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In their first competition at the Masters Level, Ben Davis' HS Golden Eagles drill team Cadet 1st Lt Eliana Espinoza is poised and ready for 'Unarmed' Knockouts, with members of her drill team standing proudly in the background. This Marine Corps team had an impressive showing in their first head-to-head battle.

MAGAZINE DEDICATION

With troop deployments that stretch across the globe, the 2012-13 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 cadets and instructors who have attended the Nationals in the past are currently serving around the globe in all branches of the armed forces, helping to protect the interests of the United States of America. SNI is honored by their commitment to duty and wish them all a safe and speedy return home when they complete their mission.

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Following the trend set forth by the Army JROTC, beginning in 2012 the Air Force Nationals moved away from two regional events and hosted a single National championship competition with teams from as far West as Texas competing against units from throughout the Eastern United States with a heavy concentration of home grown talent concentrated in and around the Macon area in the great state of Georgia. The competition was certainly some of the fiercest ever seen with so many solid teams all in one location.

Texas has always been perceived by many as the geographic hotbed of JROTC drill talent. With their proximity to massive Lackland AFB, the sheer number of solid all-service teams they compete against weekly, and the overall emphasis the programs maintain in the military-based community, the AFJROTC units through this area have some pretty solid pluses. But traveling all the way to the deep South in Macon, it was exciting to see how the teams would fare when pitted against each other.

Judging would of course be key as pencils to paper determine winners and losers in any meet. Advanced paperwork briefings, as well as a multi-hour skull session with the MTIs from Maxwell AFB MTI school, as well as a solid nucleus of experienced judges received from the Robins AFB gave the cadets a fair, knowledgeable and even-handed evaluation. The facility was ready, the judges were ready, the teams were ready....and what a day it was!



The Lone Star State was well represented on the awards stage as both Mr. Greg Winn (right, Deputy Director, AFJROTC HQ), and Mr. Dudley Bluhm (left, Georgia AFA State President) provided Overall Champion & Runner-up trophies to the event top finishers.



The 2013 AF Nationals moves to the University of Maryland in College Park. Get your entry slot TODAY!

ARMED DIVISION

John Jay High School and **Thomas C. Clark High School**, both from San Antonio, have been solid drill rivals for years, trading the championship title back and forth year after year. This year, John Jay HS **Silver Eagles** took the coveted Overall Championship title in the Armed Division placing within the top three in all four team events. They claimed first in Inspection and Exhibition, second in Regulation, and third in Color Guard. Thomas C. Clark High School **Centurion Guard** stayed close on their heels taking home high placements of their own. They captured first in Regulation, second in Color Guard, third in Inspection and fourth in Exhibition.

Showing amazing depth, John Jay entered a second team within the armed division this year and they also had a very strong showing placing third overall. The **Marching Mustangs** placed first in Color Guard, third in Regulation and Exhibition and fifth in Inspection.

Upstart cadets from the **Brandeis High School Nighthawks**, in just their third year of existence also from San Antonio, rounded out the top four with a second place in Exhibition and fourth in Inspection, Regulation, and Color Guard.

Always strong **Spring Valley High School** from Columbia, South Carolina made their presence known as they placed fifth overall and took home second in Inspection and fifth in Exhibition. Their tough finish in Regulation cost them a chance at a higher overall finish but the cadets did a solid job!

UNARMED DIVISION

The strongest block of any Air Force-only drill meet seems to always lie within the Unarmed Division and boy was it stacked with talent this year! Although John Jay prevented Thomas C. Clark from taking home the Armed Championship title, they were not able to hold this powerhouse back in the Unarmed Division. **Thomas C. Clark Silver Valor** left no doubt as they claimed first place in Inspection, Regulation and Exhibition and second place in Color Guard.

Brandeis High School Blue Aces moved in front of the pack and took home the Runner Up title by showing their strength across the board with first in Color Guard, second in Inspection and Exhibition and third in Regulation.

John Jay High School SNAP II, although still very strong and placing third overall, were not as forceful as their armed counterparts. They took home second in Regulation and fourth in Color Guard and Exhibition with an tough 6th place finish in Inspection keeping them from the big trophies.

Two schools from Georgia made sure to let the schools from San Antonio know that they are not alone at the top. **Tift County High School** from Tifton, Georgia placed fourth overall and took home third place in Exhibition. **East Paulding High School** from Dallas, Georgia rounded out the top five overall and placed fourth in Regulation and 5th in Inspection.

There were only two other schools capturing two trophy placements each. **Lowell High School** took home a 3rd in Inspection and 5th in Exhibition and **EC Glass High School** pulled away with 5th place in Regulation and Color Guard.

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The 2013 Air Force Nationals will be held in the Washington, DC area. Schools from throughout the US will travel to see if the Texas blockade can be lifted.



U.S. ARMY CADET COMMAND



From New York to Saipan, schools descended on Kentucky for the Inaugural Army Nationals

Due to geographic spread in past years, the Army Nationals was broken up into two regional competitions, one in the West and one in the East. 2012 saw the dawning of a new era with a true Army Nationals in every sense of the word. Brigades from all over the nation nominated teams to attend and in many cases assisted with travel expenses. This ensured that the best Army JROTC units from around the United States would all gather for one intense day of drill excellence.

The event was held in Louisville at the Kentucky International Convention Center which is practically in US Army Cadet Command's backyard. With Cadet Command now stationed at Ft. Knox, and this being the first ever Army National Championship, everyone anticipated a good deal of brass would be walking around inspecting the cadets and the event overall. This event did not disappoint! The level of competition was world-class as every Army JROTC cadet marched with precision and pride.

ARMED DIVISION

In years past, Texas teams dominated the Western Division and **Francis Lewis HS** from New York dominated in the East. With all of these incredible teams meeting for the first time on the field of battle, everyone was excited to see how they would match up against one another.

There were four teams, all from different states, that fought hard to try and bring home the coveted Armed Division National Championship title. **Douglas MacArthur HS Blue Guard** from San Antonio, Texas, **Francis Lewis HS Patriot Guard** from Fresh Meadows, New York, **Smith-Cotton HS Black Tigers** from Sedalia, Missouri and **Marmion Academy Flannigan Rifles** from Aurora, Illinois were all in the hunt until the end.

When the final scoresheets were tabulated, only one rose all the way to the top, Douglas MacArthur High School! The cadets from DMac had been through a few tumultuous months facing many obstacles that had been thrown in their path. Instead of breaking their spirit, these challenges gave them a fire never before seen and they came loaded for bear with a lot to prove. The **Blue Guard's** "take no prisoners" attitude pushed them to capture first place in Inspection and Exhibition, second place in Regulation and third place in Color Guard. Event Director, Samantha Ste. Claire remarked, "Their Ex routine was one of the top 3 or 4 that I have ever seen in my 30 years of watching drill!" These cadets will proudly display their 2012 Armed Division National Championship trophy for years to come.

