than the Male Division. Twenty-two teams rose before dawn to prepare for the battle that awaited them. Who would prevail in this intense field of the best Raider teams in the nation? Unlike the other divisions that have a few teams that rise above all the rest, the Male division is full of intensely competitive units. But as the frost faded, a group of eight teams rose above the crowd. Only two trophies were given to teams finishing lower than eighth, but among these top schools trophies were heavily scattered. No one team dominated, but in the end, the two that made it to the top were **Richmond Hill HS Wildcats** from Richmond Hill, Georgia and **Francis Lewis HS Patriots** from Fresh Meadows, New York. Richmond Hill captured a 1st in 5K along with 3 other trophies, but Francis Lewis finished ahead by one placement point, grabbing two firsts in APFT and Gauntlet, a 3rd in 5K and two 5th place finishes in CCR and Rope Bridge. The stage is set for the 2011 Raider Nationals. Will one of these teams be able to dethrone the boys from New York?

Sunday morning was greeted with the spirited and intense Ultimate Raider competition held for the best cadets from each school. The crowds lined the route and cheered the cadets as they vied for the coveted "Best of the Best" prize. Dominating the competition for Best Female Raider was **Cadet Janczak** from **Francis Lewis HS** and capturing Best Male Raider was **Cadet Kearney** from **Smith-Cotton HS**.

Numerous dignitaries attended the 2010 Raider Nationals led by **COL John Vanderbleek**, recently retired USACC JROTC Director. While the event proudly serves as the official U.S. Army JROTC Raider Championships, we always encourage other services to "Step Up to the Raider Challenge" and be a part of the 800+ cadets and hundreds of parents that will assemble every year at this premiere cadet competition!

**The U.S. Army Cadet Command sponsored National Raider Championships are becoming THE PLACE TO RAIDER!** This year, Texas, Kansas, New York, Virginia, Wisconsin, Michigan and of course many nearby states are registered to attend as word spreads of this fantastic event. **Cedar Shoals HS** Army JROTC under the direction of SAI **LTC Eric Cleveland** provides the backbone of local support and the **Georgia National Guard** continues to provide the sponsorship

and judging support that make this event special to all the cadets. Along with that, the **Lawhorn Scouting Base** provides the Yankee Stadium of Raider facilities! We salute all of the supporters, parents and instructors for the efforts they provide for these great cadets as they continue to make Raider history every year at the Raider Nationals. Make your team a part of the excitement and challenge this year and mostly continue to be **RAIDER STRONG!**

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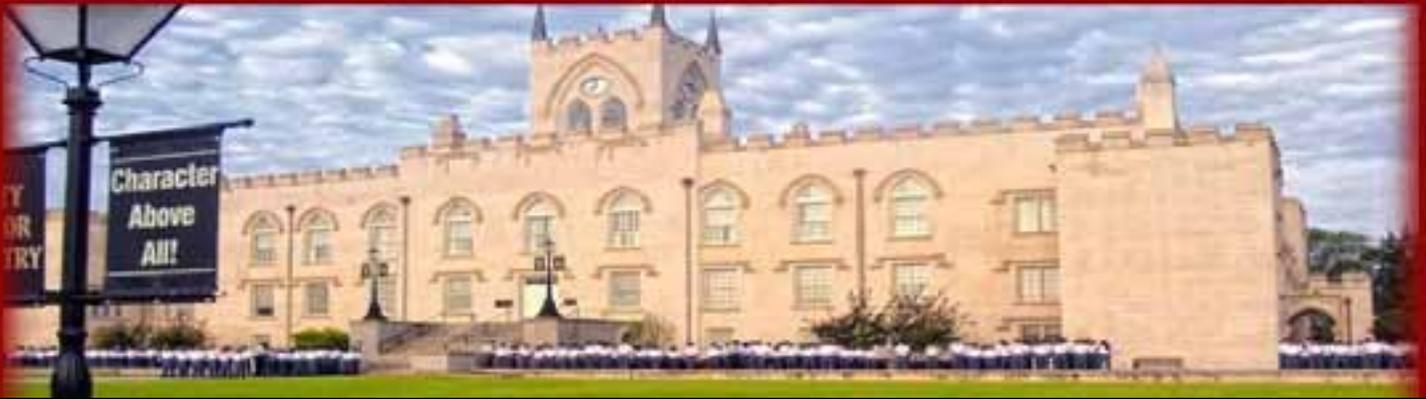


Francis Lewis HS Male Team (right) and Female Team (left) along with the Mixed Team from Smith-Cotton HS (center) took home the Championship hardware at the 2010 Raider Nationals.

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# 2012 NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

## Introduction

Sports Network International is pleased to provide this invitation to all precision drill units to attend the 30<sup>th</sup> annual **National High School Drill Team Championships** in Daytona Beach, Florida. This event is open to all Junior ROTC units and select other military-style programs competing in Armed & Unarmed divisions. This is your school's **official invitation** to enter the nation's finest drill & ceremony competition, referred to worldwide as simply "**The Nationals.**" Schools will never experience a more majestic and remarkable drill event than this.

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

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

## Competition Guidelines

All units may use their own service regulations to compete at the NHS DTC. Where their manual is not specific, Armed Divisions use US Army FM 3-21.5 while the Unarmed Divisions use US Air Force FM 36-2203 (1996). The variety of services that gain top finishes at Daytona is a testament to the fairness of this drill event. The event SOP is listed on the event website early in the school year. Schools having specific questions regarding the event should contact SNI before applying for entry.

## Event Judging

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

## Competition Events

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

The **Masters Level** event brings the finest drill programs in the nation together to compete within three separate divisions. Teams using standard full-weight rifles compete in the **Demilitarized Arms Division**. Teams without weapons enter the **Unarmed Division**. The **Alternative/Mixed Division** is for teams with lightweight weapons (regardless of gender), for all-female teams (regardless of weapon type) and in 2012, for many mixed teams (see SOP for details).

### CHALLENGE LEVEL EVENTS

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

### MASTERS LEVEL EVENTS

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

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

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

## NHSDTC Event Specifics

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

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

All Challenge schools must be in town by Friday to attend the **NHSDTC Commander's Call** the evening prior to their competition. At this meeting, all teams are presented their competition schedules and receive a short briefing by NHS DTC Competition Director, Justin Gates. The Challenge & Open Level events will be held on **Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**, with the two-day Masters Level competition held on **Sunday & Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**. Both competition levels feature Knockout Drills at the conclusion of the judging and an Awards Ceremony in the evening following the competition.

## Awards and Trophies

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

# DRILL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

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

## Costs to Attend

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

## Team Package Plan Includes:

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

**The price of the Team Package Plan, based on staying four-to-a-room, is only \$125.00 per person for the full 4-day/3-night package.** Challenge level schools have the option to stay in a 2-night package for only **\$109.00 per person**. Three, two & one to-a-room prices are slightly higher, utilized primarily for instructors & other adult team followers. Schools interested in Deluxe billets should contact SNI ASAP or check the website for those upgraded rates. **All participants (cadets, chaperones & instructors) are required to attend the NHS DTC through this Team Package Plan to ensure all event costs are fully covered.** Parents and other team followers MAY attend through the package plan, but this is optional.

