

# Nationals Drill Camp

## Classroom Session #1:

### History of Drill & Ceremony

The art of military drill and ceremony will be explored from its beginnings to present day mastery. The styles of the U.S. Army Old Guard Drill Team, Air Force Drill Team and the Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon will be explored in detail, along with the numerous variations found within both the Texas and Hawaiian drill styles which are so influential to the world of JROTC drill. Bring your thinking caps to this one as it will be a great deal of video work and practical study.

## Classroom Session #2:

### Drill Team Leadership

A drill team is only as good as its leadership. Mastery of specific skills necessary to motivate and lead a drill team will be explored in detail never before presented. Cadets will not only refine their leadership abilities, but will use them in real-world leadership situations with Nationally-recognized judges and JROTC instructors.

## Classroom Session #3:

### Inspection Preparation

Preparing for a Nationals' Inspection is challenging for even the best teams in the country. This class will breakdown the mechanics in preparing your team to stand a drill Inspection, from uniform preparation, practical study skills for inspection questions, mastery of bearing, entry/exit procedures and more importantly, the dozens of intangible items that are often omitted by JROTC programs.

## Classroom Session #4:

### Manual Breakdown

The study of Regulation and Color Guard competition is a study of the drill manuals each team drills in accordance with. This class will explore the differences in the manuals and more importantly, will work on the numerous subtle items within the manuals and within the minds of judges at drill competitions that often mark the difference between a team who gains a good score and one who produces a great one.

**Classroom Session #5:**  
**Drill Team Mechanics**

Running a drill team is like running a huge company. Every detail in managing the personnel, equipment, travel, practices and competition scheduling will be broken down in detail. Learn how the finest programs in the country manage multiple teams throughout their entire school year. This class will also discuss the art of building a team's skills throughout the year so that their abilities will peak at precisely the right time – Nationals! A “can't miss class” for JROTC Instructors as well as motivated cadets.

**Classroom Session #6:**  
**Exhibition Routine Development**

This class will be broken into separate armed & unarmed exhibition courses, so that cadets can focus on their preferred format. Championship routines will be dissected from the perspective of both the audience and the judge. Marching variations, along with different armed weapon styles will be analyzed and applied to the type of exhibition routine each cadet current works with. Exhibition mastery is about fine-tuned details and dissecting the scoring points as each judge does.

**Classroom Session #7:**  
**Team Dynamics**

This class will focus on how teams can be structured to both succeed and fail. From command positions to working with younger students and setting up a family of cadets that work together for one unified purpose is explored in detail. Differences between the sexes, family backgrounds, grade levels and other common factors that are too often overlooked will be stressed, as well as team building and other activities that attendees can carry with them back home long after their camp experience has ended.

**Classroom Session #8:**  
**School & Instructor Dynamics**

Cadets and attending instructors will learn the art of working with different types of people and how to maximize that relationship. Different command styles, interaction techniques and communication skills will be explored in detail. Cadets will also examine how their overall school environment (administration, parent and community support - or lack thereof - facilities available, recruiting techniques to bring additional youngsters into the program, etc.) can impact their drill team and can affect their ultimate success or failure as well as ways to improve these areas, if deficient.

**Classroom Session #9:  
Commander's Workshop**

This course will take all that has been learned so far and fine-tune it to more practical applications in the actual running of a drill team. Cadets will take role-playing situations and figure a success strategy for working their way through the challenges that all cadet commanders face.

**Classroom Session #10:  
Excellence**

A study of overall excellence and how it is attained is the most important skill each cadet will carry forward after attending the Nationals Drill Camp. This will have benefits both on and off the drill field. This class will be taught by some of the most successful JROTC drill instructors in the world. Get an in-depth look into how your program can cultivate an atmosphere of excellence, carry it forward year after year, and propel your drill team to a higher caliber.

**Classroom Session #11:  
Drill after High School / Tour of Corps of Cadets**

This course will explore the different drill team programs in existence at the college and professional level. New Guard America, the King's Guard in Honolulu as well as numerous other noteworthy college drill programs (to include the famous Fish Drill Team from Texas A&M University) will be examined. This class will feature a guided tour of the Corps of Cadets experience with an intense look at what makes the freshmen-only Fish Drill Team one of the finest college competition drill teams in the country.

**Classroom Session #12:  
National High School Drill Team Championships Preparation**

The culmination of all classes will be brought to this final session. Taught by NHSDTC Event Manager, Sports Network International, this class will analyze "The Nationals" from both a practical and competitive perspective. Cadets will learn the inside view of how the event is structured and how to best prepare their team for success at the Nationals, including fundraising techniques and other vital needs for travel. This class will be extremely valuable as lessons learned to compete at the Nationals in Daytona Beach can transfer to any local or regional drill competition you or your drill program could look to be apart of.