The Runner-Up title had three contenders and the scoring was close. Only 19 points out of 4000 separated these three teams, but squeaking ahead by only 2 points was last year's Eastern Champion, Francis Lewis HS **Patriot Guard**. Although they only captured two trophies (1st Color Guard, 3rd Exhibition), their overall consistency paid off as they claimed the Armed Division Runner Up title. Hot on their heels were Smith-Cotton HS **Black Tigers** (1st Regulation, 5th Inspection & Color Guard) and Marmion Academy's **Flanagan Rifles** (2nd Color Guard & Exhibition, 3rd Inspection) both falling just shy of the coveted Runner-Up Overall title. Other notable finishes include: **James Madison HS** (5th Overall, 5th

Regulation); **Grant HS** (2nd Inspection, 4th Regulation); and our first school from the Northern Mariana Islands, **Saipan Southern HS** who placed third in Regulation.

UNARMED DIVISION

The scoring in the Unarmed Division was not nearly as tight as the Armed Division, only one team received three trophy placements and five teams received two trophies but one team placed in all four events. Much like their armed counterparts, the **Douglas MacArthur HS Blue Angels** were determined to show the world that they were a force to be reckoned with. Placing first in Color Guard and Exhibition and placing fourth in Inspection and Regulation catapulted the Blue Angels to the top where they were awarded the Unarmed Division National Championship title.

The Runner-Up title was hotly contested by two schools. **North Miami Beach Sr. HS Lady Chargers** from North Miami Beach, Florida and the **Lady Mavericks of James Madison HS** from San Antonio, Texas. The Lady Mavericks fought hard taking home second place in Exhibition and third place in Regulation but fell just 44 points short of capturing the Runner-Up trophy. North Miami Beach took that honor as well as placing first in Regulation and fourth in Exhibition.

Claudia Taylor Johnson HS Johnson First Ladies, also from San Antonio, made a strong showing by placing second in Regulation and fourth in Color Guard, coming in fourth place overall. The **Gold Jackets** from **Carver HS** in Winston Salem, North Carolina were the only team other than the champions to place in more than two events. They received third place in Inspection and fifth place in Regulation and Color Guard.

Francis Lewis HS Patriot Pride was last year's Eastern Champion but stumbled this year down to seventh place overall even though they placed second in Inspection and Color Guard. Next year they will be ready to battle to recapture the title, but the Blue Angels will not let go of this victory easily.



Armed and Unarmed Overall Champions Douglas MacArthur HS posed with Armed Runner Up Francis Lewis HS and Unarmed Runner Up North Miami Beach HS along with keynote speaker COL (P) Peggy Combs, USACC Deputy Director and CSM Hershel Turner, USACC Command SGM.



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The **Navy National Academic, Athletic & Drill Championships** each spring in Pensacola, Florida remains an amazing measure of overall unit strength and balance. The "Navy Nationals" JROTC cadets must prove exceptional skill not only on the drill floor, but also on the athletic field (individually and as teams), in the Inspection phase and in the classroom. And when the scores are totaled, consistency is the only way to the top.

The 2012 Navy Nationals hosted 25 schools from around the nation who gained their area's bids to attend this prestigious event. Typically three schools are sent from each area and only the best are chosen to represent. Each team is allowed a maximum of 40 cadets although some smaller schools attend with less. Every cadet must participate in Unit Personnel Inspection. This one event is extremely important because it makes up 1500 total points out of a grand total possible of 5500. Doing well in UPI gives a team a fighting chance at the Overall National Championship.

Last year's Overall Champion **Boca Raton High School** from Boca Raton, Florida was hoping for a repeat victory and started off strong when they captured the first place trophy in the UPI event. Second place went to **Flanagan High School** from Pembroke Pines, Florida. Although they didn't place in the top five overall last year, they were positioning themselves this year to make a run for the gold. Third in UPI went to **Northmont High School** from Clayton, Ohio, fourth to **Richland Northeast High School** from Columbia, South Carolina and fifth to **Centennial High School** from Las Vegas, Nevada.

As the cadets leave Unit Personnel Inspection, they quickly change into their PT gear to show their school spirit as they head for the parade field. Cadets are put through their paces in four athletic events: Curl Ups, Push Ups, Oval Relay and Shuttle Relay. No one team dominated the athletic field. **Shawnee Mission North High School** from Overland Park, Kansas took first place in Curl Ups, **Troy High School** from Fullerton, California, took first in Push Ups, **Norview High School** from Norfolk, Virginia took first in the Oval Relay and **Richard C. Spoto Senior High School** from Riverview, Florida took first in the Shuttle Relay. But as all of the scores were calculated, Shawnee Mission North High School walked away with the Overall Athletic first place trophy. Coming in a very close second was Flanagan High School followed by Norview High School in third, Centennial High School in fourth and Troy High School fifth.

The next hurdle for the teams was the always exhausting Academic Exam where 15 cadets from each team spend an hour attempting to answer a test with 100 questions. These questions are pulled directly from the text books used in three years of Naval Science course work as well as the Cadet Field Manual with 10 questions crafted from current events. Although the cadets use the text books on a regular basis, they have no idea which chapters these questions will cover from the millions of concepts and facts within them. To be prepared for this exam cadets must have an amazing memory of all four books. Without a photographic memory, this is a daunting task!

With an amazingly difficult test. Flanagan High School cadets rose to the occasion placing first in the Academic Exam with one of their cadets getting the highest individual score. Second place went to always impressive Troy High School, third to Boca Raton High School, fourth to Northmont High School and fifth to **Middleburg High School** from Middleburg, Florida.

As the sun set that evening, the cadets were drained from the day's events. However, they had even more work to do the next day. Beginning at 0700, the drill floors were pulsating with energy, the drill phase of the Navy Nationals had begun. This all-important component counts for a huge 2000 points toward the Overall National Championship and the pressure is palpable. Again, consistency is the key. Even if a team does not trophy in an event, as long as they maintain high enough placement, it is still possible to win the Drill Overall trophy. This year, each of the top three teams faltered in at least one drill event placing 16th or lower, which is unusual.

The overall winner in Drill was Centennial High School who captured only two trophies (1st Armed Exhibition, 2nd Color Guard) but had just enough to edge out the competition. Second in Drill overall was Troy High School who placed second in Armed Basic and fourth in Color Guard. Third by a single point was Boca Raton with a second place finish in both Unarmed Basic and Armed Exhibition. Fourth was **George Bush High School** who was the only school in the top five to place in three events (3rd Unarmed Exhibition, 4th Armed Basic, 5th Color Guard). They placed a respectable

sixth in Armed Exhibition but a harsh Unarmed Basic kept them from a top slot overall. Shawnee Mission North High School rounded out the top five with first in Armed Basic and fourth in Armed Exhibition.

With placements in UPI, Academics, Athletics and Drill overall spread among nine different schools, and no one school placing within the top five in all of the four categories, no one had a clue as to who the Champion would be. It was clear that the 2010 champion Centennial was a contender, as well as 2011 champion Boca Raton, but it was impossible to predict where the final results would fall. As all cadets in attendance know, placing within the top five overall is an honorable distinction, identifying them as among the best of the best.

