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SSgt. Benjamin Britt scrutinizes Deerfield Beach HS cadet Jhonnas Silva who shows the bearing & poise needed to survive a Knockout Drill at the Nationals.

BACK COVER

(Top left) The Lyman HS Greyhound Battalion render salutes to their teammates at the Masters Awards Ceremony. (Top right) Sgt.Maj. Keith Williams, USMC congratulates Alternative Arms Runner Up National Champion, Enterprise HS. (Middle) The ceremonial all-service Color Guard captures the excitement and majesty of the Nationals Awards Ceremony. (Bottom) BG William Heilman, Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Cadet Command, presents the Winston Churchill HS Black Watch drill team with this magnificent trophy for their third consecutive National Championship in Demilitarized Arms.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the dedicated staff of the U.S. Army Cadet Command in Ft. Monroe, VA. Their long-time support of the Nationals helps make this the premier showcase for JROTC drill & ceremony. Thanks also go out to the judges whose work here helps to give this event the deserved reputation of being "the best drill event in the country." Most importantly, our thanks go out to all of the JROTC instructors worldwide who make the ultimate commitment to their cadets. No program exists that better prepares young people from all walks of life to become quality citizens. With duty, honor and a commitment to excellence, these cadets will guide our nation throughout the 21st century.

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NOW HEAR THIS!

**SIGHTS AND SOUNDS FROM
SPORTS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL AND THE
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DRILL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Sunshine and snappy salutes were the order of the day throughout the 2000 National High School Drill Team Championships. Clear skies and 90° weather warmed teams during the exciting weekend. Post-event back slapping abound, and all competitors deserve hearty congratulations!

The Nationals Judging Corps was shocked at the routine nature of perfection on display. Every competition level was deep with talent and every division went down to the last day of competition to decide a champion. Both Challenge & Masters Level Awards Ceremonies were charged with enough nervous energy and excitement from the cadets, instructos and parents to power the building lights!

An expanded Challenge Level competition, registration at the Ocean Center, offering upgrade hotel accommodations, and use of "hockey" seating configuration at the Masters Level competition were some of the well-received changes at the 2000 event that will be continued in the future. Preparations are already well underway for the 2001 drill competition.

The 2001 Nationals will see the emergence of a new level of recognition for the best and brightest Nationals' cadets. SNI has established the Jean Weil Foundation, a Memorial Scholarship Fund, founded in memory of SNI co-owner, Jean Weil, who passed away last year (see page 7). Also, long-time event supporter Norwich University has become the "Official College" of the Nationals and as such, has established a special scholarship to be awarded exclusively to a deserving Nationals' cadet (see page 18-19). We are honored by their involvement in this worthwhile project that features & rewards academic excellence at the Nationals.

The 2000 Best of Videotapes have been shipping since mid-August via the internet (see page 5 for details). Both the "Best of Exhibition" and the "Best of Basic" videotapes are among the finest we have ever produced.

SNI continues to be the Event Manager for several other JROTC competitions. These events include the U.S. Army 1st Region, 4th Brigade drill championship, the National Capital Drill Classic (wrap-up on page 8) and the NJROTC Nationals - Academic, Athletic & Drill Championships (wrap-up on page 9). We are also proud to announce that after years of preparation, a new JROTC competition is being designed by Sports Network exclusively for Air Force units across the United States. The National Air Force Invitational Drill Championship is scheduled to be held on Friday, March 16th, 2001 in Washington, DC. Details on this event are still unfolding and are included on page 7.

Sports Network International is privileged to continue our involvement with the nation's finest high school drill teams. Showcasing these outstanding programs is quite simply the highlight of our year. Hope to see you the last weekend in April at the 2001 Nationals in Daytona Beach!

