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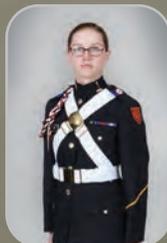
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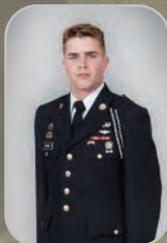
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With troop deployments that stretch across the globe, the 2018-19 DrillNATION Magazine is dedicated to both the active duty and reserve components of our American Armed Forces, along with the National Guard. These brave and selfless individuals continue 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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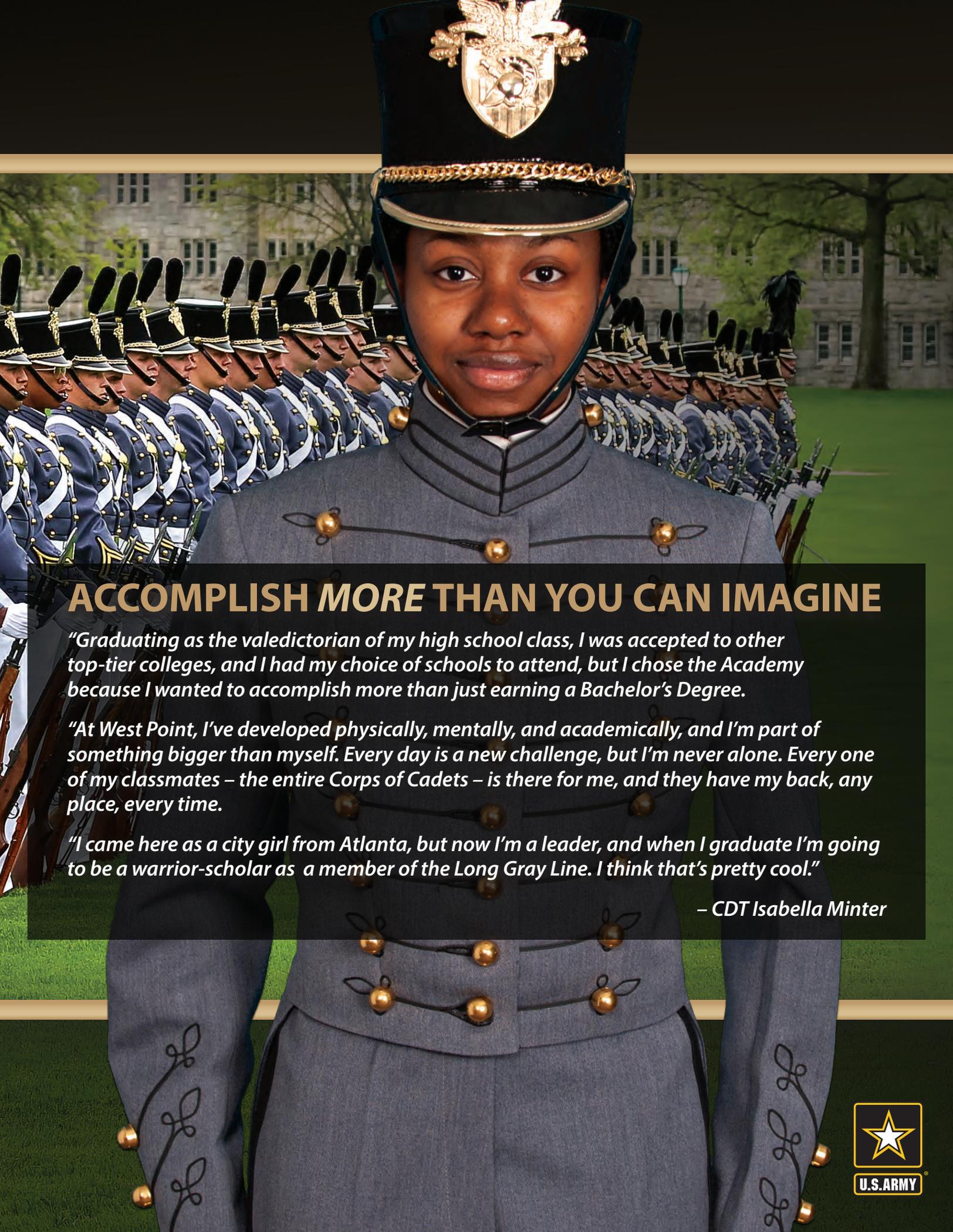


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All-Service Raider Challenge Championships

Molena, Georgia

Raider is growing in all services and this is the laboratory for it to grow!



The JROTC Raider universe has been dominated by Army JROTC teams for a very long time, but the fever has begun to spread across all services as evidenced by the popularity of the All-Service Raider Challenge Championships. In November 2017, the event attracted 25 schools and all four services were represented. In 2018 it is anticipated that the field of competition will grow again by over 30 percent as more and more JROTC units choose to create and train Raider teams. With the growth of the event, the 2018 competition will include not only Mixed and Male divisions but also a Female division.

This sport is so different from other activities in JROTC, demanding not only physical prowess and mental fortitude, but problem-solving skills and teamwork beyond measure. Although most cadets may just see it as a lot of fun, they are learning skills and lessons that will support them well into their adult life.

MIXED DIVISION

The Mixed Division included 19 teams and eight of those teams earned a top-five trophy in at least one of the four events. Last year the top two teams were only one placement point apart but this year the margin was much wider. Smith-Cotton High School Gold Tigers (USA) from Sedalia, Missouri nearly swept the division by capturing first place in PTT, 5K Run, and Gauntlet. Only a third place in Rope Bridge

kept them from making a clean sweep.

The only other team to place in all four events were the Buffalo Raiders from Clarkrange High School (USA) from Clarkrange, Tennessee. They claimed second in the 5K Run and Rope Bridge, fourth in Gauntlet, and fifth in PTT. This was enough for them to claim the Overall Runner-Up title for the division.

Other strong finishes included: Fairview HS (USA) 1st in Rope Bridge, 3rd in PTT, and 4th in 5K which placed them 3rd overall; Georgia Military College Prep HS (USA) 2nd-PTT, 3rd-Gauntlet, 5th-5K Run; Coronado HS (USMC) 3rd-5K Run; Sarasota MA (USA) 2nd-Gauntlet, 4th-PTT; Junction City HS (USA) 4th-Rope Bridge, 5th-Gauntlet; Ooltewah HS (USA) 5th-Rope Bridge.

MALE DIVISION

In the always-competitive Male Division, half of the teams took home hardware and much like the Mixed Division, one team dominated and almost took first in

every event. Riverside Military Academy's Riverside Devils (USA) from Gainesville, Georgia place first in three of the events (PTT, 5K Run, Gauntlet) and fell just two seconds shy in the Rope Bridge event where they claimed second. This is the second year that their clean sweep was spoiled by one event, last year they stumbled just a bit in the 5K Run. It will take some serious practice from the other schools to unseat this power-house team.

Landing firmly in the Runner-Up position and separating themselves from the rest of the pack were the Benedictine Cadets from Benedictine Military School (USA) from Savannah, Georgia. They took home second in PTT, third in the 5K Run and Rope Bridge, and fifth in Gauntlet being the only other team to trophy in all four events.

Other impressive showings included: Georgia Military College Prep HS (USA) 2nd-Gauntlet, 4th-PTT, 5th-Rope Bridge, 3rd Overall; Ooltewah HS (USA) 1st-Rope Bridge, 3rd-PTT, 4th-Gauntlet; North Forsyth HS (USMC) 2nd-5K Run, 4th-Rope Bridge, 5th-PTT; Union HS (USA) 3rd-Gauntlet, 4th-5K Run; Sahuarita HS (USN) 5th-5K Run.

Registrations are now closed for the 2018 event but we would love to see your team in November 2019 in the north Georgia woods!

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Smith Cotton High School Gold Tigers (left), Mixed Division Champions, and Riverside Military Academy Devils (right), Male Division Champions, are pictured with COL Michael Stinnett, Director of Army JROTC, U.S. Army Cadet Command.

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The Army Raider Nationals has grown to capacity over the last few years and continues to attract some of the best Army JROTC raider teams in the nation! This past November 52 schools brought 88 teams to the Georgia woods. The teenagers that compete are extremely physically fit and have mental resolve that is not often seen in people their age. The teamwork shows at every obstacle as they depend on each other to traverse 10-foot walls, cross streams, and navigate multiple obstacles with heavy gear all while racing the clock hoping to beat the time of their competitors. This is one competition where you see true grit on display at every turn!

FEMALE DIVISION: Nine different schools took home top-five trophies with only one team placing in all five events. Adairsville HS Lady Tigers placed third in PTT, Gauntlet, and CCR; fourth in the 5K Run; and fifth in Rope Bridge but these placements still left them five points shy of the overall championship. Sarasota M.A. Black Knight Ladies may have stumbled a bit in Rope Bridge (6th place) but they impressed on the other four events with a first place in PTT and Gauntlet, 2nd in CCR and 3rd in the 5K Run making 2017 their third consecutive championship. Osborne HS Lady Cardinals are a team to watch next year since they were only one point away from stealing the runner up title from Adairsville. They placed first in the 5K, second in PTT, fourth in CCR and 5th in Gauntlet. This division is one to watch as more and more all-female teams rise to give the powerhouses a run for the title.