That evening, the Blue Angels Atrium, National Museum of Naval Aviation was packed with anxious cadets, instructors and parents as the distinguished guest speaker, the **Honorable Juan M. Garcia, III, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Manpower and Reserve Affairs** arrived. His speech and video presentation made every cadet proud to be in Navy JROTC.

Nerves were raw during the presentation of the trophies and the anticipation kept building until it was time to award the top five placements. First to be called was fifth place, Shawnee Mission North High School. Next, fourth place was called and excited cadets from Troy High School ran to the stage to collect the shining fruits of their labor. Nervous chatter began as third place was awarded to Centennial High School. Either Boca Raton was repeating as champion or there would be a new sheriff in town, speculation was running rampant. When Boca Raton was called, the excited cadets came forward reclaiming their many-year placement as the National Champion Runner Up. Cadets were all on the edge of their seats as the Navy Nationals Overall Champion was finally called as Flanagan High School. The entire room erupted in applause as this dark horse competitor came forward to claim their crown.

Although the title is staying in South Florida this year, the cadets from Boca Raton (only 30 miles north of Flanagan) are already strategizing and planning their attack to reclaim the National Championship in 2013. The next Navy Nationals will be quite a fight to the finish with so many schools hungry for that taste of glory.



The Blue Angels Atrium within the National Museum of Naval Aviation provides the ideal backdrop for the Navy Nationals Awards Ceremony.



2012 National Raider Challenge Championships
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Tromping through the mud in cold weather, diving feet first through a creek, running miles with heavy gear and camping overnight in the cold... doesn't sound like a fun weekend, unless you are a JROTC cadet on a Raider team. This environment is heaven for these cadets and you will see smiles everywhere you look (unless they are in the heat of battle).

The Raider Nationals is an annual pilgrimage for around 55 teams representing 35 schools from Florida to New York and Virginia to Kansas. This impressive gathering of determined high school students battle against each other in Molena, Georgia each November.

A raider team consists of 10-12 cadets who compete in a variety of demanding physical tasks while taking on the challenges of the terrain in the forest. These events are fashioned after the very popular college Army Ranger events. Unlike drill, the results are quantitative rather than qualitative as the best time in all events or the highest number of sit-ups/push-ups determines the winner. Much like drill, the more you practice, the higher you will finish in competition.

A few entry slots are always kept available for top schools looking to enter the Raider Nationals. Contact SNI NOW!

FEMALE DIVISION

The girls from **Francis Lewis HS** from Fresh Meadows, New York looked very strong to repeat as champions with a first place in three of the five events, however a fifth place in Rope Bridge put them dangerously close to slipping out of the top slot. But when all events were tallied, **Patriot Strength** held their own and again took home the championship trophy. The Runner-Up trophy was claimed by always strong **Grissom HS** from Huntsville, Alabama. **Femurz** took home three second place trophies and two third places. Third overall went to **Osborne HS's Cardinal Females** from Marietta, Georgia who placed in the top five in four events. Several more mixed teams are looking to join the fray in 2012 having already called to gain a space to challenge these top finishers in the upcoming event!

MIXED DIVISION

With 19 teams competing in the solid Mixed Division, all eyes were on last year's champions from **The Kings Academy**. But, due to changes in personnel, they were just not as strong this year and did not even finish in the top half of the field. However, last year's runner up, the **Tiger Team** from **Smith-Cotton HS** in Sedalia, Missouri were all too eager to fill that void and take their place as champions! Two first place finishes and three second place finishes secured them the championship title a full five placement points ahead of their nearest competitor. The team taking home second overall also separated themselves from the pack, the **Black Team** from **Waynesville Career Center** in Waynesville, Missouri placed first in APFT and Gauntlet, second in CCR and third in the 5K Run and their sixth place in Rope Bridge did not keep them from claiming their Runner-Up Title. Third overall went to **Richmond Hill HS** from Richmond Hill, Georgia with first in 5K, third in Gauntlet, fourth in CCR and fifth in Rope Bridge. These three teams were the only ones consistent enough to place in at least four of the five events and this made them the clear cream in this hard working crop.

MALE DIVISION

The Male Division is always tough and full of exciting performances by these hard-driving teenagers and last year's champion, **Francis Lewis HS** never disappoints. **Patriot Force** once again dominated the Male Division as they were the only team to receive a top five placement in all five events. They placed first in APFT, second in CCR, third in Gauntlet and Rope Bridge and fifth in the 5K run. No other team even came close to preventing these Raider National giants from taking home the Overall Championship trophy. Two teams were contenders for the Runner Up trophy as **Grissom HS** and **Osborne HS** both fought hard. It looked like Grissom was going to take home the silver with first in Gauntlet and CCR, fourth in the 5K run and fifth in Rope Bridge since Osborne only placed second in the 5K run, fourth in Gauntlet and fifth in CCR but a disappointing 14th placement in APFT by the boys left just enough room for Osborne to edge them out of the Runner Up title by a single placement point. Two other schools placed in three events, **Campbell HS** from Smyrna, Georgia grabbed second in Gauntlet, third in CCR and fourth in APFT and last year's Runner Up **Richmond Hill HS** took home first in the 5K run, third in APFT and fifth in Gauntlet.

On Sunday morning two cadets from each school, one male and one female, test their individual skills in the Ultimate Raider competition. This timed obstacle course has males pitted against males and females against females to determine which individuals can run the course in the shortest time possible. The winners this year came from the same school, **Waynesville Career Center**. The male winner was **Jacob Bautista** and the female winner was **Jesslyn Clark**. Congratulations to these fine cadets!

Several dignitaries were on hand to cheer on the competitors including US Army Cadet Command Director, COL Ronnie Bagley who delivered an inspiring keynote address to the more than 900 cadets, instructors and spectators at the awards ceremony.

Special recognition needs to go out to **Cedar Shoals HS Army JROTC** under the direction of SAI LTC Eric Cleveland for providing all of the logistical support and staff for the event. The **Georgia National Guard** provided the amazing judging support and the Lawhorn Scouting Base provided the perfect venue that helps to make this event THE premier Raider competition in the nation.

With the hundreds of hours spent practicing and preparing for these events every team that competed in the Raider Nationals showed their dedication to the sport and deserves the utmost respect and admiration. We hope to see your team join these amazing cadets in November 2012 for the next U.S. Army Raider Nationals!



Francis Lewis HS again stormed to the front with impressive performances to capture BOTH the Male & Female Championships at the 2011 U.S. Army Raider National Championships event in Molina, Georgia

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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 NHSDTC.

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 in 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 NHSDTC 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 NHSDTC 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. The Challenge Level maintains Armed (demilitarized weapons only) & Unarmed divisions. **Select teams may be required to move up to the Masters Level depending on the strength of their team or the composition of their male/female ratio.** All schools are encouraged to enter "stand-alone" units into the exciting Open Level Color Guard event also held on Saturday.

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 **Mixed Division** is for teams with lightweight weapons (regardless of gender), for all-female teams (regardless of weapon type) and for mixed gender teams (see SOP for requirements).

