



U.S. ARMY CADET COMMAND

Army JROTC cadets go rolling along at this year's Eastern and Western Championships



Western Championships

The Western Championships returned to the Alamodome in San Antonio for a showdown of the Army's best out west. With several hundred spectators on hand in addition to the many competitors at this event, the pressure was on as the many phenomenal Army JROTC teams began vying for the title of U.S. Army Cadet Command Army Nationals Western Champions!



Colonel John Vanderbleek, Director USACC (left) and Dr. Bo Svoboda, Chief, Army JROTC, Training & Operations (right) were on-hand to congratulate the Western Division top finishers (from left to right) James Madison HS, Douglas MacArthur HS, Winston Churchill HS, Theodore Roosevelt HS.

ARMED DIVISION

Coming off of a rather convincing victory at last year's Army Nationals, the **Blue Guard** from **Douglas MacArthur HS** were looking to successfully defend their championship against the many highly competitive schools in attendance. They were successful in their endeavors, taking the Overall Championships with top tier finishes in all events (1st-Inspection; 2nd-Regulation; 3rd-Color Guard & Exhibition). This year's victory was not as convincing as the **Maverick Guard** from **James Madison HS** missed the overall title by a mere 33 points, taking home the Runner-up trophy instead. Closing in on the **Maverick Guard** were the **Maroon and Golden Knights** from **Grant HS** in Dry Prong, LA who successfully showed that you don't have to be from Texas to have an impressive JROTC unit out west!

UNARMED DIVISION

Much like their male counterparts on the **Blue Guard**, the **Blue Angels** from **Douglas MacArthur HS** looked to be the team to beat, putting their two year streak on the line. However, it was the **Queen's Guard** who left everyone gasping for air as the ladies from **Winston Churchill HS** clinched the Overall Championship at this year's event. While they had no first place finishes, they performed at a consistent strong level worthy of the championship (2nd-Regulation; 4th-Inspection; 5th-Exhibition & Color Guard) in this tight contest. Bringing home this year's Runner-up trophy were the flashy and dynamic **Riderettes** from **Theodore Roosevelt HS**.

A small Challenge Level competition was also held with **Pekin Community HS** and **St. John's Northwestern M.A.** both winning overall! Congratulations to all of the teams who attended the 2010 Western Drill Championships and we'll see you in the far west in 2011!

Eastern Championships

This year's Eastern Championships were held in the beautiful Macon Centreplex and the Army JROTC cadets in attendance brought their "take-no-prisoners" attitudes as they squared off in an effort to clinch the Eastern U.S. Army Cadet Command National JROTC Drill Championships.

ARMED DIVISION

As has become the trend in recent years, the **Patriot Guard** from **Francis Lewis HS** (Fresh Meadows, NY) came storming into this competition looking to add to their undoubtedly impressive trophy collection. By taking 1st in both Inspection and Color Guard and taking 3rd in Regulation and Exhibition, the Patriot Guard coasted to an easy victory and their fifth consecutive championship. Can these New Yorkers be stopped? Pulling in Runner-up honors this year were the **Bears** from **Winter Springs HS** in Winter Springs, FL. With top five finishes in all events (including a 1st place finish in Regulation), the **Bears** clawed their way past their closest competitors by an impressive margin.

UNARMED DIVISION

The Unarmed Division, on the other hand, marked the end of a five year run for the **Patriot Pride** from **Francis Lewis HS** as the **North Miami Beach Sr. HS Lady Chargers** came to Eastern Army Nationals with "guns-a-blazin'." With two 1st place finishes in Regulation and Color Guard, a 2nd place finish in Inspection and a 4th place finish in Exhibition, these hard chargers were able to hang on for a solid victory over the Runner-up **Patriot Pride**. **Francis Lewis** also had two 1st place finishes (Exhibition and Inspection), but a tough 7th place finish in Regulation and a not-so-close but still 2nd place finish in Color Guard kept them out of contention for the championship.



BG Arnold Gordon-Bray, USACC Deputy Commanding General was in Atlanta and made an inspiring, unscheduled stop in Macon to congratulate the winners along with CSM Hershel Turner, USACC, CSM (left) and motivational speaker extraordinaire MSG Tony Rucks (right).

This year's Eastern Army Championships showed that it was anything but ordinary, and the results have left cadets from the eastern half of the United States hopeful as they look forward to the 2011 Army Championships. With the upcoming event scheduled to take place at the Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex in Landover, Maryland just outside our Nation's Capitol, you can bet that there are many competing Army JROTC units at next year's event ready to carry out a precision-based, by-the-book assault on Francis Lewis' dominance as they look to take the crown back to their trophy case!

2011 Army Western Championships
Saturday, March 12th - Phoenix, Arizona

2011 Army Eastern Championships
Saturday, March 26th - Landover, Maryland

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