

Your Air Force JROTC unit is invited to be a part of a new era at the...

2010 U.S. Air Force National JROTC Drill Championships

**Western Region
Championship**
Friday, March 12th, 2010
The Alamodome
San Antonio, Texas



**Eastern Region
Championship**
Friday, March 19th, 2010
Macon Centreplex
Macon, Georgia

"Official Home of the U.S. Air Force JROTC Drill Championships"

Introduction

This invitation is extended to all Air Force JROTC units to apply for entry into the upcoming **2010 U.S. Air Force National JROTC Drill Championships**. This annual competition is sponsored by the **U.S. Air Force JROTC HQ** and the **Air Force Association** with national drill host **Sports Network International, Inc.** tasked to serve as the Event Manager. All Air Force JROTC programs in good standing throughout the world are eligible to apply for entry into this prestigious competition. The "Air Force Nationals" are the annual home of the finest Air Force drill and ceremony units. Each year, the U.S. Air Force Eastern and Western units will compete in both Armed and Unarmed competition in this single day event. Top finishing schools will be eligible to receive thousands of dollars to attend the all-service National High School Drill Team Championships drill event held in Daytona Beach, Florida in early May!



Competition Events

As most schools are well aware, the Air Force Nationals remains the largest and finest Air Force-only competition held anywhere. The two drill events combined involve over 2,000 cadets and instructors and showcase most of the finest Air Force JROTC programs in the world of military drill. The units that attend the event do so to expose themselves to the best drill units in the country.

Team Events, scoring & cadets required at the Air Force Nationals are as follows:

- Unit Inspection:** 12 cadets+ CDR (25%)
- Color Guard Drill:** 2 rifles / 2 flags only (25%)
- Flight Regulation:** 12 cadets+ CDR (25%)
- Exhibition Drill:** 9 cadets min. w/no max. (25%)

The **Unit Inspection** event involves cadets and a Cadet Commander standing inspection in front of event judges. Both **Regulation and Color Guard Drills** are comprised of graded, memorized movements performed in sequence. **Exhibition Drill** uses a 6-9 minute time limit and the movements are left to the imagination of the drill team. All drill areas have a single 15' entry/exit point unless otherwise noted. Complete drill floor layouts/maps are available on-line with all other event paperwork at the official website of the Air Force Nationals: <http://af.thenationals.net>.

Schools may enter up to two full teams (one Armed, one Unarmed) per level. While a single cadet may compete within all four competitions, cadets may not "cross-over" and compete for more than one team. Therefore, schools entering two separate teams can have **no individual cadet competing for both teams**. Allowing this would reduce the total number of schools able to participate in this championship event. With the Western Championships being held at the Alamodome, we have the space and availability to offer a Challenge Level for less experienced or JV teams that wish to attend. The Challenge Level will be offered should sufficient teams register and would run concurrently with the standard competition. Space constraints prevent this level from being offered from the Eastern Championships. Schools may enter two teams in the standard competition and two teams in the Challenge Level.

Competition Locations

The Air Force Nationals are held indoors for both the Eastern and Western Championships. The upcoming Western Championships will be held at the **Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas**. Both the city of San Antonio and specifically the **San Antonio Youth Commission** have worked hard to provide this colossal, noteworthy building at an affordable price to our event. Known around the world, the Alamodome will provide every cadet a performance memory they may never forget! This venue is centrally located between several major interstate highways, as well as just a few minutes from the San Antonio International Airport. It maintains all of the extras you would expect from a building of this magnitude!

Not to be outdone, the 2010 Air Force Eastern Championships are held in **Macon, Georgia** at the venerable **Macon Centreplex**. This 8,000-seat facility is a fantastic facility for a meet of this scope. For both competitions, the crowd to attend is large for both competitors and spectators and both facilities have plenty of room. They are fantastic, luxurious settings for these competitions with ample parking, elevated competitor/spectator seating, house sound systems and concessions. Both facilities maintain nearby primary care medical centers! Greater details regarding both venues, as well as complete drill area layouts can be found on the Air Force Nationals website.



Event Judging & Scoring

Three scoring judges will be utilized in each competition area with four maintained within Inspection. Judges will be active duty military or reserves with background, knowledge and training within the areas they will be asked to evaluate. All judges will receive an extensive event judging manual and briefing prior to attending the event. Additionally, Sports Network International is renowned for its double-check scoring system. Complete scoring packages include detailed score breakdowns for their team, as well as all other teams in their competition division, as well as all event scoresheets returned immediately following the Awards Ceremony.



Air Force Nationals Event Specifics

All teams will receive their competition start times in advance via the event website. The Air Force Nationals event will begin at roughly 0930 after the major of work traffic has cleared. Events will be continue throughout the day and early evening. The team events will conclude with the Armed, then Unarmed Knockout Drills. All registered cadets (regardless of their competition division) are encouraged to enter BOTH the Armed & Unarmed Knockout events.



Immediately after the competition has ended, the Awards Ceremony distributes stunning Championship & Runner-Up Overall trophies in both Armed & Unarmed Divisions, as well as 1st-5th place team trophies in each team event. The top three finishers in each Knockout will also receive special hand-painted, cloissone medallions. These trophies are sponsored and paid for by the Air Force Association for the cadets of the Air Force Nationals. Anyone who has attended the Air Force Nationals event will attest that the trophies are impressive and among the finest in the JROTC drill world!