CHALLENGE LEVEL EVENTS

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

MASTERS LEVEL EVENTS

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

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

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

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. **Limited private meeting rooms are available for rent during the event.** Contact SNI for details. 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 & Open Level schools must arrive by Friday afternoon. All Masters Level schools must arrive by Saturday afternoon. Exceptions granted on a case-by-case basis. **The Challenge & Open Level events will be held on Saturday, May 4th, with the two-day Masters Level competition held on Sunday & Monday, May 5th & 6th.** Both competition levels feature Knockout Drills 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 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 trophyed in **1st-5th place**, or 1st-3rd if the size of the division warrants. All schools competing for a Championship (schools entering every team event in a division) will receive a personalized NHS DTC plaque to commemorate their quest at Daytona.

The Masters Level division maintains both Solo & Dual Exhibitions for all armed teams and Dual Exhibition for unarmed teams. Regulation Cadet Commanders at both the Masters & Challenge Levels also compete for Commander's Trophies. These individual trophies are awarded in **1st-3rd 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 7th, 2012**, 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

ONLINE REGISTRATION: 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 7th, 2012.*

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 7th 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 11th. 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 2013 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 31th Anniversary of "The Nationals!"**

For additional information:

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Sports Network International, Inc.
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The NHSDTC Challenge Level Competition Wrap

Navy and Marines units take top honors, but Army and Air Force units finish strong as well in this annual showcase of JROTC excellence.

"Challenge Level teams climb the ladder each year as the talent pool gets deeper and deeper in JROTC drill."

- Justin Gates, SNI Competition Director

UNARMED DIVISION

In the Unarmed Division, it was a Marine Corps JROTC unit that shined the brightest. **United South HS South Mighty Panthers** from **Laredo, Texas**, a long time attendee, captured the Overall Championship title in impressive fashion. Even though they only captured two event trophies (1st Color Guard, 2nd Inspection) their overall consistency kept them near the top in all four events with no big score drop and earned them the Challenge Level Unarmed Division Championship.

The Challenge Level at the Nationals is always filled with a variety of talent levels from all over the nation. This competition is designed to showcase teams that are smaller, newer or less experienced drill programs that are still trying to unlock the secrets to drill domination. However, since this competition began, the overall level of talent throughout drill has risen exponentially, blurring the line between the two competition levels. This year brought that to the front with even the lower finishing teams showing flashes of brilliance and top teams wowing the judges like never before.

All of the schools at the top of the leaderboard were strong in three out of the four events, but each of them struggled in one event. The top teams need to perfect these events before next year because they will be pushed up to the Masters Level for future competition. The Challenge Level is unique in that repeat champions are rare as each Champion, Runner Up and some 3rd place overall finishers are asked to "move up" to compete in the Masters Level event against the "Big Boys" the following year!



It was a NAVMC-heavy final four with East Aurora HS (outside left) and Central Crossing HS (inside right) taking home the big hardware with United South HS (inside left) and Evans HS (outside right) earning top honors as well. Presenting the trophies to the winners, Cadet Command Chaplain, MAJ Rick Brunson, and outgoing USACC Command Sergeant Major, CSM Hershel Turner.

A Navy JROTC unit was close on their heels and managed to take home three trophies. **East Aurora HS Unarmed Tomcats** captured 1st in Regulation, 2nd in Color Guard and 4th in Inspection putting them in prime position to grab the Overall Runner Up trophy. These two teams will no longer be seen in the Challenge Level as they will test their skills next year in the Masters Level competition.

The teams that came in third and fourth overall actually both captured three event trophies. **West Orange HS Warriors** (Air Force JROTC) from Winter Garden, Florida (2nd Regulation, 3rd Inspection, 5th Color Guard) and **Fleming Island HS War Eagles** (Navy JROTC) from Fleming Island, Florida (1st Inspection, 3rd Color Guard, 5th Exhibition) but their overall scores were not quite high enough to catapult them higher on the leaderboard.

Rounding out the top five overall was **Belleview HS** (Air Force JROTC) from Belleview, Florida who took home 3rd in Regulation and 4th in Color Guard. Other notable finishes were **Papillion-La Vista South HS** (1st Exhibition), **Gloucester HS** (2nd Exhibition) and **Bloomington HS** (3rd Exhibition).

The competition keeps getting stronger and more fierce in the Challenge Level and with the champions stepping up to the Masters Level, it leaves the field wide open for new blood. Each year, several competitive programs that apply for acceptance into 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 by the early December deadline. Good luck to all schools during your 2012-2013 drill season!

ARMED DIVISION

Of the 33 teams competing for the overall title in the Armed Division, 8 of them were Navy JROTC and of those 8, 3 Navy JROTC teams finished in the top five overall and took home the top prize of Overall Champion. **Central Crossing HS**, a Navy JROTC unit out of **Grove City, Ohio** dominated the day by capturing 1st place in Regulation and Color Guard and 5th in Inspection. The Comets found themselves in the middle of the pack in Exhibition, but still had enough overall strength to take home the Challenge Level title.

Capturing the Runner Up title was the **Evans HS Knights** from **Evans, Georgia**. The Army JROTC drill team had enough consistency to take home a 2nd in Exhibition and a 5th in Color Guard and although they didn't trophy in Inspection or Regulation, their placements were strong enough to give them the Runner-up position.

There were four other teams that walked away with two trophy placements each: **Papillion-La Vista South HS** from Papillion, Nebraska (1st Exhibition, 4th Regulation, 3rd overall); **E. Aurora HS** from Aurora, Illinois (1st Inspection, 2nd Color Guard); **St. Lucie West Centennial HS** from Port St. Lucie, Florida (2nd Inspection, 5th Regulation) and **Okkodo HS** from Deddo, Guam (2nd Regulation, 3rd Exhibition).

2012 OPEN LEVEL COLOR GUARD COMPETITION

This competition is ALWAYS EXCITING as seasoned color guard units from across the nation mix with new units.

The Open Level Color Guard Competition at the Nationals is always exciting as it pairs teams of varying abilities together in one drill and ceremonies spectacular. The field of battle is filled with schools of all talent levels.

In the last few years, Alamo Heights High School has dominated this prestigious event. Last year their color guards placed first and third fighting neck and neck with Pulaski County High School. All eyes were on these two schools as they stepped on the drill deck this year. Many wondered if they would be able to maintain their supremacy.

As the day progressed and 37 color guards performed from all over the nation, it was clear that Pulaski County would not be able to remain on top of the leader board this year and only one of the teams from Alamo Heights seemed likely to achieve a placement.

2011's champion, the Mulettes from Alamo Heights High School from San Antonio, Texas managed to take home the top honors again this year followed very closely by newcomer Scarlet Eagles from Ben Davis High School from Indianapolis, Indiana. Only two points behind coming in third were the Sea Chicks from Flour Bluff High School out of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Rounding out the top five were the Chargers Gold in fourth place from Memorial High School out of Tulsa, Oklahoma and the Lady Falcons from Carl Hayden High School in Phoenix, Arizona that came in fifth.

This specialized competition is always a favorite and the talented teams never fail to impress as they show off their long hours of practice and preparation.