Thomas Nelson, signer of Virginia, was at the front in command of the Virginia military forces. With British General Charles Cornwallis in Yorktown, fire from 70 heavy American guns began to destroy Yorktown piece by piece. Lord Cornwallis and his staff moved their headquarters into Nelson's palatial home. While American cannonballs were making a shambles of the town, the house of Governor Nelson remained untouched. Nelson turned in rage to the American gunners and asked, "Why do you spare my home?" They replied, "Sir, out of respect to you." Nelson cried, "Give me the cannon!" and fired on his magnificent home himself, smashing it to bits. But Nelson's sacrifice was not quite over. He had raised \$2 million for the Revolutionary cause by pledging his own estates. When the loans came due, a newer peacetime Congress refused to honor them, and Nelson's property was forfeited. He was never reimbursed. He died, impoverished, a few years later at the age of 50.

Of those 56 who signed the Declaration of Independence, nine died of wounds or hardships during the war. Five were captured and imprisoned, in each case with brutal treatment. Several lost wives, sons or entire families. One lost his 13 children. Two wives were brutally treated. All were at one time or another the victims of manhunts and driven from their homes. Twelve signers had their homes completely burned. Seventeen lost everything they owned. Yet not one defected or went back on his pledged word. Their honor, and the nation they sacrificed so much to create, is still intact.

And, finally, there is the New Jersey signer, Abraham Clark. He gave two sons to the officer corps in the Revolutionary Army. They were captured and sent to the infamous British prison hulk afloat in New York harbor known as the hell ship "Jersey," where 11,000 American captives

were to die. The younger Clarks were treated with a special brutality because of their father. One was put in solitary and given no food. With the end almost in sight, with the war almost won, no one could have blamed Abraham Clark for acceding to the British request when they offered him his sons' lives if he would recant and come out for the King and parliament. The utter despair in this man's heart, the anguish in his very soul, must reach out to each one of us down through 200 years with his answer: "No."

The 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence proved by their every deed that they made no idle boast when they composed the most magnificent curtain line in history. "And for the support of this Declaration with a firm reliance on the protection of divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

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THE COMMANDERS



C/LTC MICHAEL MOAD

Winston Churchill HS - San Antonio, Texas
Black Watch - Demilitarized National Champions



C/LCDR MEGAN PITTS

Flour Bluff HS - Corpus Christi, Texas
Sea Hawks - Unarmed National Champions



C/1STLT. CHRISTINA AMSCHLER

Fern Creek HS - Fern Creek, Kentucky
Lady Leathemecks - Alternative National Champions

A team follows as a leader leads. Without exceptional leadership there would be no exalted walk to the stage to claim that 6'6" trophy to the deafening cheers of your instructors, corps of cadets, and parents. The 2000 National High School Drill Team Championships revealed three remarkable programs that produced three outstanding drill teams led by three phenomenal cadet commanders. In their own words, some insight into their views on the Nationals and what it takes to walk a mile in their boots.

SNI: What is your impression of competing at the Nationals?

Moad: I had a lot of anticipation to come back (this year) and win again (as returning National Champs). My team was the best that I've ever seen them. Every event was spectacular. The Nationals takes diligence and intense preparation. We don't expect anything less than perfection.

Pitts: The Nationals is one of the best run meets I've been to. The judges are never biased, which I have felt in other competitions. We came into the Nationals knowing we had what it took to win. We knew what our competition was, and we knew they were gunning for us.

Amschler: Nationals competition was certainly challenging. Everyone there has the same goal. Enterprise, Springfield, Seneca ... they are all very good and we're all doing the best we can. You have to do it together as a team.

SNI: What is your practice schedule when you are preparing for Nationals?

Moad: We have a strong 2-week build-up before Nationals - 3 hours every afternoon. We do uniform inspections and practice all phases of the competition.

Pitts: Color Guard practices an hour in the mornings and Drill Team practices 2 hours in the afternoons, as well as many weekends.

