



# U.S. ARMY CADET COMMAND

*The venues were filled with hundreds of cadets, proudly wearing Army Green!*



## Western Championships

**T**he immaculate Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas became the new home of the US Army Cadet Command JROTC Western Drill Championships in 2009. This prestigious competition brings together the powerhouses of drill, the support of parents, and the intense focus of instructors all aimed at one thing; to win the overall title of the Army Nationals Western Drill Championships!



San Antonio City Councilman Mr. Louis Rowe and CSM Marshall Huffman, Ft. Sam Houston are pictured above with Western Region cadets representing (L to R) Armed Division Runner-up Ronald Reagan HS, Armed Champion Douglas MacArthur HS, Unarmed Champion Douglas MacArthur HS, and Unarmed Runner-up Winston Churchill HS.

### ARMED DIVISION

With two overall championships and two runner up titles in the past four years, all eyes were on the **Rattler Guard** from **Ronald Reagan HS**. Would they be able to hold on to their 2008 Overall Championship title? With nine different teams making their way to receive trophies, there were only three schools, all from San Antonio, that trophied in all four team events - but this year, it came down to total points. In the end, **Douglas MacArthur HS Blue Guard** would reign supreme separating themselves from the pack by over 200 points and taking home the Armed Overall Championship title for the first time. Ronald Reagan's **Rattler Guard** held on to the Runner Up title which was almost nabbed by **Winston Churchill HS's Black Watch** who trailed by a mere 18 overall points out of nearly 4,000 possible.

### UNARMED DIVISION

After dominating the Unarmed division last year, **Douglas MacArthur HS's Blue Angels** came back ready to defend their title. Although they didn't trophy in every event (1<sup>st</sup> Exhibition, 3<sup>rd</sup> Inspection, 4<sup>th</sup> Color Guard) they proved to be a strong force to be reckoned with finishing 71 points away from the nearest competitor to keep their Unarmed Division Overall Championship. **Winston Churchill HS's Queen's Guard** came on strong with a 1<sup>st</sup> place Regulation and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes in both Inspection & Exhibition. Only a tough 10<sup>th</sup> place Color Guard kept them from the overall win, giving them the Runner Up title once again.

Due to the immensity of the Alamodome facility, a Challenge Level Division was hosted with **Claudia Taylor Johnson HS** and **Wichita HS South** both doing very well! Congratulations to all of the teams who attended the 2009 Western Championships.

**2010 Army Western Championships**  
Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> - San Antonio, Texas

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## Eastern Championships

**A**lthough the Eastern Championships were held at a new venue, the Showplace Arena in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, the competition was familiar with the scent of school and service pride mixed with fierce competitiveness. Every cadet in the building brought their A-game and was ready to prove it on the drill floor!

### ARMED DIVISION

The **Patriot Guard** from **Francis Lewis HS** (Fresh Meadows, New York) proved yet again to be an unstoppable force. They have proven their capability to completely dominate the competition with a near sweep by taking three 1<sup>st</sup> places (Inspection, Color Guard, Exhibition) and one 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Regulation) capturing their 4<sup>th</sup> straight title as Armed Division Overall Champions. **Union High School's Maroon Guard** (Union, New Jersey) did not come close to stealing the Patriot Guard's title but they put forth an impressive showing being the only other team to trophy in all four team events (3<sup>rd</sup> Regulation and Exhibition; 4<sup>th</sup> Inspection and Color Guard). The Maroon Guard proudly claimed the Armed Runner Up title.

### UNARMED DIVISION

Francis Lewis HS's Unarmed **Patriot Pride** once again came ready to defend their dynasty. For the fifth straight year, they took home the gold. It was not a clean sweep though. With two 1<sup>st</sup> places (Inspection and Color Guard) and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place (Exhibition), their Regulation placement (8<sup>th</sup>) left the door wide open for challengers. **McNair Academic HS** was ready to step up to that challenge as they captured 1<sup>st</sup> in Regulation, 4<sup>th</sup> in Color Guard, 5<sup>th</sup> in Inspection and 6<sup>th</sup> in Exhibition. However, they fell just three placement points short of dethroning the New Yorkers. Many schools made strong showings with nine schools making the trip to the trophy table to claim their accolades for a job well done.



The big hardware is presented by COL John Vanderbleek, JROTC Director, USACC and CSM Charles Green Sr., Eastern Region CSM, USACC to the event top finishers (L to R) Union HS, Francis Lewis HS (armed), Francis Lewis (unarmed) and McNair Academic HS.

With cadets contributing an unsurpassed amount of unwavering dedication, this extravagant JROTC drill competition would be incomplete without awe inspiring speeches, such as that given by CSM Charles Green, Sr., Eastern Region Command Sergeant Major, USACC, giving all cadets a sense of accomplishment and pride regardless of the scores. Many programs have already begun revamping for the upcoming year! We all look forward to seeing what the 2010 Army JROTC Eastern Championships brings in Macon!

**2010 Army Eastern Championships**  
Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> - Macon, Georgia