## Registration Fee

The School Registration Fee for Nationals entry is \$300 for the Masters Level, \$200 for the Challenge Level and \$50 per team for the Open Level Color Guard or stand-alone solo/dual exhibition entrants. Schools wishing to enter multiple teams in multiple competition levels should contact SNI for details. **This event Registration Fee is completely refundable** if requested before **Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011**, but non-refundable once a school has been accepted for entry into the Nationals. This ensures that only those schools who are *fully committed* to attend the event occupy a valuable competition slot with the many other fantastic drill programs attending.

## To Register for the NHS DTC

**NEW THIS YEAR:** To register your school for the Nationals, complete the online **NHS DTC Registration Form** located at: <http://myschool.thenationals.net> - if you choose to mail your registration fee, your school is not considered registered until the fee has been received. Schools unsure of which competition level they should enter should contact SNI before submitting their School Registration.

**SELECTION PROCESS:** *All registrations will be accumulated and reviewed by the SNI Competition Committee beginning on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.* SNI will evaluate all entries on their merits and decide which schools will be accepted. This judgment will be based on many factors but the largest of these include:

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

While most returning schools to the Nationals register within weeks of receiving DrillINATION magazine and this invitation, a few schools wait. Historically, demand to enter the Nationals causes the event to be nearly full by this date. Schools registering after the December 2<sup>nd</sup> review deadline will have a smaller chance of getting into the Nationals. Any "standby slots" available after this date are available on a strictly first-come, first-served basis.

## Additional Registration Info

Schools accepted for entry will be listed on the SNI website by Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Any school not accepted will have their entry fee refunded within 10 business days.

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

## In Closing

We invite all teams, **especially those who have considered attending in the past**, to look at attending the 2012 Nationals. Your drill team's attendance will become the highlight of your school year, giving focus and purpose to your drill season. It provides a strong means of attracting interest in your program from within your community and will give your school and drill unit the national notoriety and incredible learning experience that they richly deserve. The Nationals is renowned for the strong teams who annually attend. With the availability of the Challenge & Open Level competitions, schools of all talent levels now look to become a part of the exciting & memorable Nationals experience.

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

Veterans of the Nationals will attest that **no other drill meet compares with the National High School Drill Team Championships**. The overall talent, all-service flavor and vast geographic spread of teams attending the Nationals give this drill event an unparalleled atmosphere of drill excellence! We at SNI wish your program and your cadets the best of luck this school year and **we hope to see your school in Daytona Beach, Florida this May at the 30th Anniversary of "The Nationals!"**

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# NHSDTC Challenge Level Event

Army, Marine Corps, and Air Force JROTC units all ended up at the top showing the true diversity of champions that the Nationals Challenge Level seems to produce annually.



*Norview High School from Norfolk, Virginia performs within the Color Guard competition during the long day of Challenge Level competition.*

The Challenge Level competition is one area where sequentially repeating championships are not possible. The top two teams in both divisions are required to move up to the Masters Level which always leaves room for a new champion every year. Many teams are strong in one event or another, but it takes true consistency in all events to take a place at the top.

## ARMED DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

Four years ago, no one at The Nationals had ever heard of **Ben Davis HS** from Indianapolis, Indiana. But in those four short years the **Golden Eagles** have powered their way to the top of the Challenge Level, separating themselves from the rest of the competition by more than 500 points. The Marine Corps JROTC cadets aced both Inspection and Exhibition and showed their overall consistency in all things drill by placing fifth in Color Guard and sixth in Regulation. They will be testing their strength against the veteran teams in the Masters Level in 2012.

Out of the 38 teams, **St. John's Northwestern MA** from Delafield, Wisconsin took home the Runner-Up trophy even though they only received a third place in Regulation and a fourth place in Exhibition. The **Silver Rifles** didn't trophy in Inspection or Color Guard, but their scores were consistently high enough to keep them firmly planted in the second place position overall.

Several teams captured two trophies each showing they are working on their overall drill strength and may be next year's Overall Champion in this division. **United South HS South Panther Rifles** from Laredo, Texas ranked third overall and took home second place in Regulation and third in Inspection. The **Recon Tigers** from **Mexico HS** from New York captured second in Inspection and fourth in Regulation while Maryland natives **Oxon Hill HS Execution** took second in Color Guard and fourth in Inspection. The only other team placing in the top five in two events was Florida's **Clearwater HS Tornadoes** that took home third in Exhibition and fifth in Regulation.

Other notable finishes were on display from the **Bulldogs** from **Okkodo HS**, the first school ever to attend The Nationals from Guam, who aced the Regulation event and the always powerful **Everglades HS Armed Gators** from Everglades, Florida who took first place in the tough Color Guard competition.

## UNARMED DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

In the Unarmed Division it became a two-horse race between the **Gold Tigers** from **Smith-Cotton HS** in Sedalia, Missouri and **Prairie HS Fighting Falcons** from Battle Ground, Washington. The **Gold Tigers** almost had the championship by a landslide with first place in Inspection and Exhibition and second in Regulation, but a disappointing thirteenth place in Color Guard opened the door for their nearest competitor. Although **Prairie HS** only had one first place (Color Guard), their overall consistency in all events (4th-Inspection, 5th-Exhibition, 7th-Regulation) put them only fifty-two points shy of Smith-Cotton. So the **Gold Tigers** took home the Overall Unarmed Championship title and the **Fighting Falcons** received the Runner-Up trophy. Both of these teams will have their work cut out for them in the always-tough Masters Unarmed Division next year.

The remaining trophies awarded went to eleven different teams, showing again that consistent performance is the only way to push your team to the top. The **Legion Drill Team Too** from **Lakeside HS** in Evans, Georgia captured second in Color Guard and third in Exhibition and even with poor performances in the other two events, they found themselves in third place overall.

Other strong performances were turned in by **The Olympians** from **Wichita South HS** with a first place in Regulation and fourth place in Color Guard and the **South Lady Panthers** from **United South HS** who placed fourth in Regulation and fifth in Inspection. The **Tomcats** from **East Aurora HS** took second in Exhibition and the **Lady Knights** from **Evans HS** captured second in Inspection.

With the top two teams being pushed to the Masters Level, the field will be wide-open for any team that puts in the practice in every event and shows all-over strength.

Every year, several competitive programs that apply for the Challenge Level are not accepted for entry due to the volume of teams that apply. Any school that plans to attend the NHSDTC should make sure to register before the early December deadline. Details can be found on pages 12 & 13 including where to find the online registration form. Good luck to all schools during your 2011-2012 drill season.