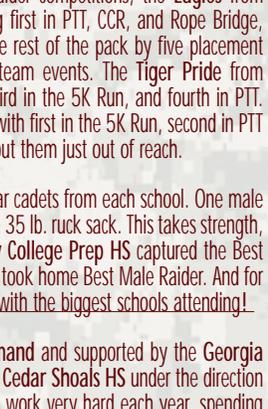
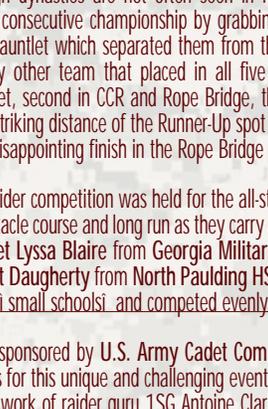
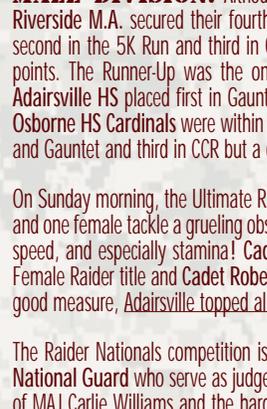
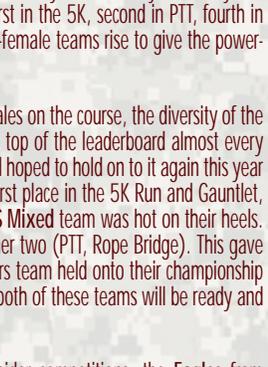
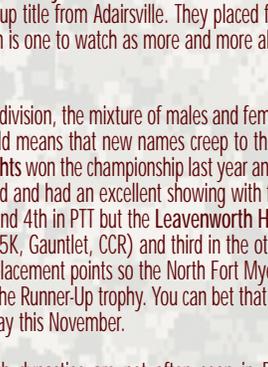
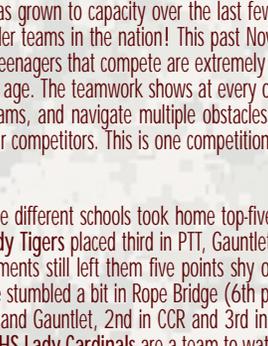
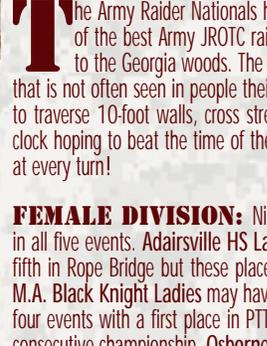
MIXED DIVISION: In this division, the mixture of males and females on the course, the diversity of the teams, and the large competition field means that new names creep to the top of the leaderboard almost every year. North Fort Myers HS Red Knights won the championship last year and hoped to hold on to it again this year but repeats are rare. They fought hard and had an excellent showing with first place in the 5K Run and Gauntlet, second in Rope Bridge, third in CCR and 4th in PTT but the Leavenworth HS Mixed team was hot on their heels. They placed second in three events (5K, Gauntlet, CCR) and third in the other two (PTT, Rope Bridge). This gave the Red Knights a one point lead in placement points so the North Fort Myers team held onto their championship title with Leavenworth taking home the Runner-Up trophy. You can bet that both of these teams will be ready and fighting hard to keep challengers away this November.

MALE DIVISION: Although dynasties are not often seen in Raider competitions, the Eagles from Riverside M.A. secured their fourth consecutive championship by grabbing first in PTT, CCR, and Rope Bridge, second in the 5K Run and third in Gauntlet which separated them from the rest of the pack by five placement points. The Runner-Up was the only other team that placed in all five team events. The Tiger Pride from Adairsville HS placed first in Gauntlet, second in CCR and Rope Bridge, third in the 5K Run, and fourth in PTT. Osborne HS Cardinals were within striking distance of the Runner-Up spot with first in the 5K Run, second in PTT and Gauntlet and third in CCR but a disappointing finish in the Rope Bridge put them just out of reach.

On Sunday morning, the Ultimate Raider competition was held for the all-star cadets from each school. One male and one female tackle a grueling obstacle course and long run as they carry a 35 lb. ruck sack. This takes strength, speed, and especially stamina! Cadet Lyssa Blaire from Georgia Military College Prep HS captured the Best Female Raider title and Cadet Robert Daugherty from North Paulding HS took home Best Male Raider. And for good measure, Adairsville topped all small schools and competed evenly with the biggest schools attending!

The Raider Nationals competition is sponsored by U.S. Army Cadet Command and supported by the Georgia National Guard who serve as judges for this unique and challenging event. Cedar Shoals HS under the direction of MAJ Carlie Williams and the hard work of raider guru 1SG Antoine Clark work very hard each year, spending countless hours making sure the course, the gear and the fun is set to maximum!

The 2018 Raider Nationals has 100+ teams!
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The Second Annual JROTC Fitness Challenge Championships was so much more than one could have hoped. The event more than doubled from the inaugural year and the competition was markedly stronger. 22 schools from 13 states brought 27 teams to compete with some of the best on the World's Most Famous Beach behind the beautiful Plaza Resort & Spa. There were two divisions, Mixed and Male, and each team competed in five events: Physical Team Test, 3-K Beach Run, Standing Broad Jump, Seated Power Throw, and Pull-Ups/Flexed Arm Hang.

MIXED DIVISION

In the Mixed division Lee County HS Fighting Trojans (*pictured right*) from Leesburg, GA was the clear champion as they took first place in PTT, Broad Jump, and Power Throw. They just barely missed placements in the other two events with a sixth in Pull-ups/Flexed Arm Hang and seventh in the 3K run. Brandeis HS Praetorians from San Antonio, TX landed in the Runner-Up position with four trophy placements (1st-PU/Flex Arm, 4th-Power Throw, 5th-PTT, 5th-Broad Jump). With placements spread among 12 teams, the stage is set for any number of teams to fight for the championship in 2019.



MALE DIVISION

The Male Division competition was fierce and trophy placements were spread among eight teams with only one team capturing a top-five placement in all five events. Rossvie HS Beast Masters from Clarksville, TN placed second in Broad Jump, third in Pull-Ups, PTT, and 3K and fifth in the Power Throw but ended up coming up just shy of enough points to claim the championship. William J. Brennan HS Spartan Bears from San Antonio (*pictured right*) dominated all but one event (1st-PTT, 1st-Pull-Ups, 1st-Broad Jump, 2nd-3K) but their eighth place finish in the Power Throw didn't keep them from securing the Overall Championship this year.



Air Force MSgt. Duwayne Brown from MacDill AFB supported the event as a judge and joined the cadets in the Standing Broad Jump event. His distance was impressive!

The competition enjoyed a beautiful day and was attended by several dignitaries including Air Force CMSgt. Todd M. Simmons, Command Chief Master Sergeant for Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL who took time to encourage the cadets and cheer on several teams. The awards ceremony was held in the evening at the Ocean Center Arena just a half-mile from the competition site where COL Michael Stinnett, Director of JROTC from U.S. Army Cadet Command was the guest speaker.

The 2019 Fitness Challenge is already shaping up to be bigger and better than previous competitions. To find out more information including top-to-bottom scoring, visit the event website at:

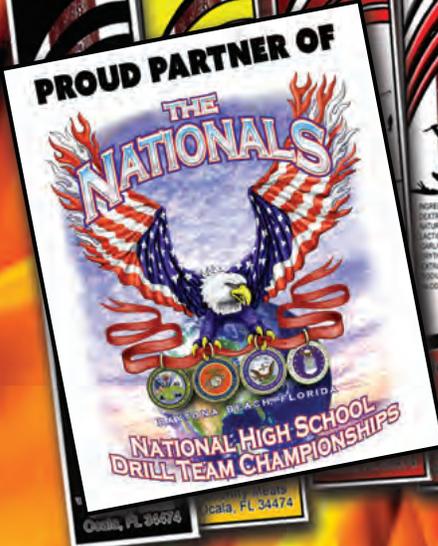
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The "Army Nationals" was busting at the seams with the largest gathering of Army JROTC drill teams ever assembled. 72 schools attended with 94 teams from 24 states across the nation. Some of the absolute best talent gathered at the Kentucky Expo Center in Louisville, Kentucky hoping to take home the hardware. Hosted for the first time in the 150,000 square foot of amazing, first-class surroundings, the impressive venue was the fitting home for the first class teams who went hard all day in the chase for excellence!

ARMED DIVISION

In 2017, the **Maroon Knights** from **Grant HS** in Dry Prong, Louisiana accomplished the near impossible when they placed 1st in all four events. They came back to defend their title with hopes to repeat a clean sweep of the division. Although they came very close by placing 1st in Inspection, Regulation, and Color Guard, they stumbled just a bit in Exhibition where they placed 4th. Still an incredible showing all around. **They were the only team in either division to place in the top-five in all four events**, as a matter of fact, they were the only team to place within the top TEN in all four events. It certainly shows the level of commitment and hard-work that these cadets have devoted to their team.

Although no one would have been able to un-seat the returning champions, **Marmion Academy Flannigan Rifles** from Aurora, Illinois gave it a valiant try. They captured 1st in Exhibition, 2nd in Inspection and 4th in Color Guard landing them solidly in the Runner-Up position by a wide margin.

The remainder of the top-five placements were spread among ten other teams and some notable finishes included: Airport HS Golden Talons (3rd Overall, 3rd-Inspection); Union HS Maroon Squad (2nd-Regulation, 3rd-Color Guard); Springfield HS Emerald Guard (2nd-Exhibition); Fayette Co. HS Fabulous Fayette (2nd-Color Guard); East Carter HS Morgan's Rifles (3rd-Regulation, 4th-Inspection).

UNARMED DIVISION

The **Lady Chargers** from **North Miami Beach Sr. HS** in Miami, Florida came ready to defend their 2017 National Championships title. They placed 1st in Regulation, 2nd in Color Guard and 4th in Inspection. Their stumble in Exhibition opened the door for others to grab the top spot this year.

San Antonio, Texas is starting to wake from their slumber with two teams in the hunt for the Runner-Up spot as **Ronald Reagan HS Diamondbacks** and **Theodore Roosevelt HS Riderettes** fought for standing in each event. Both teams fell hard to the bottom half in one of the four events but gained very strong finishes in the other three events to stay at the top of the leaderboard. The Diamondbacks placed 1st in Color Guard and 3rd in Exhibition and just missed a trophy in Inspection with a 6th place finish but it was enough to push them to Overall Runner-Up over the Riderettes who took 1st in Exhibition and 3rd in both Inspection and Regulation.

Other top finishers were: Smith Cotton HS Gold Tigers (1st-Inspection, 4th-Regulation); Winston Churchill HS Queen's Guard (2nd-Inspection, 4th-Color Guard); Mansfield HS Lady Tigers (2nd-Exhibition); West Creek HS Coyote Pride (2nd-Regulation); Thomas Jefferson HS Spartans (3rd-Color Guard, 5th-Regulation).