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

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2012 National High School Drill Team Championships

Challenge Level Attendees & Event Standings



Armed Division

Inspection

East Aurora HS	Armed Tomcats	702
St. Lucie West Centennial HS	Black Talon	696
Hendersonville HS	Commando Devil Dogs	660
Forestville MA	Black Knights	656
Central Crossing HS	Comets	650

Regulation

Central Crossing HS	Comets	740
Okkodo HS	Bulldogs	705
Providence HS	Prowling Panthers Male	686
Papillion-La Vista South HS	Titan Silver	680
St. Lucie West Centennial HS	Black Talon	675

Color Guard

Central Crossing HS	Comets	851
East Aurora HS	Armed Tomcats	780
Murphy HS	Prowling Panthers	772
Wagener-Salley HS	War Eagles	763
Evans HS	Knights	761

Team Exhibition

Papillion-La Vista South HS	Titan Silver	977
Evans HS	Knights	963
Okkodo HS	Bulldogs	935
Lakeside HS	Legion Drill Team	873
Reading HS	Red Knights	857

Overall Armed Champion

Central Crossing HS - *Comets*

Overall Armed Runner-up

Evans HS - *Knights*

Airport HS
Army JROTC
W. Columbia, S. Carolina

Belleview HS
Air Force JROTC
Belleview, Florida

Bloomington HS
Air Force JROTC
Valrico, Florida

Central Crossing HS
Navy JROTC
Grove City, Ohio

Coffee HS
Navy JROTC
Douglas, Georgia

East Aurora HS
Navy JROTC
Aurora, Illinois

Evans HS
Army JROTC
Evans, Georgia

Everglades HS
Army JROTC
Miramar, Florida

Fleming Island HS
Navy JROTC
Fleming Island, Florida

Forestville MA
Army JROTC
Forestville, Maryland

Gloucester HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Gloucester, Massachusetts

Hendersonville HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Hendersonville, Tennessee

Joe E. Newsome HS
Army JROTC
Lithia, Florida

Lackey HS
Air Force JROTC
Indian Head, Maryland

Lakeside HS
Army JROTC
Evans, Georgia

LaSalle Institute
Army JROTC
Troy, New York

Loudoun County HS
Navy JROTC
Leesburg, Virginia

Missouri Military Academy
Army JROTC
Mexico, Missouri

Unarmed Division

Inspection

Fleming Island HS	War Eagles	848
United South HS	South Mighty Panthers	843
West Orange HS	Warriors	808
East Aurora HS	Unarmed Tomcats	790
Waukegan HS	Bulldogs	772

Regulation

East Aurora HS	Unarmed Tomcats	858
West Orange HS	Warriors	825
Belleview HS	Belleview HS	823
Union HS	Infantry Guard	808
Reading HS	Lady Red Knights	796

Color Guard

United South HS	South Mighty Panthers	980
East Aurora HS	Unarmed Tomcats	897
Fleming Island HS	War Eagles	887
Belleview HS	Belleview HS	878
West Orange HS	Warriors	822

Team Exhibition

Papillion-La Vista South HS	Titan Blue	826
Gloucester HS	Scarlet Thunder	816
Bloomington HS	Rajun Bulls Red	793
Waukegan HS	Bulldogs	776
Fleming Island HS	War Eagles	750

Overall Unarmed Champion

United South HS - *South Mighty Panthers*

Overall Unarmed Runner-up

East Aurora HS - *Unarmed Tomcats*

Mulberry Senior HS

Army JROTC
Mulberry, Florida

Murphy HS

Army JROTC
Mobile, Alabama

North Point HS

Air Force JROTC
Waldorf, Maryland

Northeast HS

Army JROTC
Clarksville, Tennessee

Oakland Mills HS

Air Force JROTC
Columbia, Maryland

Okkodo HS

Marine Corps JROTC
Dededo, Guam

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

Philadelphia Military Academy

Army JROTC
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Providence HS

Navy JROTC
Charlotte, N. Carolina

Ramsay HS

Army JROTC
Birmingham, Alabama

Reading HS

Marine Corps JROTC
Reading, Pennsylvania

South Point HS

Navy JROTC
Belmont, N. Carolina

St. John's Northwestern MA

Army JROTC
DeLafield, Wisconsin

St. Lucie West Centennial HS

Navy JROTC
Port St. Lucie, Florida

Taylor County HS

Army JROTC
Perry, Florida

Union HS

Army JROTC
Union, New Jersey

United South HS

Marine Corps JROTC
Laredo, Texas

Wagener-Salley HS

Army JROTC
Wagener, S. Carolina

Waukegan HS

Army JROTC
Waukegan, Illinois

West Charlotte HS

Army JROTC
Charlotte, N. Carolina

West Orange HS

Air Force JROTC
Winter Garden, Florida

Wilbur D. Mills HS

Army JROTC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Winder Barrow HS

Army JROTC
Winder, Georgia

Zephyrhills HS

Army JROTC
Zephyrhills, Florida



Congratulations to all of the remarkable schools that "stepped up to the Challenge" at the Nationals!



West Columbia Cadet Competes at the Top!

A 14-year old Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) cadet from West Columbia's Airport High School turned out to be one of the celebrities at the National High School Drill Team Championships in May. Her excellence was watching her ability, not her disability!

In the ultimate showcase of high school drill talent, Ariel Summerlin had spectators huddling to watch her perform. Cadets she didn't even know, moved by her skill, mugged for photos with her. "She's inspirational," said Joshua Sneed, of Mobile, Ala.'s Murphy High School. "I had to get a photo with her."

Summerlin's knack for executing facing movements is as sharp as any of her teammates.' Her marching ability is on par with the rest of her platoon. Except that the first-year Army cadet does it all on one leg.

Born without a left leg, Summerlin pivots off her right and uses crutches to maneuver around performance areas. She is a rarity in a sport that demands snap reflexes and quick pacing. There have been cadets with developmental disabilities compete in the past, said Justin Gates, competition director for the national meet, but never someone with a missing limb. Summerlin is a standout for the talent she exhibits, not for what she lacks physically.

"To watch her perform, you notice the crutches but not her leg," Gates said. "It's unbelievable. Not just that she competes, but that she does so well. "What a story that can be used with other cadets. 'Oh, you're tired? Your legs hurt?' Read this."

Summerlin joined Airport's Army JROTC unit in the fall after listening to her mother and uncle, former cadets themselves, talk of the positive impact the program had on their lives. The way she saw it, being a cadet was a continuation of the family lineage. "It runs in the family," Summerlin said. Some of the stories she also heard her relatives tell were of competing in drill meets, of forming bonds with other cadets and of pushing themselves as part of a unit. Summerlin found the idea of competing intriguing and decided to try it earlier this semester. She wasn't without doubters, including her mother. "She didn't want to see me get my feelings hurt," Summerlin said. "But that drove me. I like proving people wrong."