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*Keynote speaker, Colonel Hubert E. Bagley, Director of Army JROTC poses with the top winners in the Challenge Level of the Nationals. (from left to right) Prairie HS Fighting Falcons, Unarmed Runner-Up, Smith-Cotton HS Gold Tigers, Unarmed Champion, Ben Davis HS Golden Eagles, Armed Champion, and St. John's Northwestern MA Silver Rifles, Armed Runner-Up.*

## 2011 OPEN LEVEL COLOR GUARD COMPETITION

This competition is ALWAYS EXCITING as seasoned color guard units from across the nation mix with brand new units giving the event a shoot-out flavor.

The Open Level Color Guard event is unique at The Nationals in that the overall strength of the team is not a qualifying factor for entry. Color Guards of all talent levels compete together and schools are allowed to enter more than one Color Guard within this popular event.

This year, both **Pulaski County HS** from Somerset, Kentucky and **Alamo Heights HS** from San Antonio, Texas entered two Color Guard units and once they hit the floor, the fight was on! **Alamo Heights Mulettes** won first place in this event in 2010 and were hoping to retain their title but Pulaski County had the Texas teams in their sights.

Four out of the five trophies awarded went to these two schools, showing that their hours of practice perfecting the ultimate drill and ceremonies presentation really paid off.

The **Alamo Heights Mulettes** retained their place at the top capturing first place again with their male counterparts, the **Mules**, close behind in third place. The **Maroons** from Pulaski County walked away with second place while their sister team, the **Maroon Guard**, took fourth. Never before have two schools so deftly dominated this event.

Fifth place was awarded to the **Chargers** from **North Miami Beach Sr. HS** from Florida. The **Chargers** separated themselves from their nearest competition by a full 30 points.

In 2012, it will be interesting to see if either school will be able to hang on to their elite placements as the rest of the competition field will be fighting hard to displace them.

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



# 2011 National High School Drill Team Championships

## Challenge Level Attendees & Event Standings



### Armed Division

#### Inspection

|                 |                             |     |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----|
| Ben Davis HS    | <i>Golden Eagles</i>        | 877 |
| Mexico HS       | <i>Recon Tigers</i>         | 800 |
| United South HS | <i>South Panther Rifles</i> | 759 |
| Oxon Hill HS    | <i>Execution</i>            | 721 |
| Forestville MA  | <i>Black Knights</i>        | 711 |

#### Regulation

|                  |                             |     |
|------------------|-----------------------------|-----|
| Okkodo HS        | <i>Bulldogs</i>             | 885 |
| United South HS  | <i>South Panther Rifles</i> | 838 |
| St. John's NW MA | <i>Silver Rifles</i>        | 834 |
| Mexico HS        | <i>Recon Tigers</i>         | 833 |
| Clearwater HS    | <i>Tornadoes</i>            | 799 |

#### Color Guard

|                       |                             |     |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----|
| Everglades HS         | <i>Armed Gators</i>         | 865 |
| Oxon Hill HS          | <i>Execution</i>            | 821 |
| Montgomery Central HS | <i>Warrior Guard</i>        | 820 |
| Wichita South HS      | <i>Iron Titan Battalion</i> | 817 |
| Ben Davis HS          | <i>Golden Eagles</i>        | 801 |

#### Team Exhibition

|                   |                               |     |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----|
| Ben Davis HS      | <i>Golden Eagles</i>          | 930 |
| Lakeside HS       | <i>Legion Drill Team</i>      | 904 |
| Clearwater HS     | <i>Tornadoes</i>              | 792 |
| St. John's NW MA  | <i>Silver Rifles</i>          | 748 |
| St. Lucie West HS | <i>Black Talon Drill Team</i> | 738 |

#### Overall Armed Champion

Ben Davis HS - *Golden Eagles*

#### Overall Armed Runner-up

St. John's Northwestern MA - *Silver Rifles*

#### Bainbridge HS

Air Force JROTC  
BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA

#### Belleview HS

Air Force JROTC  
BELLEVUE, FLORIDA

#### BEN DAVIS HS

MARINE CORPS JROTC  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

#### Benedictine HS

ARMY JROTC  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

#### Blythewood HS

ARMY JROTC  
BLYTHEWOOD, S. CAROLINA

#### Caddo Parish

MAGNET HS  
ARMY JROTC  
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

#### CENTRAL CROSSING HS

NAVY JROTC  
GROVE CITY, OHIO

#### CLEARWATER HS

MARINE CORPS JROTC  
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

#### Coffee HS

NAVY JROTC  
DOUGLAS, GEORGIA

#### DELAWARE MA

NAVY JROTC  
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

#### DUTCHTOWN HS

AIR FORCE JROTC  
HAMPTON, GEORGIA

#### DUVAL HS

AIR FORCE JROTC  
LANHAM, MARYLAND

#### EAST AURORA HS

NAVY JROTC  
AURORA, ILLINOIS

#### EVANS HS

ARMY JROTC  
EVANS, GEORGIA

#### EVERGLADES HS

ARMY JROTC  
MIRAMAR, FLORIDA

#### FLANDREAU

INDIAN SCHOOL  
ARMY JROTC  
FLANDREAU, S. DAKOTA

#### FORESTVILLE

MA  
ARMY JROTC  
FORESTVILLE, MARYLAND

#### GLOUCESTER HS

MARINE CORPS JROTC  
GLOUCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

### Unarmed Division

#### Inspection

|                 |                            |     |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----|
| Smith-Cotton HS | <i>Gold Tigers</i>         | 897 |
| Evans HS        | <i>Lady Knights</i>        | 845 |
| Everglades HS   | <i>Unarmed Gators</i>      | 806 |
| Prairie HS      | <i>Fighting Falcons</i>    | 797 |
| United South HS | <i>South Lady Panthers</i> | 792 |

#### Regulation

|                  |                            |     |
|------------------|----------------------------|-----|
| Wichita South HS | <i>The Olympians</i>       | 882 |
| Smith-Cotton HS  | <i>Gold Tigers</i>         | 871 |
| North Point HS   | <i>Unarmed Eagles</i>      | 870 |
| United South HS  | <i>South Lady Panthers</i> | 868 |
| T.C. Williams HS | <i>Armageddon</i>          | 859 |

#### Color Guard

|                  |                              |      |
|------------------|------------------------------|------|
| Prairie HS       | <i>Fighting Falcons</i>      | 1021 |
| Lakeside HS      | <i>Legion Drill Team Too</i> | 1013 |
| Kenwood HS       | <i>Golden Knights</i>        | 997  |
| Wichita South HS | <i>The Olympians</i>         | 995  |
| Oxon Hill HS     | <i>Blue Guard</i>            | 943  |

#### Team Exhibition

|                 |                              |      |
|-----------------|------------------------------|------|
| Smith-Cotton HS | <i>Gold Tigers</i>           | 864  |
| East Aurora HS  | <i>Unarmed Tomcats</i>       | *844 |
| Lakeside HS     | <i>Legion Drill Team Too</i> | 844  |
| Gloucester HS   | <i>Scarlet Thunder</i>       | 823  |
| Prairie HS      | <i>Fighting Falcons</i>      | 794  |