Scheduling issues force a permanent move for 2019 and beyond for the Army Nationals to Richmond, Virginia at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. This huge & beautiful facility is in the heart of Richmond and provides schools close proximity to our nation's capital for an amazing educational visit to many historical sites throughout the entire competition weekend. Check out the info on the Army drill website today!



COL Michael Stinnett, USACC JROTC Director and COL Janet Holliday USACC Chief of Staff presented the Overall trophies to the cadets. Picture Left (L-R) Armed 3rd Overall Airport HS, Armed Runner-Up Marmion HS, and Armed Champion Grant HS and Pictured Right (L-R) Unarmed 3rd Overall Theodore Roosevelt HS, Unarmed Runner-Up Ronald Reagan HS, and Unarmed Champion North Miami Beach Sr HS.



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2018 brought forth the consolidation of talent that for the past several years had been spread around the nation in various smaller, regional competitions. A single home was forged for the Air Force JROTC Open Drill Nationals at the strongest site in the shadows of venerable Wright-Patterson AFB and the USAF Museum.

The weather was spectacular though snow began to fall as everyone was departing, much to the delight of the more southern teams in attendance! Volunteer judges from Wright-Patterson AFB and beyond with solid drill backgrounds were impressed by the cadets from across the Nation!

ARMED DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

While there were many exceptional routines on display, the "final four" had enough juice to be competing for the overall title. The **Lebanon HS Golden Strikers** from Lebanon, Ohio displayed overall exceptional talent gaining a top five finish in every team event finishing 4th overall just behind the **Tom C. Clark HS** from San Antonio, Texas.

The **Centurion Guard** finished third overall gaining two 2nd place finishes, a 1st place in color guard, but a tough 5th place exhibition routine allowed the **East Paulding HS Black Hawks** from Dallas, Georgia to sneak into and capture the Division Runner-up title.

Gaining both a 1st place Regulation & Exhibition finish and a 2nd in color guard, it seemed this was their year but a disappointing 6th place inspection finish opened the door just enough for the **Lowell HS Red Raider Guard** to nail the top spot in the Armed Division

Capturing 1st in inspection, 2nd in exhibition and a 3rd in both regulation & color guard, the machine from Lowell, Massachusetts nailed down the Armed AF Open Championship by being the *only team to get a top three finish in every team event!*

Top Commanders were 1st place: **Cadet Rollins-East Paulding**; **Cadet Poirier-Lowell**(2nd); and **Cadet Aroca-Wayne**(3rd). Other notable performances were put forth by: **Cadet Cana, Lockport Township HS** winning the Solo Armed Ex Championship and **Cadets Ekwebelem & Terry, East Paulding HS** winning the Armed Dual Ex Championship.

UNARMED DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

Air Force drill in the Unarmed Division is historically TIGHT! The 2018 AF Open event was no exception as SEVEN schools were "in the hunt" for the overall title during the day. **East Paulding HS** (7th), **West Aurora HS** (6th), **Collins Hill HS** (5th), and **Springboro HS** (4th) were literally jockeying for position in a tight pack all day with solid, trophy performances.

The **Lowell HS Lady Raiders** cleared this logjam and powered to a event 3rd place overall finish paced by a dominating win in regulation and a 4th place finish in inspection. The **Lebanon HS Silver Strikers** really shined grabbing the division Runner-Up slot. Their spectacular finish was paced by solid 1st place inspection, 4th place exhibition and 5th place regulation finishes. But the Unarmed AF Open Championship was not in doubt for long as the **Silver Valor** drill team from **Tom C. Clark HS** dominated the field. These Texans vanquished their competitors with dominating performances that saw them grab THREE 2nd place team trophies and a first place trophy in color guard (along with their JV team who got 2nd place in color guard). It was a dominating performance by this national powerhouse team who always impresses.

Top Commanders were 1st place: **Cadet Gonzalez-Tom C. Clark**; **Cadet Kim-Collins Hill**(2nd); and **Cadet Raby-O'Fallon Twsp.**(3rd). **Cadets Martinez-Munoz & Pace, from Springfield Central HS** won the Dual Unarmed Ex Championship.

AFJROTC NATIONAL DRILL CHAMPIONS

The top two teams from each division from this AF Open event received priority acceptance into the all-service Nationals in Daytona Beach if they chose to attend. They then can compete for the overall Air Force National Championship competing with other nationally ranked schools in and out of Air Force blues.

In 2018, the **Blue Aces** from **Brandeis HS** in San Antonio, Texas repeated as the Air Force Unarmed National Champion. **Tom C. Clark HS Silver Valor** captured the Unarmed Runner-Up title. In the Armed Division, the **John Jay HS Silver Eagles** handily took top honors with the **Black Hawks** from **East Paulding HS** narrowly taking home the Armed Division Air Force National Runner-Up title.

The 2019 Air Force Open Nationals are just that - open to any Air Force JROTC unit interested in attending. It will be held in Dayton, Ohio at the Nutter Center on March 23rd. See the museum, tour the base, and compete, making this MORE than just a drill meet! Have a great time and register today. We hope to see you there!

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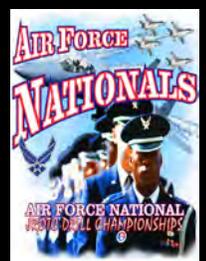
2019 Air Force JROTC Open Drill Nationals

Nutter Center Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Saturday, 23 March 2019

The Air Force JROTC Open Drill Nationals remains the annual home to many of the finest AFJROTC programs. Most commonly referred to as the "Air Force Nationals", the event maintains the widest geographic spread of Air Force JROTC schools of any Air Force only competition. The event continues to provide a valuable experience for all AFJROTC cadets looking to be a part of a one-of-a-kind, Air Force-only JROTC drill competition wrapped in a first-class setting. Those that have competed in this event previously will attest to the awesome nature and standing this competition has within the world of competition drill & ceremony. This event is supported by the U.S. Air Force JROTC HQ and attended by teams across the United States.

The Air Force Nationals are proud to offer Solo & Dual Armed, Dual Unarmed, and both Armed & Unarmed Knockout competitions! Top finishers in both divisions receive priority entry status in the all-service Nationals in Daytona Beach, Florida should they wish to attend.

All entry/event details, rules, score sheets and other event specs are listed on the Air Force Nationals website. Support your AF Nationals by making this event an annual part of your JROTC drill calendar. Your team will have an amazing time to remember forever!



Flanked on both sides, Colonel Paul Lips, Director of AFJROTC was on-hand to serve as the Keynote speaker to present these magnificent trophies at the closing night Awards Ceremony. The winners (listed above) put forth supreme effort during a long day



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You Can't Learn Much Being the Big Fish in the Small Pond!

More and more JROTC programs seem to seek the easier way rather than the best way. But in doing that, what life lessons are the schools teaching their cadets? Below, the motivated words from North Salem H.S. leadership on why they attend a competition like the Nationals and to what end?



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LTC Dwight E. Morse, Senior Army Instructor, North Salem High School JROTC: "We started coming to The Nationals in 2006, competing only in Open Level Color Guard through 2012. By 2013, we thought we were good enough to CHALLENGE ourselves in the Challenge Level unarmed event. We spent five years there. Challenge Level was perfect for us. We had an opportunity to learn and grow and get better. When the Lady Vikings "graduated" to the Masters Level in 2017, they achieved a three year goal. Now the Vanir Platoon (Armed Drill) is trying to do the same thing.

The Pacific Northwest is far from the center of the drill universe. At a certain point--2006 with our color guards, 2013 with our drill teams, 2018 with our fitness team—we realized that our Cadets needed something more than being successful against local and regional competition. They needed to be able to challenge themselves by competing against the best teams in the country, and that means an annual trip to Daytona Beach, and once we started, it had to be every year. One and done, or every few years, doesn't do what we need to do: set a challenge that gets harder every year for each class of Cadets to prepare them for the competition they'll face in life.

When we started, we thought we were pretty good. But the initial results disabused us of that notion. We could have walked away and concluded it's too hard, it's not for us. Instead, it motivated the Cadets to do the work needed to get better each year. And it's hasn't been easy. We can only practice from 6:00-7:00 AM and we only have five local drill meets per year—each one an average of 200 miles away. Rules and procedures out here are radically different than elsewhere and we are engaged in year-round fundraising to come up with the \$35,000+ it takes to fly to Daytona and ground ship our equipment. When we return, we start the process all over again.

Why do we do it? What motivates me is the chance to give my Cadets an opportunity they may never have again, to travel far from home and to compete against the best."

Cadet Sergeant Major Edith Aguilar, 2018-19 Lady Vikings Commander: "The reason we make such a big effort to travel across the country every year is to better ourselves through the immense competition we don't normally see at our local drill meets. Being one of the only schools that travels from the west coast means that we haven't been well known in the drill community. We hope that our performances will show others that we too have what it takes to become national champions. Our goal above all others is to be recognized in the drill community as an excellent team that has earned the right to be competing against the top teams in the country, year after year."

Cadet First Sergeant Fatima Palomares, 2018-19 Lady Vikings XO: "One of the challenges our team faces is fundraising. This is quite a struggle for us because every year we have to find new ways to raise more money for our teams. Our ambitions grow, and the costs increase. We find that we are working almost year-round to pay for our travel. The reason we travel is to gain experience. We want to learn from the great teams and learn how we can make each other better so that we can also be a top team. A huge benefit we get from this travel is that we are able to make adjustments from experience and observation."

Cadet Command Sergeant Major Nancy Hernandez, Lady Vikings Color Guard Commander: "Overall, the biggest challenge is fundraising, getting all the money needed to travel is very challenging. It's expensive to fly 40 cadets from the west coast. But we plan, organize, and carry out our fundraising operations, and the teams do the work all year to make it happen. We would love to have more west coast teams do what we do—all it takes is a good plan, motivation, and hard work! The reason we make such an audacious trip is because we are proud of who we are, where we come from, and what we do—and we want to show others what we do and what we're made of. The benefits that come from this effort are first, PRIDE in ourselves and our unit. Second, knowing that we represented the State of Oregon well. Third, climbing another step on our journey to excellence."

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With 26 schools from 14 states from California, to New York to Florida, NJROTC's finest dropped anchor at the legendary NAS Pensacola to fight for the elusive title of Navy National Champion.