Even Airport's drill coach, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Harry Ferguson, wasn't so sure it could work. Because the sport requires the sort of movement that can be difficult for someone with two legs, let alone one, could Summerlin be agile enough with her crutches to stay in step and move quickly enough to keep pace? The more he thought about it, and the more he thought about his cadet's drive, the better the idea sounded. "If she thinks she can do it, let's give it a shot," Ferguson said. "She's made us proud ever since." Summerlin saw the opportunity to make the squad as a personal challenge. She spent several hours each week with members of the drill team, working on one-on-one with some to hone her skill. She initially became part of Airport's unarmed inspection team, an event that poses more mental than physical challenges. Still, she worked to get the marching patterns down, even going so far as to keep in step by balancing on her crutches and raising her right foot off the ground whenever fellow cadets' right feet lifted up. Summerlin's first competition came in one of the sport's biggest, the Army Nationals this past March. She was scared, but was able to answer questions about drill and ceremony and history that the judges threw at her. "I was proud of myself," she said.



Service-level meets typically conclude with something known as knockout drills, where cadets perform drill and ceremony movements on cue from a judge. The formations — one is held for unarmed and another for armed — can include close to 1,000 cadets at some of the large national meets hosted by Event Manager Sports Network International. This was the case at the Army Nationals in Louisville last March.



As the competition began, several dozen judges moved smartly to quickly eliminate participants for even the slightest break from the military manual. Summerlin joined the massive formation of unarmed cadets. Justin Gates, Competition Director and individual tasked to ensure judges are enforcing the military manual to the letter, wandered through the crowd to ensure strict compliance. As the pack thinned considerably, there was Summerlin, holding her own. At each pause to reform the unit into a smaller group, there she was, with a stone-faced determination that showed everyone she meant business.

Judge after judge continued to walk by her from the front, from the back, from the side and after a quick up-and-down glance, they continued to move. When the formation paused with just a few dozen cadets remaining, Summerlin caught Gates' eye. To ensure the event's integrity, Gates remembers telling a judge, "Nobody gets a pass here," referring to Summerlin. The judge's response with a steely glare, "She's THAT good!"

Summerlin made it to the final 15 before being ousted. A slight secondary movement got her on tagged a facing command. She bested several hundred cadets, including Sneed, of Murphy High School, who earlier had been in the same formation. "Not only was she able to do it," Sneed said. "But she was good."

Since then, Summerlin worked to be part of the unarmed regulation team. Again, her first time in an actual competition was in early May, at the biggest meet of them all - the National High School Drill Team Championships. Regulation drill "was tough at first," said Summerlin, who admitted to a couple of mistakes but was satisfied overall. "It worked me. Once I got used to it, it was a breeze." The most difficult part of drill isn't the physical movement, but remembering all the specific steps in a routine. "If I do something wrong, it should be pointed out," Summerlin said. "Don't be easy on me just because I'm different."

There have been several occasions where Kayla Murphy, a senior and the Airport drill team's cadet commander, has gotten on Summerlin to ensure she meets the standards. Surprised when she first heard of Summerlin's interest in being part of the team, Murphy said Summerlin is a quick-learner who blossomed into one of the squad's best marchers. "We're happy she took the initiative," Murphy said. "She keeps everyone wanting to do better. She's going to be an asset to Airport. She already is."

Simply being part of Junior ROTC has made a lasting impression on Summerlin. She said the course has taught a number of life lessons, given her confidence and connected her to other students who don't hesitate to be tough on her — which is what Summerlin wants "If it wasn't for what I've learned in class, I don't think I would have the guts to do this," she said. Summerlin, who aspires to join Navy ROTC in college and become part of the judge advocate general corps someday, plans to continue with the drill team, using the experience at the national meet to improve her performance. She eventually wants to advance to become a member of the armed drill team, a move that would require her to execute movements while holding a rifle. "It's more challenging," said Summerlin, smiling.

Ferguson describes Summerlin as an intelligent student who is an example to others. She possesses the coordination to control a rifle, but needs to figure a way to marry the focus needed for specific actions with a weapon while getting around the drill floor with her crutches. Just give it time, he says.

"Don't tell her she can't do anything," Ferguson said. "She will."

--- contributed by Steve Arel, US Army Cadet Command, PIO



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AIMING HIGH ON THE BIGGEST STAGE OF ALL!



Along with venerable Fern Creek HS winning their 13th consecutive title, for the first time ever two Air Force schools captured the National Championship in the same year with Thomas C. Clark HS capturing the Unarmed Division and John Jay HS capturing the Demilitarized Arms Division!

The Masters Level of the National High School Drill Team Championships is the highlight of many schools' drill season. The annual pilgrimage to Daytona Beach, Florida is planned at the beginning of each school year and every practice is aimed at perfecting each routine for the tough judges at The Nationals.

ALTERNATIVE ARMS - MIXED DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

The **Lady Leathernecks** from **Fern Creek High School** in Louisville, Kentucky succeeded in defending their crown for the 12th year in a row. 2012 was their 13th consecutive Alternative Arms National Championship. No other team even came close as the ladies took home first in Inspection, Regulation and Color Guard, second in Platoon Exhibition and third in Squad Exhibition. Will any team ever be able to challenge these champions?

The race for the Runner Up trophy came down to a difference of 23 points out of a possible 6000. The **Reagan Bulldogs** from **J.H. Reagan High School** in Houston, Texas looked primed to take home the silver with two first place trophies (Squad Exhibition, Platoon Exhibition) and two fourth place finishes (Inspection, Regulation) but a disappointing seventh place in Color Guard gave the **Black Tigers** from **Smith Cotton High School** just the room they needed to slip in and take the Runner Up title. These cadets from Sedalia, Missouri took home second in Color Guard and Squad Exhibition and third in Inspection, Regulation, and Platoon Exhibition.

UNARMED DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

In the last two years the teams to watch for in the Unarmed Division were Flour Bluff, Francis Lewis, and Douglas MacArthur, but surprisingly none of these three heavy hitters were within reach of the championship this year. Watching the competition throughout the day, it was clear that last year's runner up, Brandeis High School, and long-time attendees Thomas C. Clark High School and North Miami Beach High School were all fighting hard to take home the top prize. All three took home four trophies from the five events: **North Miami Beach High School Lady Chargers** from North Miami Beach, Florida (1st Element Exhibition, 2nd Regulation and Color Guard, 5th Inspection), **Brandeis High School Blue Aces** from San Antonio, Texas (2nd Inspection, 3rd Element Exhibition and Flight Exhibition, 4th Regulation), **Thomas C. Clark High School Silver Valor** from San Antonio, Texas (1st Inspection, Regulation, Flight Exhibition, 2nd Element Exhibition).

When the scores were tallied, Silver Valor emerged as the clear winner of the Unarmed National Championship. They dominated all events except Color Guard and their tenth place finish there didn't jeopardize their victory. They have competed in this division for years and this year they finally found the right combination to rise to the top.

The fight for the Runner Up title between the Blue Aces and Lady Chargers was fierce. The final overall proportional points dividing these two teams ended up being only 11 points out of 6000 but Brandeis Blue Aces did it again and repeated as the National Champion Runner Up leaving the Lady Chargers to try again next year.

DEMILITARIZED ARMS DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

To win the National Championship title in the Demilitarized Arms Division is the ultimate for drill fanatics throughout the country. No other division has more teams that can sustain this highly competitive level than the Demilitarized division. They train and practice hours every day for nearly 9 months and every cadet leaves it all on the drill floor for every event.