#### Overall Unarmed Champion

Smith-Cotton HS - *Gold Tigers*

#### Overall Unarmed Runner-up

Prairie HS - *Fighting Falcons*

#### Gulfport HS

MARINE CORPS JROTC  
GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

#### Jackson County HS

ARMY JROTC  
JEFFERSON, GEORGIA

#### Kenwood HS

ARMY JROTC  
CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE

#### Lakeside HS

ARMY JROTC  
EVANS, GEORGIA

#### Lincoln County HS

ARMY JROTC  
HAMLIN, WEST VIRGINIA

#### Mexico HS

MARINE CORPS JROTC  
MEXICO, NEW YORK

#### MONTGOMERY CENTRAL HS

ARMY JROTC  
CUNNINGHAM, TENNESSEE

#### Monticello HS

AIR FORCE JROTC  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

#### Murphy HS

ARMY JROTC  
MOBILE, ALABAMA

#### NORTH DESOTO HS

ARMY JROTC  
STONEWALL, LOUISIANA

#### NORTH POINT HS

AIR FORCE JROTC  
WALDORF, MARYLAND

#### NORTHEAST HS

ARMY JROTC  
CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE

#### NORVIEW HS

NAVY JROTC  
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

#### Okkodo HS

MARINE CORPS JROTC  
DEDEDO, GUAM

#### OSCEOLA HS

AIR FORCE JROTC  
OSCEOLA, ARKANSAS

#### OXON HILL HS

AIR FORCE JROTC  
OXON HILL, MARYLAND

#### Papillion LA VISTA SOUTH HS

NAVY JROTC  
PAPILLION, NEBRASKA

#### PASSAIC HS

NAVY JROTC  
PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY

#### PRAIRIE HS

AIR FORCE JROTC  
BATTLE GROUND, WASHINGTON

#### RAMSAY HS

ARMY JROTC  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

#### SMITH-COTTON HS

ARMY JROTC  
SEDALIA, MISSOURI

#### St. John's NORTHWESTERN MA

ARMY JROTC  
DELAFIELD, WISCONSIN

#### ST. LUCIE WEST CENTENNIAL HS

NAVY JROTC  
PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA

#### T.C. WILLIAMS HS

ARMY JROTC  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

#### Taylor County HS

ARMY JROTC  
PERRY, FLORIDA

#### THURGOOD MARSHALL HS

ARMY JROTC  
DAYTON, OHIO

#### UNITED SOUTH HS

MARINE CORPS JROTC  
LAREDO, TEXAS

#### WAGENER-SALLEY HS

ARMY JROTC  
WAGENER, S. CAROLINA

#### WEST CHARLOTTE HS

ARMY JROTC  
CHARLOTTE, N. CAROLINA

#### WEST ORANGE HS

AIR FORCE JROTC  
WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA

#### WICHITA SOUTH HS

ARMY JROTC  
WICHITA, KANSAS

#### Wilbur D. Mills HS

ARMY JROTC  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

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



*Fern Creek HS Lady Leathernecks and Francis Lewis HS Patriot Guard enjoy a repeat victory in their divisions, but the Blue Angels from Douglas MacArthur HS took a stroll to the stage for the very first time to claim the Unarmed Division National Championship.*

Football has the Super Bowl, Soccer has the World Cup, Sailing has the America's Cup... JROTC Drill has *The Nationals!* For high school JROTC cadets, there is no level of achievement greater than winning the National Championship trophy at the National High School Drill Team Championships in Daytona Beach, Florida. Even though in some high schools, JROTC is considered an elective class and Drill Team is considered an "activity" as opposed to a "sport" the athletes that compete at The Nationals each May prove that not only is Drill a sport, it is at times an art form!

#### ALTERNATIVE ARMS - MIXED DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

Making their 12th consecutive trek to the stage to claim the National Title in the Alternative Arms division was the famous **Lady Leathernecks** from **Fern Creek HS** in Louisville, Kentucky. These Marine Corps JROTC cadets never fail to impress the judges with their precision and strength as they power through their routines like a well-oiled machine. The challenge when watching the **Lady Leathernecks** is to try and find any error or mis-step, they are seemingly flawless in their execution. Their only stumble this year was in the Regulation event where they placed second instead of first.

Each year in this division, there are hopefuls that try to steal the throne from Fern Creek but few ever come close. This year the fight for the Runner-Up trophy was between the **Lady Redhawks** from **Seneca HS** and the **Black Tigers** from **Smith-Cotton HS**. Both teams were very strong placing in four out of the five events. The **Lady Redhawks** prevailed as they claimed second in Color Guard, third in Regulation and Platoon Exhibition and fourth in Inspection. Only 17 points behind, Smith-Cotton took home first in Regulation, third in Squad Exhibition, fourth in Platoon Exhibition, and fifth in Inspection.

#### UNARMED DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

The Unarmed Division has belonged to **Flour Bluff HS** for so many years that everyone was shocked when **Francis Lewis HS** took it away last year and with the overall strength of Francis Lewis, it appeared that they might be ready to move in and set up house in the top spot. But last year's third place overall team, the **Blue Angels** from **Douglas MacArthur HS** had something to say about that!

The **Blue Angels** came ready to kick butt and take names as they were the only team to capture a top five placement in every event. Their five trips to the stage to receive their first place in Color Guard and Flight Exhibition, second place in Element Exhibition and third place in Inspection and Regulation left no doubt they were the new Overall Champion of the Unarmed Division. The question is whether or not they will be able to hang onto their title in 2012.

Second place overall went to a school that as of two years ago, was virtually unknown and had never attended The Nationals. In 2010, they showed themselves by capturing first place in Regulation and left everyone wondering where they came from. But this year, **Brandeis HS** from San Antonio made sure that everyone knew their name as they claimed second place in Inspection and Regulation and fifth in Color Guard and

Element Exhibition which convincingly landed the **Blue Aces** with the National Championship Runner-Up trophy.

**Flour Bluff HS Sea Hawks** did take the stage once as they received the first place Regulation trophy and **Francis Lewis HS Patriot Pride** walked away with first in Element Exhibition, second in Flight Exhibition and fifth in Inspection.

#### DEMILITARIZED DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

The Demilitarized Arms Division is always exciting and the sheer number of incredibly talented teams captivates spectators as they watch the masters in motion. With 27 schools competing within this division, many wondered if Francis Lewis HS would be able to "three-peat" as National Champions.

Those questions were quickly answered as the **Patriot Guard** from Fresh Meadows, New York took the floor and aced the Inspection and Regulation events then captured third in Color Guard and fourth in Squad Exhibition. Although they ranked eighth in Platoon Exhibition, they still dominated enough that the Demilitarized National Championship was theirs for the third consecutive year. Rumors began to fly as to whether or not **Francis Lewis** was beginning a new decade's dynasty of drill.