Every April for over 25 years, the best of the best from every Area in Navy JROTC travel from all points in the USA to compete with the best in the arduous Navy JROTC Academic, Athletic, & Drill Championship. The competition is always fierce and well attended by parents and other well wishers. These tenacious, hard working young men and women converge annually on the home of the Blue Angels, NAS Pensacola, Florida to compete for the highly coveted title of "Navy National Champion."

The competition is completely comprehensive and a totally unique experience in the world of high school athletics featuring 11 varied events.

This lengthy two-day event kicks off beginning at 0700 on day one where everyone begins the meticulous Unit Personnel Inspection (UPI). There, rock-hard Navy Recruit Division Commanders scour each cadet looking for any & every weakness in an event that accounts for 1,500 total points toward the overall championship.

This year 5th thru 2nd place in UPI was separated by just 46 total points. But Paloma Valley HS from Paloma Valley, California DESTROYED the field with one of the largest winning margins in UPI history. From UPI, all teams funnel to Color Guard competition, the only "drill" event held on day one.

Teams then drop their military uniforms and put on PT gear and bask in the Florida sunshine in four athletic events: Push-Ups, Curl-Ups, 8x220 Oval Relay, and 16x100 Shuttle Relay. Strength, speed, and stamina are all severely tested. When the stopwatch stopped smoking, Green Run HS from Virginia Beach, Virginia reigned supreme by LESS THAN A SINGLE POINT! They won with consistency, earning a top five finish in every one of the four team athletic events (the ONLY school to do this). Shawnee Mission North again DOMINATED team push-ups and curl-ups but came up just short in the running events to take overall athletics.

In order to dominate in the Athletic competition, teams must be able to do it all and do it well. After the morning of intensity in UPI, color guard and athletics, 15 cadets from each team regroup, grab some chow, and head to a classroom for academics.

The exam is a ridiculously difficult 100 question exam that challenges their Navy knowledge through both their classroom textbooks, the Cadet Field Manual, and current events. It is a legendarily hard test to study for as evidenced by only ONE cadet out of 390 scored an 80% (Cadet Rowan - Gaither HS after an 82% the previous year) With four cadets placing in the top 10, Gaither HS from Tampa, Florida thought they had enough to repeat as the academic champion but Green Run HS rang the bell with 15 solid scores led by Cadet Navarrete's 2nd place individual score of 77.

On Saturday morning day two, the fight for the title in Overall Drill begins. Teams perform in Armed Basic, Unarmed Basic, Armed Exhibition & Unarmed Exhibition and the scores from the Friday Color Guard event are added as well. With four top-five placements, Paloma Valley HS powered to a Drill Overall Championship. Centennial HS just nudged Green Run HS to capture 2nd drill overall.

At the end of the day, the National Championship trophy remains the Holy Grail and in order to take it home, a team has to be strong in all areas. The Naval Aviation Museum atrium was electric as dignitaries gave out individual and team awards.

Captain Donald Nisbett, Jr., Naval Service Training Command Deputy Commander, ROTC Operation after an insightful Keynote speech, was poised ready to award the Navy Nationals overall trophies. Capturing fifth place overall was Troy HS Black team (note, first school to ever qualify TWO teams into the championships). Fourth place was Gaither HS, third went to Centennial HS and Overall Runner Up went to the new hard-chargers from Paloma Valley HS. The tension kept mounting as everyone wondered who had the points. But in looking at the top finishers it became clear as the atrium exploded with applause as Green Run HS was announced as the Navy Nationals Grand Champion for the second year in a row.

The highest thanks go out to the Command at NSTC, the selfless judges from the Navy Recruit Division Commanders (RDCs) and Marine Corps drill instructors from Officer Training Command (OTC), Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island who annually support the event. What a weekend!



2018 HIGHLIGHTS

UNIT PERSONNEL INSPECTION

- 1st - Paloma Valley
- 2nd - Centennial
- 3rd - Gaither
- 4th - Shawnee Mission N.
- 5th - Pace

ACADEMICS

- 1st - Green Run
- 2nd - Gaither
- 3rd - Troy (Black)
- 4th - Boca Raton
- 5th - North Cobb

DRILL

- 1st - Paloma Valley
- 2nd - Centennial
- 3rd - Green Run

ATHLETICS

- 1st - Green Run
- 2nd - Shawnee Mission N.
- 3rd - Richard C. Spoto

OVERALL

- Champion: Green Run
- Runner-Up: Paloma Valley
- 3rd Place: Centennial
- 4th Place: Gaither
- 5th Place: Troy (Black)



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Those Navy schools that have fantastic athletic teams should strongly consider attending the 2019 JROTC National Fitness Challenge Championships. With five events featuring the crowd favorite Beach Obstacle Course and held on the shores of the World's Most Famous Beach, you will love the competition and the memories. <http://fitness.thenationals.net>

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- ★ Beachfront location of hotels and venue, nearby theme parks, Kennedy Space Center and college tours make a trip to the Nationals awesome on and off the drill floor

EVENT REGISTRATION - register by 7 December for automatic acceptance

- ★ Masters Level registration-\$300 per school / Challenge Level registration-\$200 per school
- ★ Open Level Color Guard & Stand Alone Solo/Dual registration - \$50 per team
- ★ All fees paid are fully refundable prior to 7 December
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- ★ Contact SNI for registration fee details if you are entering both Masters & Challenge teams
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PACKAGE PLAN - what will your cadets & instructors receive

- ★ All participants are required to attend through the Package Plan to cover all event costs
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- ★ COLOR GUARD (2 rifles + 2 flags only)
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Also featured on Saturday is the OPEN LEVEL COLOR GUARD

MASTERS LEVEL EVENTS - Demilitarized, Unarmed & Mixed Divisions

Saturday & Sunday, May 4th & 5th, 2019

- ★ UNIT INSPECTION (12 cadets + Commander)
- ★ PLATOON/FLIGHT REGULATION (12 cadets + Commander)
- ★ COLOR GUARD (2 rifles + 2 flags only)
- ★ SQUAD/ELEMENT EXHIBITION (8 cadets + Commander) (Masters only)
- ★ PLATOON/FLIGHT EXHIBITION (13 cadets & over) (Masters only)

Also featured on Sunday & Monday:

- ★ SOLO EXHIBITION (Demilitarized & Mixed Divisions)
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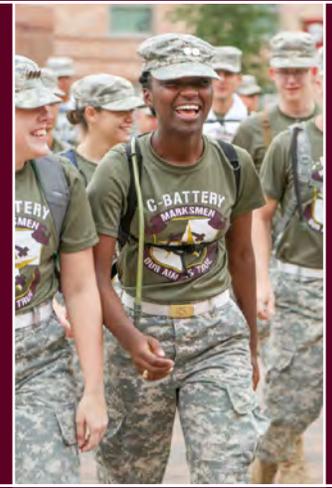
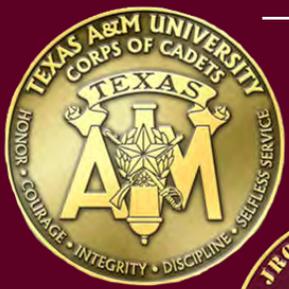


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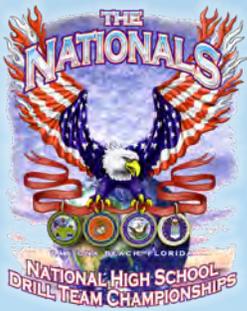
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ARMED DIVISION

With 32 teams competing within the Armed Division, the competition was very full. There was only one team capturing a top four placement in all four team events. This well-rounded strength placed **William J. Brennan HS** Phoenix drill team at the top of the division. This Air Force unit from San Antonio, Texas cruised to the top capturing 1st in Exhibition, 2nd in both Color Guard and Inspection and 4th in Regulation giving them the championship title.

The Runner Up title went to the Air Force JROTC unit, **John Paul Stevens HS**. The Midnight Falcons also from San Antonio were paced by a 1st place finish in Inspection, and a 2nd in Exhibition.

The Red Knights from **Reading HS** in Reading, Pennsylvania nabbed the 3rd place overall title led by a 1st in Regulation and 4th in Inspection and Cadet Ramos impressed to win the Most Outstanding Commander!

Other notable finishes included: **Lebanon HS**, Ohio AFJROTC (1st Color Guard, 3rd Inspection); **Gen. Benjamin O. Davis HS**, Texas AFJROTC (2nd Regulation, 4th Exhibition); **West Broward HS**, Florida AJROTC (3rd Color Guard, 5th Inspection); **West Aurora HS**, Illinois AFJROTC (3rd Exhibition); **Lubbock HS**, TX NJROTC (3rd Regulation).

UNARMED DIVISION

The Unarmed Division contained 33 teams but the Devil Dogs stormed to the front with the MCJROTC Lady Red Knights from **Reading HS** (Reading, Pennsylvania) gaining the division championship in dominant fashion. They took a ride gaining a first-second-third in Inspection, Regulation and Exhibition in securing their division championship.

Continuing the Marine Corps onslaught the Scarlet Thunder from **Gloucester HS** into a division Runner-up title. The Gloucester, Mass. fighters grabbed a 2nd place in Inspection and a 5th Color Guard to pace their solid finish.

Long the Color Guard rock stars, **Alamo Heights HS** from San Antonio, Texas gained a 3rd place overall

finish. The Golden Mules won Color Guard and a 5th place in Inspection to impress the field.

Other notable finishes included: **Hazel Green HS**, Alabama NJROTC (1st Regulation); **West Aurora HS**, Illinois AFJROTC (1st Exhibition); **Thomas Jefferson HS**, Colorado AJROTC (2nd Color Guard & Exhibition).

As the three top finishers migrate to the Masters Level in 2019, we wish to congratulate all of these programs as they "March to the Masters" and improve their skills annually!



The Challenge Level Champions flanked our Keynote Speaker CMSgt. Todd M. Simmons, Command Chief Master Sergeant for Air University at Maxwell AFB (center). From left to right, Unarmed Division Alamo Heights HS, Gloucester HS, and Reading HS, then William J. Brennan HS, John Paul Stevens HS and Reading HS.