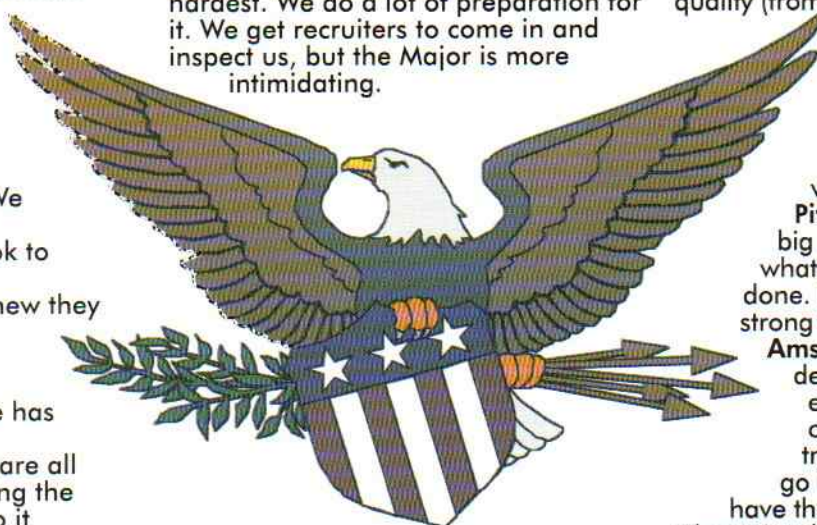
Amschler: We practice three hours a day (split between mornings and afternoons) and several weekends.

SNI: What is your hardest event? Why?

Moad: Regulation is hardest because you can't put your own style into it. You have to do it by the manual. And it takes constant practice.

Pitts: Inspection is the hardest - it's nerve-racking. At other events you know what they can and can't ask you, but not at the Nationals. Preparing for that is tough. We nicknamed the Head Judge "The Bear." Winning first place in Inspection was incredible.

Amschler: We focus the most on Regulation, but Inspection is the hardest. We do a lot of preparation for it. We get recruiters to come in and inspect us, but the Major is more intimidating.



SNI: What were your expectations during the Awards Ceremony?

Moad: I was confident in my team - I felt we did better than the other teams, but you can't expect to win.

Pitts: I was really nervous. We're not as sure of ourselves (at the Nationals) as we are at other meets.

Amschler: We could feel that we had it. But I was worried about Platoon Exhibition - we had some small errors there.

SNI: To what do you attribute your success?

Moad: Major. He's the reason we're here and has made Black Watch a way of life.

Pitts: Hard work and dedication and three great instructors. We can't do it without them pushing us. CDR is a great motivator - a great speaker; he's very inspiring.

Amschler: Master Gunny & Major. They set our goals and help us reach them. They give us the tools that we need to be the best.

SNI: Closing Thoughts?

Moad: This year had a difference in quality (from past years) - we didn't drop one weapon (in competition) all year long. I feel that with 10 returning cadets we will be just as strong next year. I am confident that we will win again.

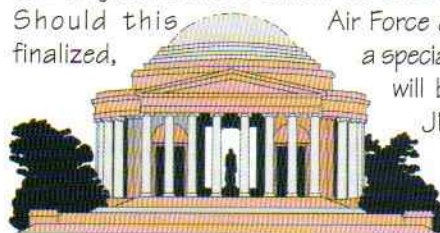
Pitts: (Next year's cadets) have big shoes to fill, but they know what they have to do to get it done. I'm leaving behind a really strong team.

Amschler: Next year, if we develop a foundation well enough and focus on continuity, teamwork and training, we will be able to go back to Daytona Beach and have the ability to win the National Championship again.



AIR FORCE NATIONAL DRILL CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE PLANNING STAGE

After years of coaxing SNI to offer a Nationals-like experience for only Air Force schools, Sports Network International has finally completed the preliminary groundwork for an Air Force National Drill Championship competition. Tentatively scheduled for Friday, March 16th, 2001, the "Air Force Nationals" are seeking a home in Washington, DC area. This single-day drill event will allow Air Force JROTC programs nationwide the ability to compete in a first-class drill meet, while also taking the days after the event to explore the unique history and national pride that can only come from a visit to the Nation's Capital. Should this Air Force drill meet become finalized,



a special invitational mailing will be sent to every Air Force JROTC unit, as well as a highlighted posting on the National's Website - KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED!