The fight for the Runner-Up slot came down to two teams separated by only 14 points in the final overall proportional scores. The **Flanagan Rifles** from **Marmion Academy** dazzled the crowd with their amazing first-place performances in both Element Exhibition and Platoon Exhibition. Although they only placed in these two events, they were a stone's throw away from being in the top two.

The **Blue Guard** from **Douglas MacArthur HS** showed that overall consistency is the key as they placed second in Color Guard, third in Regulation and Platoon Exhibition and fourth in Inspection. Their seventh place finish in Squad Exhibition did not hinder their efforts as they claimed the Demilitarized Division National Championship Runner-Up title.

Although most of the top five placements went to the top three schools, there were several other stand-out performances. **John Jay HS Silver Eagles**, last year's Runner-Up, placed second in both Regulation and Platoon Exhibition and fifth in Squad Exhibition. **Seneca HS Redhawks** took first in Color Guard and **McKinley HS Tiger Battalion** from Hawaii snagged second in Squad Exhibition even with a 50 point penalty for participating with less than 9 cadets.

The 2011 National High School Drill Team Championships was an amazing experience and teams have already started their early-morning practices, lunch-time walk-throughs, after-school analysis and weekend drill camps in an effort to be THE team that takes it all the way to the top in 2012. The Nationals will again be held at the spectacular Ocean Center Arena and Conference Center on May 5th-7th, 2012.



*Masters Awards Ceremony attendees were treated to an amazingly powerful performance by Hawaii's Kings Guard Drill Team on stage in front of the beautiful Nationals trophies.*





# NATIONAL High School DRILL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS



## Masters Level Event Standings

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

### Demilitarized Arms

#### Inspection

|                      |                            |     |
|----------------------|----------------------------|-----|
| Francis Lewis HS     | <i>Patriot Guard</i>       | 925 |
| Fern Creek HS        | <i>Leathernecks</i>        | 864 |
| Flour Bluff HS       | <i>Sea Devils</i>          | 819 |
| Douglas MacArthur HS | <i>Blue Guard</i>          | 796 |
| George Bush HS       | <i>The President's Own</i> | 787 |

#### Regulation

|                      |                            |      |
|----------------------|----------------------------|------|
| Francis Lewis HS     | <i>Patriot Guard</i>       | 944  |
| John Jay HS          | <i>Silver Eagles</i>       | *869 |
| Douglas MacArthur HS | <i>Blue Guard</i>          | 869  |
| Rahway HS            | <i>Devil Pups</i>          | 837  |
| George Bush HS       | <i>The President's Own</i> | 834  |

#### Color Guard

|                      |                            |     |
|----------------------|----------------------------|-----|
| Seneca HS            | <i>Redhawks</i>            | 861 |
| Douglas MacArthur HS | <i>Blue Guard</i>          | 841 |
| Francis Lewis HS     | <i>Patriot Guard</i>       | 836 |
| Winter Springs HS    | <i>Bears</i>               | 803 |
| George Bush HS       | <i>The President's Own</i> | 772 |

#### Squad Exhibition

|                  |                        |     |
|------------------|------------------------|-----|
| Marmion Academy  | <i>Flanagan Rifles</i> | 985 |
| McKinley HS      | <i>Tiger Battalion</i> | 946 |
| Flour Bluff HS   | <i>Sea Devils</i>      | 909 |
| Francis Lewis HS | <i>Patriot Guard</i>   | 889 |
| John Jay HS      | <i>Silver Eagles</i>   | 885 |

#### Platoon Exhibition

|                      |                        |      |
|----------------------|------------------------|------|
| Marmion Academy      | <i>Flanagan Rifles</i> | 1027 |
| John Jay HS          | <i>Silver Eagles</i>   | 964  |
| Douglas MacArthur HS | <i>Blue Guard</i>      | 960  |
| Fern Creek HS        | <i>Leathernecks</i>    | 930  |
| Rahway HS            | <i>Devil Pups</i>      | 918  |

### Demilitarized Arms Champions

Champion: Francis Lewis HS - *Patriot Guard*  
Runner-up: Douglas MacArthur HS - *Blue Guard*

#### Solo Exhibition

|                 |                                       |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Cadet Hawkins - W.T. Woodson HS       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Cadet White - West Forsyth HS         |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Cadet Kalogeropoulos - Independent NY |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Cadet Rolfe - Lafayette Sr. HS        |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Cadet Carcamo - Independent TX        |

#### Dual Exhibition

|                 |                                       |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Barbosa & Barbosa - John Jay HS       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Bodie & Blizzard - Wagener-Salley HS  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Woods & Stich - Seneca HS             |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Grahovec & Loehmann - Marmion Academy |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Overton & Ray - Wagener-Salley HS     |

### Unarmed

#### Inspection

|                      |                            |      |
|----------------------|----------------------------|------|
| Colts Neck HS        | <i>Pride of Colts Neck</i> | 1026 |
| Brandeis HS          | <i>Blue Aces</i>           | 1019 |
| Douglas MacArthur HS | <i>Blue Angels</i>         | 1000 |
| Lynn English HS      | <i>Lady Bulldogs</i>       | 991  |
| Francis Lewis HS     | <i>Patriot Pride</i>       | 982  |

#### Regulation

|                      |                      |     |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----|
| Flour Bluff HS       | <i>Sea Hawks</i>     | 998 |
| Brandeis HS          | <i>Blue Aces</i>     | 983 |
| Douglas MacArthur HS | <i>Blue Angels</i>   | 979 |
| Winston Churchill HS | <i>Queen's Guard</i> | 966 |
| Lynn English HS      | <i>Lady Bulldogs</i> | 960 |

#### Color Guard

|                          |                      |     |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----|
| Douglas MacArthur HS     | <i>Blue Angels</i>   | 999 |
| North Miami Beach Sr. HS | <i>Lady Chargers</i> | 989 |
| Sandalwood HS            | <i>Silver Eagles</i> | 980 |
| Winston Churchill HS     | <i>Queen's Guard</i> | 968 |
| Brandeis HS              | <i>Blue Aces</i>     | 966 |

#### Element Exhibition

|                       |                      |      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------|
| Francis Lewis HS      | <i>Patriot Pride</i> | 1026 |
| Douglas MacArthur HS  | <i>Blue Angels</i>   | 984  |
| Winston Churchill HS  | <i>Queen's Guard</i> | 968  |
| Theodore Roosevelt HS | <i>Riderettes</i>    | 959  |
| Brandeis HS           | <i>Blue Aces</i>     | 957  |

#### Flight Exhibition

|                      |                              |      |
|----------------------|------------------------------|------|
| Douglas MacArthur HS | <i>Blue Angels</i>           | 1192 |
| Francis Lewis HS     | <i>Patriot Pride</i>         | 1172 |
| Lynn English HS      | <i>Lady Bulldogs</i>         | 1152 |
| Bellevue West HS     | <i>T-Birds</i>               | 1150 |
| Lackey HS            | <i>Ladies of Destruction</i> | 1138 |