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

- Justin Gates, SNI Competition Director

Open Level Color Guard Competition boasts true multi-service talent at the top

The **Open Level Color Guard** competition is open to any unit regardless of talent level and this year attracted 43 teams from around the world including some of the best. **CMSgt. Todd M. Simmons, Command Chief Master Sergeant for Air University at Maxwell AFB** in Alabama was on hand to present the trophies. (pictured right to left) Two Army JROTC units took home top honors, the Chargers from **North Miami Beach Sr. HS** from Miami, Florida took first place with the Lady Chargers from **Tulsa Memorial HS** (Tulsa, Oklahoma) just a few points behind in second place. Coming in third were the MCJROTC Middle Georgia Leathernecks from **Rutland HS** in Macon, Georgia followed by two AFJROTC units in fourth, **John Jay HS** Blue Knights from San Antonio Texas, and fifth were the Patriots from **North Pole HS** from North Pole, Alaska. Although the cadets from Alaska travelled a great distance to compete, they came less than half the distance of the KTown Raiders who flew in from Kaiserslautern HS in Germany. This event is known the world around.





2018 National High School Drill Team Championships

Challenge Level Attendees & Event Standings



Armed Division

Inspection

John Paul Stevens HS	Midnight Falcons	833
William J. Brennan HS	The Phoenix	789
Lebanon HS	Golden Strikers	785
Reading HS	Red Knights	770
West Broward HS	Armed Bobcats	708

Regulation

Reading HS	Red Knights	1269
Gen. Benjamin O. Davis HS	Red Tails	1250
Lubbock HS	Alpha Strike	1237
William J. Brennan HS	The Phoenix	1233
Union City HS	Soaring Eagles	1197

Color Guard

Lebanon HS	Golden Strikers	1026
William J. Brennan HS	The Phoenix	1009
West Broward HS	Armed Bobcats	1008
St. Johns NWMA	Silver Rifles	1006
Southwood HS	Cowboys	991

Team Exhibition

William J. Brennan HS	The Phoenix	875
John Paul Stevens HS	Midnight Falcons	850
West Aurora HS	Blackhawks	837
Gen. Benjamin O. Davis HS	Red Tails	819
LaSalle Institute	O'Donovan Rifles	810

Overall Armed Champion

William J. Brennan HS - *The Phoenix*

Overall Armed Runner-up

John Paul Stevens HS - *Midnight Falcons*

Overall Armed Third Place

Reading HS - *Red Knights*

ALAMO HEIGHTS High School
ARMY JROTC
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

BEAUFORT High School
AIR FORCE JROTC
BEAUFORT, S. CAROLINA

BLOOMINGDALE High School
AIR FORCE JROTC
VALRICO, FLORIDA

BLYTHEWOOD High School
ARMY JROTC
BLYTHEWOOD, S. CAROLINA

COLTS NECK High School
NAVY JROTC
COLTS NECK, NEW JERSEY

DES MOINES CENTRAL CAMPUS High School
ARMY JROTC
DES MOINES, IOWA

GENERAL BENJAMIN O. DAVIS High School
AIR FORCE JROTC
HOUSTON, TEXAS

GLOUCESTER High School
MARINE CORPS JROTC
GLOUCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

HAZEL GREEN High School
NAVY JROTC
HAZEL GREEN, ALABAMA

HOPWELL High School
ARMY JROTC
HUNTERSVILLE, N. CAROLINA

J. FRANK DOBIE High School
AIR FORCE JROTC
HOUSTON, TEXAS

JOHN PAUL STEVENS High School
AIR FORCE JROTC
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Unarmed Division

Inspection

Reading HS	Lady Red Knights	832
Gloucester HS	Scarlett Thunder	763
Des Moines Central Campus HS	Redbulls	698
Blythewood HS	Unarmed Bengals	656
Alamo Heights HS	Golden Mules	624

Regulation

Hazel Green HS	Trojan Guard	1160
Reading HS	Lady Red Knights	1146
Gen. Benjamin O. Davis HS	Falcons	1145
Waller HS	Phantoms	1145
William G. Enloe HS	Blue Diamonds	1137

Color Guard

Alamo Heights HS	Golden Mules	934
Thomas Jefferson HS	Spartans	923
Montgomery Central HS	Chiefs Guard	895
Southwood HS	Lady Cowboys	894
Gloucester HS	Scarlett Thunder	884

Team Exhibition

West Aurora HS	Lady Blackhawks	913
Thomas Jefferson HS	Spartans	878
Reading HS	Lady Red Knights	871
Waller HS	Phantoms	865
Gen. Benjamin O. Davis HS	Falcons	863

Overall Unarmed Champion

Reading HS - *Lady Red Knights*

Overall Unarmed Runner-up

Gloucester HS - *Scarlett Thunder*

Overall Unarmed Third Place

Alamo Heights HS - *Golden Mules*

KATHLEEN SENIOR High School
AIR FORCE JROTC
LAKELAND, FLORIDA

Lubbock High School
NAVY JROTC
LUBBOCK, TEXAS

PASSAIC High School
NAVY JROTC
PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY

ST. JOHN'S NW MILITARY ACADEMY
ARMY JROTC
DELAFIELD, WISCONSIN

Waller High School
AIR FORCE JROTC
WALLER, TEXAS

WILLIAM G. ENLOE High School
ARMY JROTC
RALEIGH, N. CAROLINA

KENWOOD High School
ARMY JROTC
CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE

McREYNOLDS Middle School
LCDC DRILL
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Reading High School
MARINE CORPS JROTC
READING, PENNSYLVANIA

THOMAS JEFFERSON High School
ARMY JROTC
DENVER, COLORADO

WEST AURORA High School
AIR FORCE JROTC
AURORA, ILLINOIS

WILLIAM J. BRENNAN High School
AIR FORCE JROTC
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

LaSALLE INSTITUTE
ARMY JROTC
TROY, NEW YORK

MONTGOMERY CENTRAL High School
ARMY JROTC
CUNNINGHAM, TENNESSEE

RINGGOLD High School
ARMY JROTC
RINGGOLD, GEORGIA

THOMAS JEFFERSON High School
ARMY JROTC
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

WEST BROWARD High School
ARMY JROTC
PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA

LEBANON High School
AIR FORCE JROTC
LEBANON, OHIO

Murphy High School
ARMY JROTC
MOBILE, ALABAMA

ROSSVIEW High School
ARMY JROTC
CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE

TIMBER CREEK High School
AIR FORCE JROTC
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

WESTWOOD High School
AIR FORCE JROTC
MESA, ARIZONA

LOUDOUN COUNTY High School
NAVY JROTC
LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

NORTH VALLEY MILITARY INSTITUTE
NON-AFFILIATED
SUN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

SOUTHWOOD High School
ARMY JROTC
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

UNION CITY High School
MARINE CORPS JROTC
UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

WILLIAM F. HALSEY BATTALION SEA CADETS
NON-AFFILIATED
DECATUR, TEXAS



HIGHEST RANKING ENLISTED VISITS THE NATIONALS

CSM John Wayne Troxell, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff



The power and might of the United States Military is a force known throughout the world. We have an arsenal on land, sea and air that is unmatched. But our true strength

does not come from fire power. It comes from the men and women who control it. And within those ranks are the over 1.4 million enlisted personnel who are the foundation of our greatness. It is only fitting that the Senior Enlisted member of our Armed Forces is a man whose character is unimpeachable, candor is legendary, who leads by the best and hardest working example, and who was named after one of the most iconic Americans of the 20th century.

The **2018 National High School Drill Team Championships** was honored, in an unprecedented stroke of good fortune, to have as its keynote speaker Command Sergeant Major John Wayne Troxell, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Just a brief glance at his social media presence reveals a work ethic that takes him



around the world, posting pictures and sharing experiences often with the #bestjobieverhad hashtag. And at 54, CSM Troxell has a passion for PT that has troops half his age motivated to try and keep up with the pace he sets.

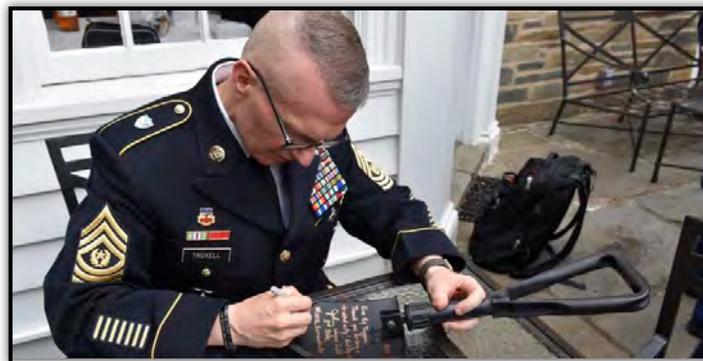
As a warrior with his finger on the pulse of current events, he delivers a message that is patriotic first and foremost, but also with a crystal clear vision of how to protect this country. In January of 2018 Troxell's words of warning for our enemies was clear.

"ISIS needs to understand that the Joint Force is on orders to annihilate them," Troxell wrote on Facebook.

"So, they have two options should they decide to come up against the United States, our allies and partners: surrender or die!" Troxell added that the U.S.-led military coalition will provide militants who surrender with



safety in a detainee cell, food, a cot and legal due process. "HOWEVER, if they choose not to surrender, then we will kill them with extreme prejudice, whether that be through security force assistance, by dropping bombs on them, shooting them in the face, or beating them to death with our entrenching tools," Troxell wrote. "Regardless, they cannot win, so they need to choose how it's going to be."



This statement gave a powerful morale boost to the troops and caused the entrenching tool to become the most popular item sent to CSM Troxell for an autograph. As of a Facebook post on September 10th, he had signed his 387th E-tool!

Upon arrival at the Nationals, CSM Troxell joined the all-service judging corps for the pre-awards dinner followed by group photos. After the formal shot was taken it was CSM Troxell's idea to change the spirit of the photo to something more 'Mega Hooah'. The judges enjoyed the opportunity to interact and share a moment of military camaraderie with this

man so dedicated to representing all enlisted personnel.