All eyes were on the **Patriot Pride** from **Francis Lewis High School** to see if they would be able to hold on to their crown and they looked very impressive as they trophied in all five events (2nd Inspection and Squad Exhibition, 3rd Color Guard, 4th Regulation and Platoon Exhibition) but even with such an impressive showing, they were unable to repeat as champions missing the mark by only 49 points out of 6000. They took home the Runner Up trophy but will come back in 2013 with a vengeance.

Out of the blue came a team that always finished in the top third but this year dominated and won the Championship. The **Silver Eagles**, a perennial powerhouse Air Force team from **John Jay High School** in San Antonio, Texas made their presence known as they took first in Color Guard and Squad Exhibition, second in Platoon Exhibition and fifth in Inspection and Regulation. This team will have a target on their backs next year as many teams will be trying to usurp their reign.

Douglas MacArthur High School Blue Guard ended up third overall, just out of overall trophy placement, as they took first in Inspection and Platoon Exhibition and second in Color Guard. But a ninth place finish in both Regulation and Squad Exhibition kept them from repeating as Runner Up this year.

Other notable finishes include: **Grant High School Maroon Knights** (1st Regulation), **Marmion High School Flannigan Rifles** (3rd Squad Exhibition and Platoon Exhibition, 4th Color Guard), **Fern Creek High School Leathernecks** (3rd Regulation, 5th Squad Exhibition and Platoon Exhibition) and **Ben Davis High School Golden Eagles** (2nd Regulation, 4th Inspection). As any attendee will attest, The National High School Drill Team Championships is an amazing display of the best of the best of drill and ceremony excellence. As the school year begins again, so thoughts turn to May as we wait to see who will be victorious in 2013.



The King's Guard, the U.S. Army Drill Team, cadet scholarships, as well as the inaugural induction of 13 members into the military Drill Hall of Fame highlighted the 2012 Masters Level Awards Ceremony.





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

Douglas MacArthur HS	Blue Guard	748
Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Guard	731
James Madison HS	Maverick Guard	719
Ben Davis HS	Golden Eagles	718
John Jay HS	Silver Eagles	714

Regulation

Grant HS	Maroon Knights	850
Ben Davis HS	Golden Eagles	819
Fern Creek HS	Leathernecks	816
Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Guard	815
John Jay HS	Silver Eagles	800

Color Guard

John Jay HS	Silver Eagles	887
Douglas MacArthur HS	Blue Guard	882
Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Guard	839
Marmion Academy	Flannigan Rifles	817
Flour Bluff HS	Sea Devils	766

Squad Exhibition

John Jay HS	Silver Eagles	1012
Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Guard	1011
Marmion Academy	Flannigan Rifles	970
Hubbard HS	H-Squad	950
Fern Creek HS	Leathernecks	926

Platoon Exhibition

Douglas MacArthur HS	Blue Guard	980
John Jay HS	Silver Eagles	957
Marmion Academy	Flannigan Rifles	934
Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Guard	932
Fern Creek HS	Leathernecks	930

Unarmed

Inspection

Thomas C. Clark HS	Silver Valor	908
Brandeis HS	Blue Aces	816
Forestville MA	Silver Knights	787
Douglas MacArthur HS	Blue Angels	783
North Miami Beach Sr. HS	Lady Chargers	770

Regulation

Thomas C. Clark HS	Silver Valor	894
North Miami Beach Sr. HS	Lady Chargers	883
Flour Bluff HS	Seahawks	864
Brandeis HS	Blue Aces	862
James Madison HS	Lady Maverick Guard	837

Color Guard

Flour Bluff HS	Seahawks	1022
North Miami Beach Sr. HS	Lady Chargers	965
Douglas MacArthur HS	Blue Angels	951
Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Pride	940
Sandalwood HS	Silver Eagles	878

Element Exhibition

North Miami Beach Sr. HS	Lady Chargers	998
Thomas C. Clark HS	Silver Valor	994
Brandeis HS	Blue Aces	972
Smith Cotton HS	Gold Tigers	968
Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Pride	966

Flight Exhibition

Thomas C. Clark HS	Silver Valor	1094
Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Pride	1081
Brandeis HS	Blue Aces	1062
Lynn English HS	Lady Bulldogs	1048
Douglas MacArthur HS	Blue Angels	1042

Alternative Arms

Inspection

Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	855
Winter Springs HS	Golden Bears	830
Smith Cotton HS	Black Tigers	775
J.H. Reagan HS	Reagan Bulldogs	768
Airport HS	Golden Talons	764

Regulation

Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	881
Seneca HS	Lady Redhawks	800
Smith Cotton HS	Black Tigers	764
J.H. Reagan HS	Reagan Bulldogs	755
Winter Springs HS	Golden Bears	685

Color Guard

Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	864
Smith Cotton HS	Black Tigers	848
Winter Springs HS	Golden Bears	790
West Creek HS	Coyote Pride 2	781
Airport HS	Golden Talons	764

Squad Exhibition

J.H. Reagan HS	Reagan Bulldogs	941
Smith Cotton HS	Black Tigers	905
Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	903
Airport HS	Golden Talons	825
Seneca HS	Lady Redhawks	793

Platoon Exhibition

J.H. Reagan HS	Reagan Bulldogs	983
Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	882
Smith Cotton HS	Black Tigers	868
Seneca HS	Lady Redhawks	780
Winter Springs HS	Golden Bears	647

Demilitarized Arms Champions

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

Solo Exhibition

1 st	Cadet Alfson - Prairie HS
2 nd	Cadet Blizzard - Wagener-Salley HS
3 rd	Cadet Kent - Mount Dora HS
4 th	Cadet Birth - Marmion Academy
5 th	Cadet Fazio - Marmion Academy

Dual Exhibition

1 st	Joseph & Mills - Ben Davis HS
2 nd	Barbosa & Barbosa - John Jay HS
3 rd	Constantino & Wong - McKinley HS
4 th	Bodie & Blizzard - Wagener-Salley HS
5 th	Richardson & Stich - Seneca HS

2012 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Unarmed Champions

Champion: Thomas C. Clark HS - **Silver Valor**
Runner-up: Brandeis HS - **Blue Aces**

Dual Exhibition

1 st	Gao & Zhang - Francis Lewis HS
2 nd	Lopez & Rivera - North Miami Beach Sr. HS
3 rd	Arnold & Kidder - James Madison HS
4 th	McKnight & Plummer - Prairie HS
5 th	Duenas & Gao - Francis Lewis HS

Alternative Arms Champions

Champion: Fern Creek HS - **Lady Leathernecks**
Runner-up: Smith Cotton HS - **Black Tigers**

Solo Exhibition

1 st	Cadet Wile - Summerlin Academy
2 nd	Cadet Watkins - Leesburg HS
3 rd	Cadet Rivera - West Creek HS

Dual Exhibition

1 st	Burnett & Ojeda - Leesburg HS
2 nd	Bermudez & Wile - Summerlin Academy
3 rd	Wilkins & Zilempe - Winter Springs HS