**2011  
NATIONAL  
CHAMPIONS**

**Unarmed Champions**  
Champion: Douglas MacArthur HS - *Blue Angels*  
Runner-up: Brandeis HS - *Blue Aces*

#### Dual Exhibition

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Angel & Hernandez - Lynn English HS         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Gao & Lui - Francis Lewis HS                |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Maldonado & Vazquez - John Jay HS           |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Holmes & Myers - Forestville MA             |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Skloss & Hunter - Claudia Taylor Johnson HS |

### Alternative Arms

#### Inspection

|                   |                          |      |
|-------------------|--------------------------|------|
| Fern Creek HS     | <i>Lady Leathernecks</i> | 1004 |
| Winter Springs HS | <i>Golden Bears</i>      | 927  |
| Airport HS        | <i>Golden Talons</i>     | 907  |
| Seneca HS         | <i>Lady Redhawks</i>     | 902  |
| Smith-Cotton HS   | <i>Black Tigers</i>      | 901  |

#### Regulation

|                   |                          |     |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-----|
| Smith-Cotton HS   | <i>Black Tigers</i>      | 952 |
| Fern Creek HS     | <i>Lady Leathernecks</i> | 940 |
| Seneca HS         | <i>Lady Redhawks</i>     | 890 |
| Winter Springs HS | <i>Golden Bears</i>      | 866 |
| Bellevue West HS  | <i>Lady Thunderbirds</i> | 858 |

#### Color Guard

|                   |                          |     |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-----|
| Fern Creek HS     | <i>Lady Leathernecks</i> | 977 |
| Seneca HS         | <i>Lady Redhawks</i>     | 902 |
| West Creek HS     | <i>Coyote Pride</i>      | 846 |
| Winter Springs HS | <i>Golden Bears</i>      | 822 |
| Airport HS        | <i>Golden Talons</i>     | 763 |

#### Squad Exhibition

|                  |                          |      |
|------------------|--------------------------|------|
| Fern Creek HS    | <i>Lady Leathernecks</i> | *934 |
| J.H. Reagan HS   | <i>Reagan Riflettes</i>  | 934  |
| Smith-Cotton HS  | <i>Black Tigers</i>      | 891  |
| Bellevue West HS | <i>Lady Thunderbirds</i> | 871  |
| Carroll HS       | <i>Golden Knights</i>    | 849  |

#### Platoon Exhibition

|                  |                          |      |
|------------------|--------------------------|------|
| Fern Creek HS    | <i>Lady Leathernecks</i> | 906  |
| J.H. Reagan HS   | <i>Reagan Riflettes</i>  | 882  |
| Seneca HS        | <i>Lady Redhawks</i>     | *872 |
| Smith-Cotton HS  | <i>Black Tigers</i>      | 872  |
| Bellevue West HS | <i>Lady Thunderbirds</i> | 826  |

### Alternative Arms Champions

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

#### Solo Exhibition

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Cadet Nickell - Summerlin Academy         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Cadet Hooks - GA Military College Prep HS |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Cadet Jones - Winter Springs HS           |

#### Dual Exhibition

|                 |                                     |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Biggs & Nickell - Summerlin Academy |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Chance & Compton - Bellevue West HS |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Beberwyk & Reep - Bellevue West HS  |

# ★ 2011 MASTERS LEVEL PARTICIPANTS ★

## ★ Schools of Excellence ★

### 2011 ALL-SERVICE JUDGING CORPS



*Judges listed from left to right, front row to back row:*

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**Airport High School**  
Army JROTC  
West Columbia, S.Carolina

**Bellevue West High School**  
Air Force JROTC  
Bellevue, Nebraska

**Ben Davis High School**  
Marine Corps JROTC  
Indianapolis, Indiana

**Boca Raton High School**  
Navy JROTC  
Boca Raton, Florida

**Bowie High School**  
Navy JROTC  
Bowie, Maryland

**Brandeis High School**  
Air Force JROTC  
San Antonio, Texas

**Carroll High School**  
Army JROTC  
Ozark, Alabama

**Clark High School**  
Navy JROTC  
Las Vegas, Nevada

**Claudia Taylor Johnson High School**  
Army JROTC  
San Antonio, Texas

**Coffee High School**  
Navy JROTC  
Douglas, Georgia

**Colton High School**  
Navy JROTC  
Colton, Georgia

**Colts Neck High School**  
Navy JROTC  
Colts Neck, New Jersey

**Douglas MacArthur High School**  
Army JROTC  
San Antonio, Texas

**Dutchtown High School**  
Air Force JROTC  
Hampton, Georgia

**Evans High School**  
Army JROTC  
Evans, Georgia

**Everglades High School**  
Army JROTC  
Miramar, Florida

**Fern Creek High School**  
Marine Corps JROTC  
Louisville, Kentucky

**Fishburne Military School**  
Army JROTC  
Waynesboro, Virginia

**Fleming Island High School**  
Navy JROTC  
Fleming Island, Florida

**Flour Bluff High School**  
Navy JROTC  
Corpus Christi, Texas

**Forestville Military Academy**  
Army JROTC  
Forestville, Maryland

**Francis Lewis High School**  
Army JROTC  
Fresh Meadows, New York

**Freedom High School**  
Navy JROTC  
Tampa, Florida

**George Bush High School**  
Navy JROTC  
Richmond, Texas

**Georgia Military College Prep High School**  
Army JROTC  
Milledgeville, Georgia

**Grant High School**  
Army JROTC  
Dry Prong, Louisiana

**Hubbard High School**  
Army JROTC  
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**Independent Soloist**  
Non-Affiliated  
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**J.H. Reagan High School**  
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Houston, Texas

**James Madison High School**  
Army JROTC  
San Antonio, Texas

**John Jay High School**  
Air Force JROTC  
San Antonio, Texas

**Lackey High School**  
Air Force JROTC  
Indian Head, Maryland

**Lafayette Sr. High School**  
Air Force JROTC  
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Army JROTC  
Ocala, Florida