While the Nationals stage is no stranger to dignitaries, and impressive speakers, CSM Troxell's speech was truly one-of-a-kind. He greeted the cadre in the audience and all the cadets in their charge, and thanked the active-duty judges sharing the stage at his side. *"I wear an Army uniform and I'm proud to be a soldier, but I work for two Marines and I bring their best wishes tonight. One is Marine General Joe Dunford, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, my immediate boss, and then my other boss... the Secretary of Defense, the honorable Jim Mattis,"* which brought a hearty round of applause.



leaders of innovation and ingenuity, leaders that can take our great nation into the next century and continue to be the greatest nation in the world."

In the history of the Masters Level Awards Gala there have been moments that have been forever etched in our memory. In

2004, MG Thrasher surprised Justin Gates and Samantha SteClaire with the Commander's Award for Public Service (not often you can surprise the event managers). In 2009, RADM Perez during his speech, invited a female cadet from Flour Bluff HS onto the stage and asked her to visualize her future... and then put his Admiral's cover on her head to the amazement of the crowd before him. In 2011, two days after the confirmation that Osama bin Laden had been killed, the audience roared to its feet as we played Toby Keith's stirring kick-ass anthem, "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue." In 2017, the King's Guard gave their final performance outside of Hawaii and publicly announced their retirement. And in 2018, when our gathering of the finest Junior ROTC drill programs in the world held the attention of the most senior enlisted member of the armed forces, CSM John Wayne Troxell.



"There's 196 countries in the world, the United States military has troops in 177 of those countries, or in the seas around those countries or in the air overhead of those countries.

No other nation in the world makes that kind of commitment to global peace and security than the United States of America. We are the most sought after ally and partner around the world," said CSM Troxell with a depth of conviction in his voice that resonated with the thousands before him. Never before had someone serving at his level of seniority within the Pentagon ever spoken to the Nationals attendees and the impact was profound.

CSM Troxell remarked on his experience as an ROTC instructor in North Carolina supervising 26 JROTC programs. *"I never really gained the appreciation of what Junior ROTC does to build better citizens than when I went out and saw the level of training, the level of focus, the level of discipline and the level of commitment of the greatest treasure we have, the young men and women that are represented in this audience tonight. Junior ROTC is a program that will make America's great leaders ... and not necessarily military leaders, but leaders of industry,*





MASTERS CHAMPION RECAP

Everyone has the fire, but these Masters Level Champions know how & when to ignite the spark!



With two new champions and a dynasty reborn, all three from different service branches, the 2018 Masters Level brought excitement & drama in all three competition divisions. What an amazing weekend of drill & ceremony excellence!

Demilitarized Division Champion



Grant HS - Maroon Knights

The Masters Level Demilitarized Division is always a free-for-all where everything is under the biggest microscope. But in 2018, the movie Hoosiers replayed itself in real time as **Grant HS**, the tiny Army JROTC program from Dry Prong, Louisiana went toe-to-toe with the biggest schools in the country and carved out the National Championship finish. Winning 1st place in Inspection and Regulation and being the only school to trophy in all five events sealed their long-sought, but hard-fought victory. It was a magical year for the Maroon Knights as they captured the Army Championship just a month prior!

impressive 2nd place finishes in Color Guard & Regulation, but a bold move "off script" during Inspection yielded an uncharacteristic 9th place finish, opening the door for a new champion but still able to vanquish 3rd overall finisher **Francis Lewis HS**. All expect to be back with a vengeance vying in 2019!

For 15 consecutive years, **Fern Creek HS** from Fern Creek, Kentucky was unapproachable in the Mixed Division of the NNSDTC as dominating champions. They stumbled ONLY in 2015 facing unprecedented obstacles BUT roared back in 2016, 2017 and again this year restarting the largest unparalleled dynasty in Nationals history with a repeat division National Championships. The Lady Leathernecks fought back strong competition winning only Inspection and Color Guard, but finishing an amazing 2nd place in every other team event to show the balance it takes to dominate within this division year after year.

Army and Air Force JROTC fought hard for 2nd place with **Airport HS** having plenty of jet fuel to power to a National Runner-Up title. The Army JROTC Golden Talons drill team from West Columbia, South Carolina won Squad Ex, finished 2nd in Inspection and 3rd in Regulation easily defeating the always tough **John Jay HS** Marching Mustangs who were able to nail down a 1st place in both Platoon Ex and Regulation, but stumbled a bit within Inspection and Squad Ex which costs them a chance at the runner-up award. Seeing how competitive the teams were, this division remains a GREAT FIT for armed drill teams that maintain either a good number of females OR drill with lightweight replica weapons.

Mixed Division Champion



Fern Creek HS Lady Leathernecks

Unarmed Division Champion



Brandeis HS Blue Aces

Historically, the Unarmed Division has had the tightest scores and 2018 put the exclamation mark on that thought. Three schools rose to the very top with **Brandeis HS** Blue Aces from San Antonio, Texas narrowly nabbing the National Championships crown for the 2nd consecutive year. The Blue Aces didn't win a single event but finished in the top four in EVERY event, again showing that consistency wins championships.

Francis Lewis HS Patriot Pride drill team from Fresh Meadows, New York clawed to a narrow 2-point victory (out of 6,000 points) gaining a first place in Inspection, Color Guard and Flight Ex events. Only a ridiculously uncharacteristic 16th place in Regulation Drill kept them out of the top spot. Just missing in 3rd place overall was **Tom C. Clark HS** from San Antonio,

Texas. Silver Valor was just that gaining a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th place finish in the events, leaving them just shy of the two positions above.

Hats off to all teams who by their very entry are among the greatest competition drill teams in the nation! **See you on the shores of Daytona in 2019!**





NATIONAL High School DRILL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS



Masters Level Event Standings

Demilitarized Arms

Inspection

Grant HS	Maroon Knights	919
Tom C. Clark HS	Centurion Guard	891
Marmion Academy	Flannigan Rifles	832
Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Guard	825
Ridge Community HS	Striking Bolts	818

Regulation

Grant HS	Maroon Knights	1473
John Jay HS	Silver Eagles	1471
Fern Creek HS	Leathernecks	1360
Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Guard	1351
Brandeis HS	Nighthawks	1343

Color Guard

Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Guard	1099
John Jay HS	Silver Eagles	1089
Fern Creek HS	Leathernecks	1067
East Paulding HS	Black Hawks	1061
Grant HS	Maroon Knights	1042

Squad Exhibition

John Jay HS	Silver Eagles	1046
Grant HS	Maroon Knights	971
East Paulding HS	Black Hawks	959
Brandeis HS	Nighthawks	937
Marmion Academy	Flannigan Rifles	909

Platoon Exhibition

Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Guard	1039
Fern Creek HS	Leathernecks	948
John Jay HS	Silver Eagles	923
Grant HS	Maroon Knights	901
Tom C. Clark HS	Centurion Guard	891

Unarmed

Inspection

Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Pride	944
Brandeis HS	Blue Aces	930
Lynn English HS	Lady Bulldogs	905
Waukegan HS	Bulldogs	884
Flour Bluff HS	SeaHawks	883

Regulation

Tom C. Clark HS	Silver Valor	1361
Brandeis HS	Blue Aces	1339
John Jay HS	Snap II	1329
Lynn English HS	Lady Bulldogs	1322
Flour Bluff HS	SeaHawks	1312

Color Guard

Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Pride	1055
John Jay HS	Snap II	1053
Tom C. Clark HS	Silver Valor	1052
Brandeis HS	Blue Aces	1028
Flour Bluff HS	SeaHawks	1024

Element Exhibition

John Jay HS	Snap II	1093
Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Pride	1089
Brandeis HS	Blue Aces	1074
Tom C. Clark HS	Silver Valor	1060
N. Miami Beach Sr. HS	Lady Chargers	1046

Flight Exhibition

Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Pride	1032
Tom C. Clark HS	Silver Valor	1005
Brandeis HS	Blue Aces	998
Waukegan HS	Bulldogs	971
Lynn English HS	Lady Bulldogs	951

Mixed Arms

Inspection

Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	927
Airport HS	Golden Talons	884
Smith Cotton HS	Black Tigers	848
Ebbert L. Furr HS	Raider Drill Team	817
East Carter HS	Morgan's Rifles	712

Regulation

John Jay HS	Marching Mustangs	1292
Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	1242
Airport HS	Golden Talons	1225
East Carter HS	Morgan's Rifles	1195
Mariner Senior HS	Tritons	1163

Color Guard

Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	1088
East Carter HS	Morgan's Rifles	1087
John Jay HS	Marching Mustangs	1045
Pulaski County HS	Maroon Guard	1000
Paul R. Brown Ldrshp Acdy	John L. Foye Rifles	990

Squad Exhibition

Airport HS	Golden Talons	909
Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	877
Paul R. Brown Ldrshp Acdy	John L. Foye Rifles	825
Mariner Senior HS	Tritons	817
Ebbert L. Furr HS	Raider Drill Team	756

Platoon Exhibition

John Jay HS	Marching Mustangs	1027
Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	974
Mariner Senior HS	Tritons	923
Smith Cotton HS	Black Tigers	910
Floyd Central HS	Highlanders	852

Demilitarized Arms Champions

Champion: Grant HS - **Maroon Knights**
Runner-up: John Jay HS - **Silver Eagles**

Solo Exhibition

1 st	Cadet Rainwater - Independent Kentucky
2 nd	Cadet Fuentes - Independent Florida
3 rd	Cadet Wood - Seneca HS
4 th	Cadet DeMoss - Marmion Academy
5 th	Cadet Jarrett - Scott County HS

Dual Exhibition

1 st	Arceo & Rodriguez - Waukegan HS
2 nd	DeMoss & Henkel - Marmion Academy
3 rd	Dapilmoto & Luna - Brandeis HS
4 th	Balona & Heano - Waukegan HS
5 th	Jensen & Smith - East Paulding HS

2018 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Unarmed Champions

Champion: Brandeis HS - **Blue Aces**
Runner-up: Francis Lewis - **Patriot Pride**

Dual Exhibition

1 st	Kain & Samuels - North Miami Beach Sr. HS
2 nd	Farris & Waters - Airport HS
3 rd	Donoso & Feliciano Perez - Lynn English HS
4 th	Chinchilla & Deleon - Lynn English HS
5 th	Cedillo & Gonzalez - Tom C. Clark HS