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS BECOME A PERMANENT PART OF THE NATIONALS

Jean Weil Foundation
A Memorial Scholarship Fund

To reward the hard working young men & women of JROTC, SNI has established the Jean Weil Foundation. Created to provide scholarships for outstanding Nationals' cadets, this foundation will make available a single scholarship to a graduating senior who competes at the National High School Drill Team Championships in 2001. As the money in this foundation grows over time through compounding interest and other donations, the size and scope of these scholarships will grow. As a co-founder of the Nationals, Jean Weil was quick to recognize the unique nature of the fine individuals that make themselves a part of JROTC. A scholarship foundation in her name is the best way to keep her memory and spirit alive as an on-going part of the Nationals. Specific information and qualifications will be forwarded to each attending school in their 2001 NHS DTC School Folder.



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The Nationals Website Undergoes a Major Upgrade

As any visitor to www.thenationals.net can attest, the Nationals webpage has undergone some major improvements! The Official Message Board of the Nationals gives JROTC cadets and instructors, both past and present, the ability to "sound-off" about their memories, experiences and even ask questions of other cadets regarding the Nationals. Postings range from comments to criticisms and even some good-natured ribbing between schools & services! It makes for a lot of very entertaining reading.

Want your JROTC webpage to get noticed? SNI has just become the official host of "Top 75 JROTC Websites". This site allows you to vote for member pages as the best JROTC website in the world! SNI encourages all JROTC units to add their homepage to this fun list and let the voting begin! Go to the SNI homepage to reach Top 75 JROTC Websites and while you are there, VOTE for the Nationals Homepage!



Also, after years of requests, we have arranged with trusted internet service Paypal to sell the Best of Series Videotapes on-line via credit card. This will allow buyers to purchase videotapes on-line with a Visa or Mastercard, often with same day shipping. This has become one of the fastest ways to get these great tapes.

With the addition of Humanclick to the Nationals homepage, web surfers now have access to instant, real-time chat with Justin Gates, Competition Director for the Nationals. Ask SOP questions, get rule clarifications or any other pertinent discussion and get your answers ASAP! Best of all, if Justin is not on-line or available, Humanclick automatically forwards your typed question into e-mail that is immediately sent to SNI where it will be answered as soon as possible.

Look for the Nationals at: www.thenationals.net

National Capital Drill Classic

When you think of Washington, DC, images of monuments and museums come to life on a grand scale. This national landscape was a fitting backdrop for the pagentry and polish of the 9th annual **National Capital Drill Classic**. The DC National Guard Armory provides an impressive home for this heralded JROTC drill event.

The NCDC field of 48 Army JROTC drill teams made for a busy and spirited one-day competition. The "Parade of Colors" Opening Ceremony started the day off with a colorful flair. A brief inspirational speech by **Commanding General Stewart W. Wallace**, U.S. Army Cadet Command, added an element of drama to the early morning event kick-off.

Four team events in both the Armed and Unarmed Divisions comprise the NCDC team scoring. These events are: Unit Inspection, Platoon Regulation, Color Guard & Platoon Exhibition. A tight competition schedule makes organization and motivation an important recipe for ultimate success.

Armed Division

A fiery rivalry has developed in Armed competition drill between Thomas Stone H.S. and T.C. Williams H.S. The 2000 NCDC was no exception as **T.C. Williams HS** from Alexandria, Virginia powered their way to the Armed Division Championship by just a single placement point! Led by **1SG LaGrant Smith**, the **Armageddon Red** drill team earned 1st place finishes in both Inspection & Regulation and a strong 2nd place finish in Color Guard, but a 6th place finish in Exhibition nearly cost them a title.

Finishing as the division runner-up, **Thomas Stone HS** from Waldorf, Maryland just missed in retaining their previous year division championship. The **Blue Cougars** drill team finished exactly one place behind T.C. Williams in each of the three basic events (Inspection, Regulation and Color Guard) and also gained a 4th place exhibition finish. Their solid finishes almost pulled them to the top and sets up a real showdown in 2001.