**Lancaster High School**  
Army JROTC  
Lancaster, Texas

**Leesburg High School**  
Air Force JROTC  
Leesburg, Florida

**Lincoln-Way East High School**  
Air Force JROTC  
Frankfort, Illinois

**Lynn English High School**  
Marine Corps JROTC  
Lynn, Massachusetts

**Marmion Academy**  
Army JROTC  
Aurora, Illinois

**McKinley High School**  
Army JROTC  
Honolulu, Hawaii

**Morgan County High School**  
Air Force JROTC  
Madison, Georgia

**Mount Dora High School**  
Air Force JROTC  
Mount Dora, Florida

**Norco High School**  
Air Force JROTC  
Norco, California

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

**North Salem High School**  
Army JROTC  
Salem, Oregon

**Pulaski County High School**  
Army JROTC  
Somerset, Kentucky

**Rahway High School**  
Marine Corps JROTC  
Rahway, New Jersey

**Ringgold High School**  
Army JROTC  
Ringgold, Georgia

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

**Ronald Reagan High School**  
Army JROTC  
San Antonio, Texas

**Rossvie High School**  
Army JROTC  
Clarksville, Tennessee

**Rutland High School**  
Marine Corps JROTC  
Macon, Georgia

**Sandalwood High School**  
Air Force JROTC  
Jacksonville, Florida

**Seneca High School**  
Marine Corps JROTC  
Louisville, Kentucky

**Smith-Cotton High School**  
Army JROTC  
Sedalia, Missouri

**Spring Valley School**  
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# NO BUCKS...NO BUCK ROGERS!

*Fundraising can be a career within a career for most JROTC instructors with strong competition teams.*

Gone are the days of JROTC HQs providing ample, stable funding for programs to feature their best and brightest in competition without the hassle of school fundraisers. The competitions often provide the lifetime memories cadets cherish. Hard-working cadets these days need to excel OFF the competition floor in fundraising just to show their excellence ON the floor. And while out-year budgets look better for JROTC in 2012-2013 and beyond, fundraising - be it for Raider, Academics, Marksmanship or Drill - remains the mother's milk for units to compete across town, across state, or at National competitions like service championships or the NHSBTC.

After talking with hundreds of instructors now for over 25 years, it is quite apparent that few things about fundraising are "one size fits all." What works at Xavier High School in New York City may not work or be needed in cities with a single traffic light like Grant High School in Dry Prong, Louisiana. Knowing your kids, your program, and your community as a whole goes a long way toward knowing what fundraisers will be right for your program.

SNI has seen the handwriting on the wall and has become more proactive in assisting units with solid, reputable fundraising choices. Scores of schools have teamed with **CountryMeats**. We even included a meat stick with EVERY DrillNATION Magazine. They succeed because they are delicious, they are low cost, and they can be set-up to sell themselves all year long! Any of your team members or supporters own small businesses? Have concessions available at your varsity sports? Set-up a point of sale display and have a steady stream of program fundraising YEAR ROUND! Visit the [www.CountryMeats.com](http://www.CountryMeats.com) website for full details.

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Regardless of what fundraising effort you choose, for your cause to succeed, you need to find a lot of people who care about your effort. When you can get them to "buy in" and support what you are trying to do, their support will be committed and deep. With this, *you may have earned yourself a lifetime supporter through any of the above programs!*

SNI hopes you will contact and learn about these SNI Preferred Fundraising Groups to see if they are a good fit for your program. If you work with these groups to raise money for your program to attend your Service Championships or the all-service NHSBTC in Daytona, tell us about your fundraising successes and we may feature it right here in DrillNATION!

## THE 10 GOLDEN RULES OF FUNDRAISING

**Rule 1: Know Your Donors:** Good fundraising is the treatment & cultivation of donors and the ability to ask them to support your organization in proportion to their ability to give. The urgent need for your program is to know your donors as well as you possibly can.

**Rule 2: Educate Your Donors:** The old adage, "What people are not up on, they are down on." Educate your supporters, because an educated donor is a happy donor. Education calms fears and improves communication.

**Rule 3: Believe In Your Cause and Ask for Support!** Do not be bashful about clearly articulating your needs and asking for support. People love to help someone who is working hard for their kids. And JROTC units looking to achieve a goal are a worthwhile target that you must believe in your heart people will support.

**Rule 4: Help Donors Find Personal Fulfillment:** People want to make a difference. They are seeking personal fulfillment through supporting your cause. The easy part for them is - they only have to write a check. The hard part for you is coming up with a creative way to show the need for donations in a way that is also compelling to the perceived needs of the donor.

**Rule 5: Build Trusting Donor Relationships:** A recent poll showed over 50% of Americans say they sense "deception" in marketing. Make your contact personal and free from hyperbole! All the marketing spin in the world will not make up for the smallest exaggeration of the truth in the minds of your donors.

**Rule 6: Respect Your Donors:** There's a world of difference between donor care and donor attention. An email thanks is nothing like a handshake, a hand-written note or even a phone call.

**Rule 7: Focus on Current Supporters:** There is a high price to find a new donor but it's free to keep an existing one. That's why it's so important to keep in touch with your current donors, and not just around the time you need money!

**Rule 8: Become "omnipresent" and "indispensable":** The smaller the community, the more important this becomes. Become a fixture at parades, civic meetings, government & religious functions, and local business events. Everyone needs to think of your program first for color guard presentations, exhibition routines and other functions that your cadets can handle.

**Rule 9: Limit Your Downside, and Max Your Upside!** Every funding effort must be looked at from the cold perspective of limiting downside risk while maximizing your potential upside. Huge time investments, large upfront fees, and dated materials just to name a few items should send up warning flags in a fundraiser.

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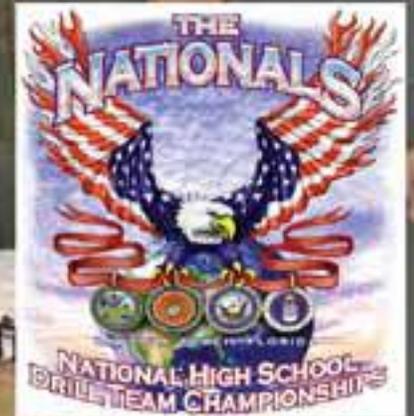