Mixed Arms Champions

Champion: Fern Creek HS - **Lady Leathernecks**
Runner-up: Airport HS - **Golden Talons**

Solo Exhibition

1 st	Cadet Jones - Dixie M. Hollins HS
2 nd	Cadet Clay - Ringgold HS
3 rd	Cadet Biasotti - Dixie M. Hollins HS
4 th	Cadet Howard - Ringgold HS
5 th	Cadet King - Pulaski County HS

Dual Exhibition

1 st	Epperson & Nicholas - Floyd Central HS
2 nd	Domalik & Poniente - Waukegan HS
3 rd	Stinnett & Williams - Mariner Senior HS
4 th	Jacques & Waters - Airport HS
5 th	Anderson & Gadsden - Airport HS

★ 2018 MASTERS LEVEL PARTICIPANTS ★

Airport HS Army JROTC West Columbia, S. Carolina	East Paulding HS Air Force JROTC Dallas, Georgia	John Bowne HS Air Force JROTC Flushing, New York	North Penn HS Air Force JROTC Lansdale, Pennsylvania	Ringgold HS Army JROTC Ringgold, Georgia	Tom C. Clark HS Air Force JROTC San Antonio, Texas
Bandys HS Army JROTC Catawba, N. Carolina	Ebbert L. Furr HS Army JROTC Houston, Texas	John Jay HS Air Force JROTC San Antonio, Texas	North Salem HS Army JROTC Salem, Oregon	Riverside HS Army JROTC Belle, West Virginia	Utah Military Academy Air Force JROTC Riverdale, Utah
Battle Ground HS Air Force JROTC Battle Ground, Washington	Fern Creek HS Marine Corps JROTC Louisville, Kentucky	Lebanon HS Air Force JROTC Lebanon, Ohio	O'Connor HS Air Force JROTC Helotes, Texas	Ronald Reagan HS Army JROTC San Antonio, Texas	Waukegan HS Army JROTC Waukegan, Illinois
Brandeis HS Air Force JROTC San Antonio, Texas	Flour Bluff HS Navy JROTC Corpus Christi, Texas	Lockport Township HS Air Force JROTC Lockport, Illinois	Old Bridge HS Air Force JROTC Matawan, New Jersey	Scott County HS Air Force JROTC Georgetown, Kentucky	Wayne HS Air Force JROTC Huber Heights, Ohio
Central Hardin HS Army JROTC Cecilia, Kentucky	Floyd Central HS Navy JROTC Floyd Knobs, Indiana	Lynn English HS Marine Corps JROTC Lynn, Massachusetts	Palmetto HS Army JROTC Palmetto, Florida	Seneca HS Marine Corps JROTC Louisville, Kentucky	West Valley HS Army JROTC Yakima, Washington
Coral Gables Sr. HS Army JROTC Coral Gables, Florida	Francis Lewis HS Army JROTC Fresh Meadows, New York	Magnolia HS Non-Affiliated Magnolia, Texas	Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy Non-Affiliated Elizabethtown, N. Carolina	Smith Cotton HS Army JROTC Sedalia, Missouri	Westwood HS Air Force JROTC Mesa, Arizona
Dixie M. Hollins HS Army JROTC St. Petersburg, Florida	Grant HS Army JROTC Dry Prong, Louisiana	Mariner Senior HS Army JROTC Cape Coral, Florida	Spanish Springs HS Army JROTC Sparks, Nevada	William G. Enloe HS Army JROTC Raleigh, North Carolina	
East Aurora HS Navy JROTC Aurora, Illinois	Independent Soloists Miami, Florida St. Petersburg, Florida Shepherdsville, Kentucky Louisville, Kentucky	Marmion Academy Army JROTC Aurora, Illinois	Pueblo West HS Army JROTC Pueblo West, Colorado	Sumter HS Air Force JROTC Sumter, South Carolina	Winston Churchill HS Army JROTC San Antonio, Texas
East Carter HS Army JROTC Grayson, Kentucky	North Miami Beach Sr. HS Army JROTC N. Miami Beach, Florida	Mattoon HS Army JROTC Mattoon, Illinois	Pulaski County HS Army JROTC Somerset, Kentucky	Theodore Roosevelt HS Army JROTC San Antonio, Texas	Xavier HS Army JROTC New York, New York

2018 ALL-SERVICE JUDGING CORPS & GUEST SPEAKER



CSM John Wayne Troxell, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (center) keynote speaker with the 2018 Judging Corps

Judges listed from left to right beginning with bottom row

Army: SSG Dennie Taylor, SFC Chauncey Raiden, SSG Brittney McCoy, SSG Peter Hicks, SFC James Conley, SFC Michael Quinones, SFC Audra Rose, SSG Amaris Quinonez, SFC Anna Lozano

Marine Corps: Sgt Phuong Tsan, SSgt Alexandra Raudales, SSgt Thiara Espinosa-Simons, SSgt Nathan Miller, 1stSgt Jesse Dorsey Jr., SSgt Brandon Hayden, SSgt Robert Porras, MGySgt Andrew Johnson, SgtMaj Joseph Adcox

Navy: PO2 Kyle Ducey, PO1 Desiree Black, PO1 D'Angelo Morman, PO2 Ian Bartholomew, CPO Andrew Southworth, PO1 David Hennessy, PO1 Tyrone Craig, PO2 Bryan Mann

Air Force: MSgt Ebony Harding, MSgt Tiffany Dudley, TSgt Johnnie Creecy, MSgt Duwayne Brown, SMSgt Phillip Kersey, SSgt Tyler Winters, SSgt Renan Almeida, TSgt Wanette Funn, TSgt Bobby Johnson

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National Military Drill Hall of Fame

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

- Baron Friedrich von Steuben
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- Mr. Constantine H. Wilson & New Guard America
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- Mr. M. Keith Warren

2018 Drill Hall of Fame Inductee

Mr. M. Keith Warren - Fern Creek, Kentucky

Keith Warren caught the passion for armed exhibition in a way different than the majority of young drillers. Certainly long hours of practice both individually and with his team were in play, but his cerebral approach to exhibition drill was unique. He also never just wished to do his best, he wanted to win. So along with his legendary instructors at Fern Creek H.S., he devised a plan to show the moves of a champion, but also to display a routine separating him from the pack to win the coveted 1996 NHS DTC Demil Solo ExTitle. The plan maintained a huge risk move near the end of the routine that caused the head judge to step back startled at a sudden rifle thrust causing the crowd to go crazy, the judge to smirk, and along with the talent, sealed his name in immortality with the win. It still remains the largest margin of victory in NHS DTC solo history. What made Keith so integral to the drill world and cemented his inclusion within the Drill Hall of Fame was the continuation of his mental understanding of all facets of military drill, the psychology behind it, and to use this understanding in ways to benefit cadets directly and the world of competition drill as a whole. This he has done in a scope and depth unlike any other individual in the history of drill befitting any and all who ever enter the drill competition floor - even those who have never met him!



After high school, "Mr. Warren" to young drillers, never lost his passion for military drill. Keith pushed to develop a customized scanable scoring system that allowed every score sheet at the Nationals - generally over 5,000 during the weekend - to be scanned and double checked before allowing his system to tally, total and print customized reports to ensure every team gains not only all of their original score sheets, but fully listed scoring reports. But this is just a small part of his legacy that lives on. He studied drill through both the scoring and performance aspects for over a decade and worked with his local school Fern Creek H.S. in 2008 and 2009, provided information & training both in on-line forums and newsgroups, as well as taking weeks away to fly to Texas several consecutive Summers to help train young drillers from around the world at the Nationals Drill Camp. In 2008, he coached two soloists, Sam Ratliff and Megan Dickerson who BOTH won their respective solo ex comps in Daytona (Only school to EVER do this). One could see his fingerprints on drillers everywhere!

When the World Drill Championships began for post high school drillers in 2006, Keith wanted back in! Knowing that with a busy life he would likely never be able to capture the overall title against people with more athleticism and more opportunities to practice, he worked & trained to put forth a good show. In 2008, Keith Warren finished 3rd overall in the world. But his 2009 performance has since become legendary in the drill community as he modified his report out, snapping the rifle in half over his knee while throwing a perfect salute to the Head Judge. The rafters of the Ocean Center shook! This report out remains the most dramatic, amazing and impactful departure from a drill floor ever seen at any time during the Nationals weekend. He put away his competition rifle for good after that performance.



To gain the COMPLETE story of this amazing individual, go to the online home of the National Drill Hall of Fame TODAY!
<http://www.drillhalloffame.com>



2019 MARINE CORPS JROTC NATIONAL DRILL CHAMPIONSHIPS

SATURDAY, 13 APRIL 2019
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IN 2019, THE MARINES HAVE LANDED...IN WASHINGTON, DC

The Marine Corps JROTC National Drill Championships will be storming the Nation's Capital this Spring in a big way. Sports Network International, Inc. is working closely with the MCJROTC Headquarters to ensure the 2019 event is the biggest and best yet!

Begun in April 2017, the Marine Corps JROTC Nationals have made great strides in just a short time period. But 2019 makes the next big leap as the event gets out of school gyms and into the venerable 70,000 sq. ft. DC National Guard Armory in the home of the nation, Washington, DC. Along with an amazing drill competition, schools will have countless educational opportunities, along with visiting Arlington Cemetery, the Iwa Jima Memorial or ride south less than an hour and visit the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, Virginia, home of the Marine Corps JROTC HQ.

Interested schools should be contacting their Regional Directors TODAY to see how they can qualify to attend this fantastic day of Marine Corps excellence! Good luck to all schools as they prepare to take the Armory by storm in a Scarlet And Gold Devil Dog Day of drill excellence!

Go to the official website for the event (<http://mcjrotcdrill.thenationals.net>) or the Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/USMCNationals>) for the latest information. IT'S GOING TO BE A GREAT MARINE CORPS JROTC DAY!





WORLD DRILL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Where the Elite Meet to Compete!