Repeating their 1999 finish as 3rd place overall, **Woodbridge Sr. HS** from Woodbridge, Virginia grabbed 3rd again. Displaying strength in all areas, Woodbridge featuring a stunning 1st place finish in Armed Exhibition drill.

The Armed Division was filled with other top performances highlighted by: **Liberty HS** (1st place Color Guard); **Fairmont Heights HS** (2nd place Exhibition); **Dunbar Sr. HS** (3rd place Exhibition) and **Lake Clifton/Eastern HS** (3rd place Regulation).

Unarmed Division

Hitting on all cylinders, **T.C. Williams HS** blew away the competition in a runaway Unarmed Division Championship. The **Armageddon Blue** drill team repeated their 1998 & 1999 championships, winning every team event except Unarmed Exhibition where they grabbed a 2nd place finish.

Overall preparation and determination led **Thomas Walker HS** to a much improved finish at the 2000 NCDC. The **Pioneers** won the tie-breaker (more overall points) for the runner-up crown, paced by strong finishes in Color Guard (2nd place) and Regulation (3rd place).

Gaining 3rd place overall within the Unarmed Division was **Forestville HS** from Forestville, Maryland. The hard-nosed **Silver Knights** drill team finished well across the board, gaining a 1st place Exhibition, a 2nd

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place Inspection, and a 3rd place Color Guard finish. Only an 8th place in Regulation performance cost them a clear runner-up title.

Other top finishes in the Unarmed Division included: **Thomas Stone HS** (three top 5 finishes); **West Potomac HS** (3rd place Inspection); **Howard HS** (2nd place Regulation, 5th place Inspection) and **Denbigh HS** (3rd place Exhibition, 4th place Regulation).

Knockout drills preceded the tense NCDC Awards Ceremony. Powerful closing words were delivered by **General Wallace** and the **Mayor's Trophy** was presented to the highest finishing JROTC unit in Washington, D.C. This trophy went to returning city champion, **Anacostia HS**.

The NCDC has grown and thrives under the tremendous support of **D.C. Armory Commanding General, Warren G. Freeman**. Without his efforts, the NCDC would not be presented in the first-class manner that has become the standard. Also, the judging corps from the **U.S. Army Old Guard** gave another fantastic effort for the cadets.

Sports Network would like to thank everyone who makes the NCDC the impressive event it has become. The dedicated schools throughout the 1st Region, 4th Brigade are already tightening their boot straps getting ready for the 10th annual NCDC scheduled for **Saturday, March 17th, 2001**.



T.C. Williams HS of Alexandria, Virginia is the reigning powerhouse at the NCDC. Capturing both Armed & Unarmed Overall titles, the Armageddon Red & Blue teams have set the standard in the nation's capital.

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Navy JROTC Nationals

When you think of demanding, all-around tests of well-rounded JROTC excellence, nothing compares to the two-day **Navy JROTC Nationals - Academic, Athletic and Drill Championships**. Frigid and snowy conditions couldn't put a damper on the tight-knit family of twenty-one Navy JROTC units from across the United States hot to compete at this historic event which has become affectionately known as simply the "Navy Nationals."

The event opened with the highly competitive **Athletic Competition** held on Friday afternoon. Jaws were dropping throughout the hall as both individual and team performances on display dazzled the crowd. With twenty-five points separating the top four athletic teams, a final push by **Green Run HS** captured the overall Athletic title. Paced by a blistering 03:12:57 time in the 16x100yd. shuttle relay, the powerful athletes from Virginia Beach, Virginia earned a tight win.

Finishing 2nd in Athletics was 1999 athletic overall champion **Oviedo HS** from Oviedo, Florida despite a first and second place finish in the two relay events, as well as a third place finish in the tight team push-ups competition.

Finishing in third place overall within Athletics (missing a championship by just 19 points out of 1,200) was **Alma HS**. Across-the-board strength and a strong 2nd place finish in Curl-ups put this program in contention right to the end.