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May 7th, 2012 saw the dawn of a new era in drill excellence. The Drill Hall of Fame was announced to the drill world in front of 3000 cadets, instructors and supporters at the NHDTC Masters Awards Gala in Daytona Beach, Florida. An illustrious, diverse and amazing group of 13 drill icons were introduced as the inaugural field of inductees. While this list will no doubt grow over the years to come, these are the individuals and groups that have been earmarked as the standard bearers to lead all others. Scores of other individuals and groups were considered and most all brought extremely strong credentials to the table. However, despite the amazingly tough choices this created, the decision was made to limit the first inductions to just thirteen entities to parallel the initial thirteen colonies of the United

States of America. We will always cherish the impact each has made to the drill world and we look forward to expanding this field annually each May. These chosen individuals & entities represent historical figures, national figures, high profile performance groups, and individuals who made their mark often through a lifetime of dedication, hard work and sacrifice to the art of drill. Over two years in the making, the Drill Hall of Fame will remain the leader in recognizing and providing honor to those who have and continue to play a major role in the build up of this exciting form of military-based athletic art form, both in and out of JROTC drill!

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A Look Around the Nationals and JROTC Universe



Muslim Headwear a no-go in Army Junior ROTC
Tough calls are a part of daily life within any JROTC program. In this vein, word came down recently in Brentwood, Tennessee from the U.S. Army that

you can wear a Muslim head scarf, and you can wear the uniform of Army Junior ROTC. Just not at the same time.

Student Demin Zawity recently quit the JROTC program at Ravenwood HS and returned to regular gym classes when commanding officers in the program said she had to take off her hijab if she wanted to march in the homecoming parade in uniform.

Demin's family has mailed a letter to the Department of Defense asking for a change to the policy. They believe accommodations can and should be made.

The cadet has been invited to come back to the program anytime, but if so, she must be in accordance with the Army regs regarding proper uniform wear.

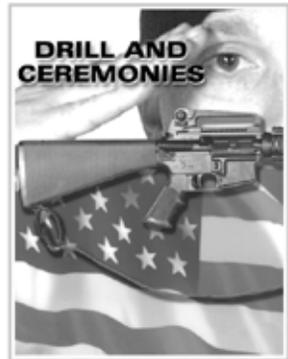
Douglas MacArthur HS Grabs Spirit Banner

Every year, SNI selects one school that best embodies the spirit of the Nationals. This year, even the most unthinkable hurdles couldn't slow down the DMac Express. This drill powerhouse from San Antonio, Texas overcame the loss of two instructors, yet still went on to capture both the Armed and Unarmed Championships at the prestigious Army National Drill Championships. Their motivating factor in driving to victory was to show support to their former instructors LTC Robert Blake and 1SG Steven Chavan. These instructors helped to build the program to excellence on and off the drill floor.



When did the FM move to a TC?

The official DNC regs of the U.S. Army has moved from a field manual to a training circular. Our sources at Ft. Jackson DSS has said this is to allow clarifications and changes to be put forth more quickly and with less red tape. TC 3-21.5 (20 JANUARY 2012) was released and has become



the new standard though initial review shows to date, nothing of any significance has changed.

Drill and Ceremonies are the current day incarnation of the first field manual of the United States Army. "The Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States," and remains the standard by which all Army units use to march...correctly!

DrillNATION Membership Passes 7,500 - 10K Members By 2013?

The JROTC community is flocking to DrillNATION.net big time! This on-line universe maintains discussion groups, study materials, real-time chat and more. This makes DrillNATION.net the on-line home for many die-hard drillers worldwide. The goal is to have 7,500 members by January 1st, 2013! Look for discount coupons, exclusive pics and talk with other drill lovers world-wide. Have your cadets join today and be a part of the on-line fun!



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Coatesville High's Air Force JROTC unit lives on! Unfortunately during tough budget times, stories like this seem too common. In June, the school board cut AFJROTC unit PA-771 citing budget constraints and shrinking government funding. The district ended the 2011-12 school year with a \$4.3 million deficit. However, Board President J. Neil Campbell said the program could continue if the ROTC supporters could raise the \$157,000 needed to fund the program for the entire year themselves. This left them just 7 weeks to raise the money!



Program supporters held bucket brigades, beef-and-brews, and car washes. Donations came in from businesses, churches, and individuals. After just 7 weeks, the total needed was both met and surpassed. So far, they have raised over \$172,000, said Safiya Edwards, one of the fundraising group leaders. The school board voted to reinstate the program at its Aug. 28 meeting.

The group has now partnered with the Coatesville Community Education Foundation, a local nonprofit. Funds left over after the school board is paid will be used to help keep the program alive beyond the 2012-13 school year. Here's wishing this motivated program all our best from the JROTC world.



CSM Hershel Turner Leaves an Amazing Legacy Upon his Retirement from JROTC

Having held virtually every leadership position in the Army, none could have made a greater impact than the caring and genuine love CSM provided to the cadets involved in JROTC. Serving as the CSM of the U.S. Army Cadet Command, CSM Turner touched thousands of lives through his words and actions. Sports Network Int'l on behalf of every JROTC cadet would like to wish CSM Turner a healthy, safe and fun retirement!

Embry-Riddle Science, Technology, Engineering & Math Camp a Big Hit in Daytona

Navy JROTC cadets participate annually in a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math seminar, also known as STEM Camp, at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in early Summer. More than 200 cadets from around the world, including Japan, travel to Daytona Beach for the week-long leadership seminar during which the cadets conducted hands-on experiments using math, science and aerospace technology.

"The ERAU STEM Seminar provides NJROTC cadets exposure to a college environment and a college curriculum," said Mark Watson, NJROTC Operations Manager. "The intended outcome of the seminar is to heighten a diverse group of NJROTC cadets' interest in pursuing a STEM-related college education."

During the seminar at Embry-Riddle, the cadets accessed trainers used by the university in its air traffic control tower, spatial disorientation, aircraft maintenance and flight courses. They practiced on eight flight simulators that offered many different scenarios, such as landing on an aircraft carrier.

2012 marked the fourth year Embry-Riddle has hosted a huge STEM seminar, which is one of the largest along with the programs at Purdue University and the University of San Diego.

Jean K. Weil Scholarship Winners Take Top Honors

Selecting JUST TWO top NNSDTC graduating senior cadets as the most outstanding overall cadets at the Nationals is an almost impossible job! However, this year once again, two cadets nudged the field of entries.



Aaron Long from Smith-Cotton HS, Sedalia, Missouri (shown right with JKW Board Member Mr. Abdul Al-Romaizan at the Masters Level Awards Ceremony) garnered one of the awards. The other winner was **Clifford Wilson from Tulsa Memorial Sr. HS in Tulsa, Oklahoma**, pictured below with JKW Board Member Mr. Keith Warren at the Challenge Level Awards Ceremony.



Along with the notoriety of being chosen as the BEST graduating cadets at the Nationals, each of these two cadets receive a \$1,000 scholarship to use toward their future scholastic expenses. To see more on this prestigious award as well as how to apply for the 2013 scholarship: <http://jkw.thenationals.net>.



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