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

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This WDC event is ONLY for those who are post-high school. Solo, Dual and Group (3 and up to 8) are the three competition divisions available to enter and provide excitement that can become legendary overnight! This international event is operated for independent, college, military reserve or active-duty drillers. With the motto, "Dare Mighty Things", the WDC serves to take drill to the next level beyond the high school arena. Winners are crowned on the biggest stage in drill during the Masters Level Awards Ceremony of the National High School Drill Team Championships. The WDC is simply without parallel - ask anyone who has been there! Drillers of all skill levels are urged to be a part of the brother and sisterhood that is the trademark of the WDC. There is simply nothing like it!



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2018 Solo Exhibition Winners

First Place: **Andres Ryan**
Second Place: **Alejandro Paulino**
Third Place: **Adam Jeup**

2018 Dual Exhibition Winners

First Place: **Jeup & Ryan**
Second Place: **Jones & Dillard**
Third Place: **Paulino & Ramos**

2018 Group Exhibition Winners

First Place: **Haley, Ilandta, Pacheco, Medrano, Wendling, Sanchez**
Second Place: **Robbins, Jeup, Ryan, Guerin**
Third Place: **Paulino, Ramos, Sanchez**



NATIONALS

A Look Around the Nationals and JROTC Universe



Cancer Takes a Special Army JROTC Cadet

A North Bullitt High School student who didn't let cancer diagnoses stop him from achieving his dreams has passed away. Jesse Schott, 17, was first diagnosed with cancer at age 3. With aggressive radiation and a stem cell transplant, Jesse went into remission for 12 years, but the cancer returned last summer. Jesse went through 10 rounds of chemo in his latest fight, but the treatment didn't kill the cancer and he died in late June, 2018.

Jesse was an Eagle Scout and loved JROTC, serving as a member of the drill team at North Bullitt H.S. under the leadership of 1SG (ret.) Gene Siler. "We're all hurting because Jesse was special to all of us," said Siler.

Jesse's final months in JROTC were special to all. His passion within JROTC was color guard. So after brief discussions between the U.S. Army Cadet Command and Sports Network International, a call was made to Grant HS. They without hesitation suggested that Jesse command the Closing Color Guard Detail. Grant HS was presenting as retraining champion at the 2017 Army Nationals Drill Championships in Louisville, KY. The photo above was taken at the Army Nationals, shown is 1SG Siler (l), Army JROTC Director COL Michael Stinnett(m), Jesse Schott and Chief of Staff COL Janet R. Holliday, USACC(r).

The outlook Jesse had for life and for JROTC was a huge inspiration to those who were blessed to get to know him. To that end, North Bullitt High School is proudly continuing to honor the legacy and strength of Jesse Schott. They are currently selling Jesse Schott t-shirts, hoodies and related apparel. The profits from this fundraiser will go back to an organization that impacted Jesse's life, and that is the Norton's Children's Hospital in Louisville, KY. The North Bullitt JROTC program will provide meals to families on the cancer wing of Norton's Children's Hospital.

<https://www.jrotees.com/jesse-schott-memorial/>



The 2018 Jean K. Weil Scholarship is Annually Awarded to Two Amazing Seniors

Selecting only TWO graduating seniors annually at the NHSDTC as the most outstanding overall cadets is always tough. The finalists submit their transcripts, writing, personal recommendations and more. Five finalists are then chosen to go through on-site interviews at the Nationals. It is much work, much pressure and much glory!

Daniela Caridad Valdes Posada (pictured below) from the Army JROTC program at **Coral Gables Sr. H.S.**, Coral Gables, Florida and **Joseph Edward Rollins** (pictured right) from the Air Force JROTC program at **East Paulding H.S.** in Dallas, Georgia are the deserving 2018 recipients. Amazingly impressive overall packages and on-site interviews sealed their selection! BOTH of these young people are impressive almost beyond words and will do great things in their life. ALL five cadets who earned on-site nominations were outstanding and remain prominently listed on the JKW website.



Along with the notoriety of the title, each of these phenomenal graduating cadets earned a \$1,000 scholarship to be used for future scholastic expenses. To see more on this prestigious award, as well as how to ensure your top graduating senior cadets apply for the award at the 2019 Nationals, go to the on-line home: <http://jkw.thenationals.net>.

Francis Lewis H.S. Captures the 2018 Nationals Spirit Banner

At the NHSDTC, SNI annually selects a single school that best displays the hard work, excellence in the face of adversity, overall champion spirit and glorification of all things drill to reign as the Spirit Award winner for the following school year. For the 2018-2019 School Year, this prestigious school is the Army JROTC unit from **Francis Lewis H.S.** from **Fresh Meadows, New York**.



The drill program is but one avenue of excellence under the direction of **LTC Albert Lahood** but it is without question the one maintaining the most local & national notoriety. This program for well over a decade has set the standard for excellence. They were a unanimous Spirit Banner selection this year. They do nothing but glorify themselves and the Nationals in everything they do. Overcoming many obstacles along the way. They are proof of what competitors like the Nationals can do to bolster any quality JROTC program. Please join SNI in congratulating this fantastic program which continues to set the standard of excellence in Army drill. To learn more, hit the Spirit Banner website: <http://www.thenationals.net/dt-spiritaward.htm>.



SFC Ed Fincher "Re-Re-Retires" But His Legacy Will Never Fade!

AFTER OVER 20 YEARS as a legend in Raider competitions throughout the southeast, then retiring from JROTC and becoming the driving force in helping to make the Raider Nationals weekend the biggest & best event in the nation, the 2017 Raider Nationals was the last event **SFC Ed Fincher** will "officially" be a part of. During his inclusion, the event grew from a county meet with 13 schools to the now legendary national event hosting over 75 schools and 130+ teams. This Georgia peach has helped to train thousands of youngsters and several dozen teams during his lengthy tenure as a coach, a judge and a meet official.

The 2017 U.S. Army JROTC National Raider Championships award ceremony was the final retirement platform...or so everyone thought! While the speech was moving to the assembled cadets, coaches and parents, it was the private ceremony afterwards where a huge section of the competition area on the Physical Team Test Course was officially renamed **Fincher Field** in his honor where his legacy will be recognized forever through this granite riser and engraved plaque. Nobody will EVER have a similar love and impact on the sport. **THANK YOU** SFC Fincher on behalf of all of the Raiders who have been and will continue to compete on your field. Your dedication and support will never be forgotten!

SCIDM to Involve SNI to Promote Drill Competition Excellence! *The Southern California Invitational Drill Meet (SCIDM) has a powerful legacy. The cadre in recent years have done a fantastic job working on making the meet better annually. This year they take another huge step in that direction and SNI is excited at the prospects!*



In February of 2019, SCIDM is hosting **Justin Gates, Competition Director for Sports Network International** to attend SCIDM to provide on-site expertise to assist and improve procedures, judging quality, event logistics, etc. Western teams should **STRONGLY CONSIDER** attending this fantastic event! The new event website has everything you need so look to register your school today! <http://www.airmenofroy.com/scidm>

CHW To Remain in the Spotlight
Constantine H. Wilson, founder and driving force behind drill innovation and excellence, along with the high profile New Guard America died in May 2017 just a week after attending the National High School Drill Team Championships Weekend. His efforts in the drill community and of course within the post NHS DTC drill universe involving the venerable World Drill Championships (<https://worlddrillchampionships.com>) will never be duplicated.



To ensure future post high school drillers never forget CHW, Sports Network International, hosts of the World Drill Championships have renamed the honorary WDC award to be the **Constantine H. Wilson Award**. This award will be presented when the hosts believe that actions of an individual within the drill community have risen to the highest of levels that were exemplified often by the namesake of the award.

His spirit and his smile will be missed but his legacy of excellence will live on within the WDC forever through this award and within the hearts of those who knew him.

SNI is looking to Expand the Raider & Fitness Universe to the Western United States!

Hearing the famous words uttered by Horace Greeley, SNI will indeed be "going West" to explore options for expanding the exciting Fitness & Raider competitions from the southeastern United States to a point far closer to western schools nationally.



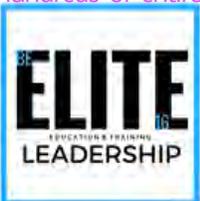
The SNI staff recently had meetings with facility directors from many states and will have dozens more meetings in early October. Several sites are being considered currently in the shadows of California, Nevada, Arizona, and New Mexico. SNI will be working with Service Headquarters, Brigades and Areas from all-services to formulate an all-service event to provide a first-class competition that can grow to further the goals and ideals of JROTC programs everywhere. "Let's find a JROTC program that wants to help build something special in the Western USA!" **CHECK!**



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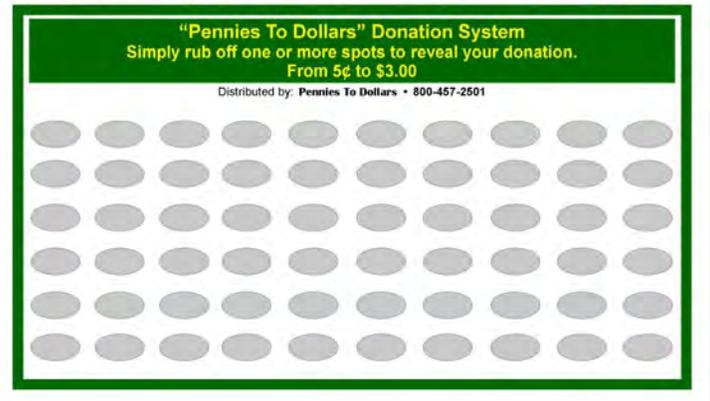
Nothing in JROTC is more difficult to master than drill excellence! Thousands of individual cadets and hundreds of entire

JROTC programs strive to improve annually but find it daunting. Most instructors have little background in drill and their cadets often have motivation without direction. For over ten years cadets have traveled across the globe living the dream of training for a week at the famous Nationals Drill Camp. This has done a great job of lifting scores of programs but what about the other 51 weeks of the year? Well, many quality individuals and groups have emerged to assist that do a fantastic job. The most popular and well respected of these entities remain **Drill-Team Dynamics** (Drill@Drill-Dynamics.com-815/483-7083 and **Elite E&T** (EliteDrillTraining@gmail.com-210/781-1400. If you are looking to get better, start with these pros for results!



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