Cadets then grabbed a quick bite of dinner and hustled over to the pressure-packed **Academic Exam**. Schools formed 15-cadet academic teams with each cadet taking a 100-question test on relevant Navy JROTC information. This provided a possible 1500-point team total. When the test scanner finally cooled off, **Flour Bluff HS** from Corpus Cristi, Texas blew away the field with a convincing 1,253 point total! This accomplishment was a true team effort, with a finish 70 points higher than the 2nd place unit.

In an amazing coincidence, **Nease HS** from St. Augustine, Florida grabbed second place in Academics (1183 pts.) by only a single point FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR!

In third place was **Lake Howell HS** with just one correct answer shy (1182 pts.) of a 2nd place finish. The team was led by individual top finishers Cadets Stange (1st-94pts.) and Williams (4th-92 pts.).

Cadets began the "uniformed" portion of the competition on Saturday morning. Brushes and mirrors were plentiful as **Unit Personnel Inspection** took center stage. This brutally stressful event (worth a staggering 1,500 points!) brought a 2000 repeat championship for **Flour Bluff HS**. Knowledge, discipline, and grit proved to be a lethal combination as these impressive cadets won handily in this must-win portion of the Navy Nationals (1323 pts.).

The Florida two-step was on display as **Boca Raton HS** (1231 pts.) and **Nease HS** (1179 pts.), distanced themselves from the competition field, earning second & third place respectively.

Along with Inspection, the crowd-pleasing **Drill Competition** was on display Saturday morning. Comprised of five team events totaling 1500 pts., drill is the backbone of this event and really shows off the discipline and hard work that makes these top units stand out.

Flour Bluff HS continued their dominance by grabbing the Overall Drill Championship. This powerhouse NJROTC unit won two of the five drill events (Unarmed Basic & Unarmed Exhibition) on their way to amassing a solid 1112 pt. total.

Thousands of practice hours helped **Boca Raton HS** grab the drill runner-up placement. Paced by a strong 2nd place Unarmed Exhibition Drill finish, the school edged past **McDowell HS** by just six points. No glaring weaknesses and an impressive Color Guard routine put this school in top drill contention.

Other outstanding drill performances included: **Lake Howell HS** (1st-Armed Basic, 2nd-Unarmed Basic); **Oviedo HS** (2nd-Color Guard, 3rd-Unarmed Exhibition); **Seguin HS** (1st-Armed Exhibition, 4th Armed Basic) and **South Kitsap HS** (2nd-Armed Exhibition).

The Knockout Drills preceded a fantastic Awards Ceremony, featuring **Rear Admiral Edward E. Hunter, Commander, Great Lakes R.T.C.** An inspirational speech was the perfect vehicle to capture the excitement of the 2000 Navy Nationals Awards Ceremony.

Capturing the NJROTC Nationals Overall Championship was returning Champion, **Flour Bluff HS**. Overall Runner-up was **Lake Howell HS** and the Overall 3rd place finisher was **Boca Raton HS**.

After two years at Great Lakes, Illinois, the 2001 NJROTC Nationals will be moved to the Eastern U.S. for the first time since 1996. **Pensacola Naval Air Station** will be the home for the 2001 NJROTC Nationals and the Navy's best are already working toward the **April 6th-7th** event. Sports Network is honored to continue our association with this amazing event and remain confident that the 2001 NJROTC Nationals will remain the most AWESOME display of Naval excellence!



Neither snow nor cold could keep Princess Anne H.S. from a 1st place finish in the Color Guard competition.