Competition Guidelines

The complete Air Force Nationals Team Folder is finalized and posted to the event website for download after schools are accepted into the event in early January (scoresheets and floor diagrams are made available early. This Air Force Nationals team folder maintains all of the paperwork necessary to attend the event, as well as other vital information.

The Air Force Nationals Team Package Plan

Every competing cadet attends the event through the Air Force Nationals Team Package Plan. The price of the Team Package Plan is currently \$20.00 per cadet. This plan provides cadets with treasured event mementos while paying the costs of running the drill competition in the first class manner schools have come to expect. **All cadets competing in any part of the Air Force Nationals event must attend using the Team Package Plan.** The Team Package Plan is *optional* for instructors, parents and non-competing cadets. Few other drill events maintain the high quality, first-class atmosphere, lasting memories and beautiful event items that are a part of the Air Force Nationals.



The Team Package Plan provides:

- Air Force Nationals goldtone chest medallion
- Air Force Nationals competition t-shirt, ordered to size
- 8" x 10" glossy color unit team photo with personalized event border
- Ability to participate in all facets of the Air Force Nationals event

Air Force Nationals Registration Information

The School Registration Fee for the Air Force Nationals is \$200.00 per school. This allows one school to enter up to two complete drill units (one per division), as well as allowing your competing cadets entry into both the Armed & Unarmed Knockouts. To apply for entry into the Air Force Nationals, please complete the Air Force Nationals Registration Form and mail it to Sports Network International along with your \$200 School Registration Fee. Upon receipt by SNI, your school will be notified that we have received your entry request.

SELECTION PROCESS: *All registrations will be reviewed by the SNI Competition Committee beginning on Friday, December 4th, 2009 (if your entry ARRIVES after this date, your school will have a reduced chance to gain an entry slot as those with completed entry forms and registration fees paid on this date having first consideration.)* 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:

- 1) *Overall finishes in past drill competitions (schools list their accomplishments on page two of the Registration Form)*
- 2) *Teams looking to capture an Overall Championship (complete teams entering all team events within a division) are given preference over partial teams not choosing to enter all four team events within a division (schools not competing in every team event may be accepted but this event is designed for those competing for an overall title)*
- 3) *Geographic spread for entries, gung-ho nature & previous entry attempts are all points considered by SNI.*

Additional Registration Info

While most schools who have been looking hard at entering this competition will register within weeks of receiving this invitation, history dictates many will choose to wait. Do not allow the U.S. mail service to cancel your trip before it begins! All schools who enter the competition by this entry deadline will be given first consideration. Schools who have their entry received by SNI AFTER the early December review deadline will have a smaller chance of getting into the Air Force Nationals competition. The one-day competition may be FULL on or near the initial review deadline of December 4th, with only a rarely used "standby slot" available for schools to gain entry after this date - please don't wait to register!



Schools accepted for entry will be e-mailed confirmations and listed as attending on the SNI website beginning on Tuesday, December 8th. Any school not accepted into the Air Force Nationals will have their Registration Entry Fee refunded in full within 10 business days from the review deadline. Schools should not book non-refundable travel or hotels until AFTER receiving confirmation of acceptance by SNI.

Schools should prepare in advance for the fact that, as a REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, several quality schools **may not be able to be accepted based solely on space limitations**. Please ensure your school includes PLENTY of information on page two of the School Registration Form to allow Sports Network International the best chance of accepting your school into the event. Feel free to attach additional pages of information on your unit should you feel it will better make your case why your school belongs in the competition field of this event.

All checks and correspondence should be sent to **Sports Network International** at the address listed below. Schools are encouraged to contact SNI by email or telephone, as well as to check the Air Force Nationals website.

Overnight Housing

Knowing that a large percentage of schools attending the event will need hotel accommodations, numerous quality hotels near the competition sites have been contracted and are ready to provide very reasonable billets for competitors and spectators alike. Simply go to the official website of the Air Force Nationals event you are planning to attend and click on the "[BILLETING INFORMATION](#)" link to see the complete, most up-to-date list. All schools are eligible to stay at any hotel they wish, however it is hoped that the listed hotels will be utilized as every hotel included is a strong supporter of JROTC and the Air Force Nationals event.

In Closing

Several schools asked about getting rooms overnight for an extra day of sightseeing and/or college campus tours in the area. SNI has provided information regarding hotels, guided tours, monument maps and other essential items within the Team Folder, as well as on the Air Force Nationals website, for all entered schools looking to make this trip more than just a one-day drill competition. The most up-to-date listing of these hotels are always posted on-line.

Thank you for considering attendance at the **2010 U.S. Air Force Nationals JROTC Drill Championships**. This event promises to provide a pleasant experience for competitors, instructors and spectators alike. We would like to encourage all of the top Air Force JROTC units from around the world to make the Air Force Nationals a part of your annual competition calendar. It can do wonders for the overall health, vitality and population of your program!

With the strong support from the United States Air Force JROTC Headquarters and the Air Force Association, the upcoming Air Force Nationals event looks to be an unparalleled, single-service platform to display the hard work your cadets have put forward during their years of Air Force JROTC. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call, write or email to the location outlined below. Here's wishing you good health and success throughout the school year.

Sincerely,

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