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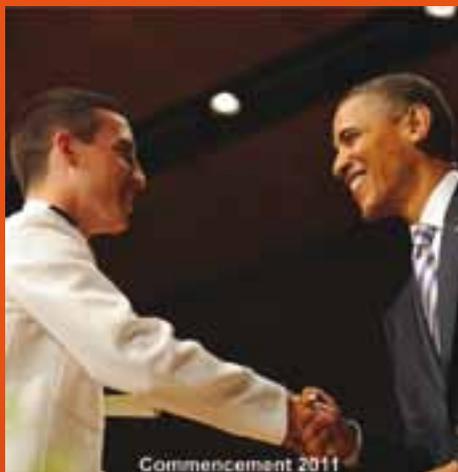
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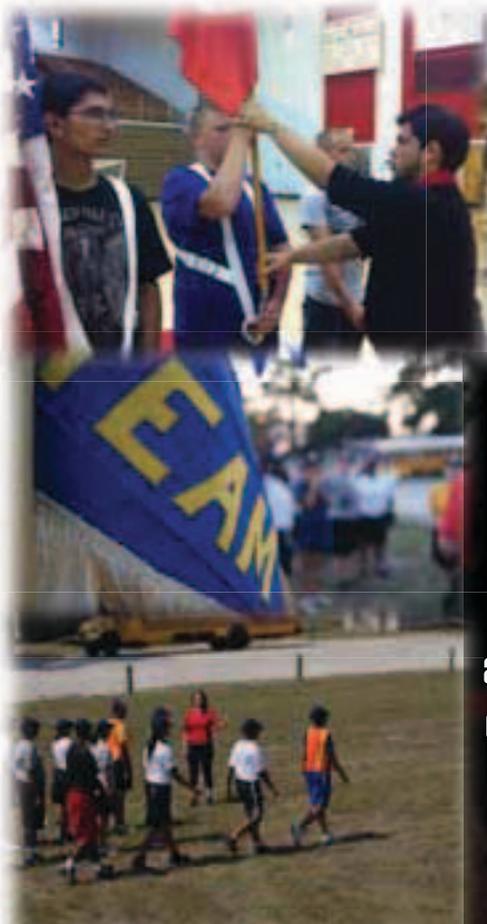
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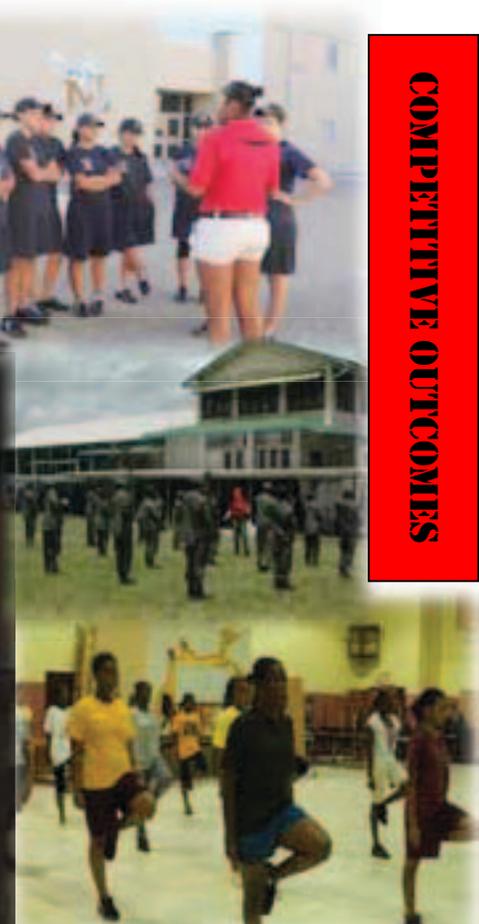


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## A Look Around the Nationals and JROTC Universe

**Florida Mayor Helps Save JROTC**  
*Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown announced he had raised more than \$200,000 in private funds to help save four high school Junior ROTC programs from elimination.*



*Brown said the gesture was an example of the power of public-private partnerships. The JROTC programs at Englewood, Mandarin, Raines and Wolfson high schools had been cut by the schools because of budget constraints. The cuts would affect about 500 students.*

*U.S. Rep Andrew Crenshaw, R-FL, attended the announcement and stated he would work with military leaders in Washington to loosen the rules around JROTC programs to give schools more financial flexibility in running the programs.*

**Sports Network & Competitive Outcomes Partner** After years of working together informally to improve the quality of JROTC drill, Competitive Outcomes, the nation's premiere on-site military drill training company and Sports Network have formally partnered to better extend the reach of this professional training organization.



Along with logistical support, co-branding, and technical consultation, SNI and CO look forward to hosting the "Drill Across America" National training weekends just prior to the 2012-2013 school year in mid-to-late August. Want your school to host one of these amazing multi-day training camps, slated to be held in over a dozen cities across the United States? CALL SNI NOW to learn the details!



**Jean Weil Scholarship Winners Shine**  
*Selecting JUST TWO top NHS/DTIC graduating senior cadets as the most outstanding overall at the Nationals is a tough but fun job! However, this year once again, two cadets LEAPT to the top of most every board member's selection chart. Stephen Dunn, Jr. from Bainbridge HS, Bainbridge, Georgia was selected, along with Alisa Ho from Francis Lewis HS, Fresh Meadows, New York (pictured left). Each received a \$1,000 scholarship. To see the list of nominees and information on applying for the 2012 scholarship, please go to: <http://jkw.thenationals.net>.*

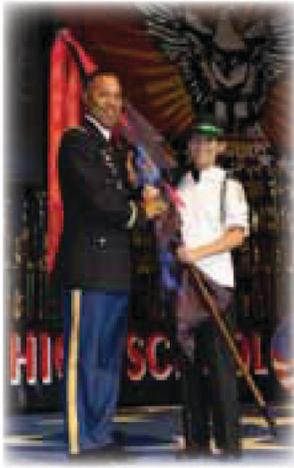
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## Ronald Reagan HS Captures Coveted Nationals Spirit Award

Every year, SNI selects just one school that best embodies the spirit of the Nationals. Over many years SNI has recognized countless great programs, but in 2011 there was one program that stood out as rising above countless challenges while maintaining exceptional bearing and class. Under the direction of the Army SAI, LTC Paul Loveless, Ronald Reagan HS of San Antonio, Texas was awarded the Nationals Spirit Banner, shown at right with USACC JROTC Director COL Hubert Bagley presenting this award to drill team commander Miranda De Llano. Beyond drill superiority, their program continually seeks to improve the character and commitment of their cadets along with being a staunch supporter of all their fellow Texas teams!



## 2011 Isis World Drill Championships

Without question, the 2011 ISIS event was by far the finest to date. The deepest talent pool, the most innovative routines, and the most crowd appeal made the event a thing of beauty at the Ocean Center. Sponsored by international drill supporter **Abdul Al-Romaizan**, the ISIS Drill Championships remain the pinnacle in drill excellence annually throughout the world!



In the Solo Ex Division, when **Sam Gozo** came out of the competition chute, everyone thought the event was over. However, a tough drop left the door open with **Matt Wendling** edging **Michael Renn** for the Solo title.



In the Dual Ex Division, **Adam & Michael Renn** solidly recaptured their championship title with **Robert Satter & William Hyltin** besting Aggies **Justin Ghan and Justin Delaurier** for 2nd and 3rd, respectively. **Constantine H. Wilson** (left with King's Guard Director Paul Naki) was selected as the **John Akeroyd Award** winner as the driller who embodies spirit, heart and innovation in the world of competitive drill.

## Tornado Doesn't Keep Ringgold from the Nationals!

As much of their town lay in ruins on the heels of a devastating tornado that struck only days before, the cadets from Ringgold HS made the hard decision with supportive families to go ahead and travel to The Nationals to compete in the Open Level Color Guard event. They had to borrow uniforms when they arrived in Daytona Beach because their high school was partially destroyed. These brave cadets along with their instructor, SFC Joey Sisemore, all had friends that lost their homes and two of their classmates died in the storm. Their performance at the Nationals was their way to pay tribute to the community that had supported them over the past year. In the picture above, they all say a prayer for their small Georgia town before they take to the drill floor for what was the most inspiring performance of the year.



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