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2001 NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Introduction

Sports Network International is pleased to provide this invitation to all precision drill units to attend the 19th annual **National High School Drill Team Championships** in Daytona Beach, Florida. This event is open to all high school JROTC units and select other military-style programs competing in Armed & Unarmed divisions. This is your school's **official invitation** to enter the nation's finest JROTC drill and ceremony competition, referred to worldwide as simply "**The Nationals.**"

The **National High School Drill Team Championships** remain the most coveted drill destination in the nation. Schools travel from across the U.S. to attend this all-service drill spectacular. Schools considering entry into the Nationals should make plans early as competition spaces are limited to roughly **50 schools at the Masters Level; 50 schools at the Challenge Level; and 25 schools within the Open Level Color Guard event.**

Sports Network International, Inc. (SNI) serves as the Event Manager for the Nationals. The 2001 National High School Drill Team Championships are **proudly sponsored by the U.S. Army Cadet Command.**

Competition Guidelines

All schools drill and are judged in accordance with their own service manual. In Armed Divisions where their manual is not specific, U.S. Army FM 22-5 (1986) is used. In the Unarmed Division, U.S. Air Force FM 36-2203 (1996) is used. The variety of services that have gained top finishes at Daytona is a testament to the fairness of this drill event. The event SOP is mailed to all registered schools in mid-January. Schools having questions regarding any rules & procedures in use for this drill meet should feel free to contact SNI before registering for the competition.

Event Judging

All judges at the NHSDTC maintain a strong background in military drill. Judges are fully qualified military personnel representing all four branches of the service. All judges are given extensive judging manuals in advance of the event, as well as a full on-site briefing on the eve of the competition. The Nationals' judges are extremely motivated and give a 110% effort. This remains a major reason why so many teams look to end their drill season at "**The World's Most Famous Beach.**"

Competition Events

The NHSDTC maintains two competition levels. The **Challenge Level** is designed for drill teams who wish to be part of the Nationals experience while competing against similarly talented schools at a less intense skill level than the Masters Level. Challenge maintains Armed (demilitarized weapons only) & Unarmed divisions. Military Academies are no longer excluded from the Challenge level. Schools looking to enter "stand-alone" color guard units are also eligible to enter up to two units in the Open Level Color Guard event.

The **Masters Level** is designed to compete the finest drill programs in the nation together within three separate divisions. Teams utilizing standard demilitarized rifles compete in the **Demilitarized Arms Division**. Teams competing without weapons enter the **Unarmed Division**. The **Alternative Arms Division** is for teams using lightweight, facsimile weapons (regardless of their gender) AND teams that are all-female (regardless of the weapon type used).

CHALLENGE LEVEL EVENTS

- ★ Unit Inspection (12 + Cmdr.)
- ★ Platoon/Flight Regulation (12 + Cmdr.)
- ★ Color Guard (4-person only - w/arms)
- ★ Team Exhibition (8-12 + Cmdr.)

Challenge Level Team Exhibition unit can be Squad or Platoon Formation

MASTERS LEVEL EVENTS

- ★ Unit Inspection (12 + Cmdr.)
- ★ Platoon/Flight Regulation (12 + Cmdr.)
- ★ Color Guard (4-person only - w/arms)
- ★ Squad/Element Exhibition (8-11+ Cmdr.)
- ★ Platoon/Flight Exhibition (13 & over-no max)
- ★ Solo & Dual Exhibition

Schools may enter multiple complete teams in different divisions at the Nationals, as long as no cadet competes for more than one team. Therefore, schools entering both an armed and unarmed team may do so, but the two teams **must have separate cadets for each team.** This rule allows maximum cadet participation without adding multiple school entries utilizing the same cadets.

All Masters Level Armed units are allowed two entries (per team) in both Solo & Dual Exhibition events. Unarmed Masters units can enter two pairs in Unarmed Dual Exhibition. Also, ALL CADETS are urged to compete in their level's Armed & Unarmed Knockout Drills.

NHSDTC Event Specifics

The National High School Drill Team Championships are held at the impressive **Ocean Center Civic Arena** in Daytona Beach, Florida in late Spring every year. This state-of-the-art facility features permanent seating for over 6,000 with outstanding amenities for a drill competition the size and prestige of the Nationals. The Ocean Center also features a complete concession area and plentiful bus & car parking. All cadets and instructors who attend the Nationals will attest that the Ocean Center remains the most exceptional drill & ceremony facility currently in use in the United States.

Schools are housed in Daytona Beach at one of 22 oceanfront hotels located within 10 minutes of the Ocean Center Arena. They provide quality & affordable billeting for every Nationals team. SNI will also offer select schools the ability to choose an Upgrade Hotel Package Plan at one of several select hotels. The Headquarters for the event is the **Adam's Mark Resort**. Located directly across the street from the Ocean Center, the Adam's Mark is an oasis which will provide an exceptional billet for the few schools able to stay in this luxury hotel environment. Schools requesting a specific hotel should contact SNI directly.

All schools must be in town the night before their competition begins. Schools attend the **NHSDTC Commander's Call** the evening prior to their competition. At this meeting, all teams are presented their competition schedules and receive a short briefing by NHSDTC Competition Director, Justin Gates.

The one-day Challenge & Open Level event is held on **Friday, April 27th**, with the two-day Masters Level competition held on **Saturday & Sunday, April 28th-29th**. Both levels feature Knockout Drills at the conclusion of the judging and an Awards Ceremony following the competition in the evening.

Awards and Trophies

The Nationals feature the most beautiful trophies in the world. National Championship and National Runner-Up trophies are awarded in all competition divisions - Demilitarized Arms, Unarmed and Alternative Arms (at the Masters Level) --- Armed & Unarmed (at the Challenge Level). **The size and impressiveness of these trophies remains legendary within the drill community!**

DRILL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Team events in all competition divisions are trophied in **1st-5th** place. All schools who compete for a Championship (schools entering every team event within a division) will receive a personalized NHSBTC school plaque acknowledging their quest for an overall title.

The Masters Level competition maintains both Solo & Dual Exhibition for all armed teams and Dual Exhibition for unarmed teams. Regulation Cadet Commanders at both the Masters & Challenge Levels also compete for Commanders Trophies. These individual trophies are awarded in **1st-3rd** place. Top finishers in all Armed & Unarmed Knockout Drills will receive a hand-painted medallion hung on a red, white & blue neck ribbon.

Costs to Attend

All schools choosing to attend the National High School Drill Team Championships **must attend through the Team Package Plan.**

This plan is designed to ensure all cadets and instructors are given the enjoyment of staying together in superb oceanfront hotels with other schools from across the country, provided with treasured event mementos, as well as **ensuring all schools receive the finest drill event they have ever attended at an affordable cost.**

Team Package Plan Includes:

- ❖ Four days & three nights billeting in one of many oceanfront hotels in Daytona Beach
- ❖ Specially-minted NHSBTC bronze medallion on a goldtone neckchain
- ❖ Specially-designed NHSBTC t-shirt for all cadets, ordered to size
- ❖ Specially-designed NHSBTC collared sports-shirt for all adults, ordered to size
- ❖ Swiss-embroidered four-inch patch designed for the NHSBTC event
- ❖ 8" X 10" glossy color team photograph
- ❖ Discounts at numerous local eateries

The price of the Team Package Plan, based on staying four-to-a-room, is only **\$95.00 per person for the full 4 day / 3 night package.** Challenge level schools have the option to stay in a 2-night package for only \$85.00 per person. Three, two and one to-a-room prices are slightly higher, utilized primarily for instructors and other adult team followers. Schools interested in Upgrade or even Luxury billets should contact SNI for those upgraded rates. **All participants (cadets & instructors) are required to attend the NHSBTC through this Team Package Plan to ensure all event costs are fully covered.**

Registration Fee

The School Registration Fee for Nationals entry is \$300 for the Masters Level, \$200 for the Challenge Level and \$50 per team for the Open Level Color Guard. Schools wishing to enter teams within multiple levels should contact SNI for details. **This fee is completely refundable if requested before December 8th, 2000. It is non-refundable once a school has been accepted for entry into the Nationals.** This ensures only schools who are fully committed to attend the event occupy a valuable competition slot and will ensure the Nationals remains the home for the finest drill teams in the country at all levels.

To Register for the NHSBTC

To register your school for the Nationals, please complete the enclosed NHSBTC Registration Form and mail it to Sports Network International along with your Registration Fee. Schools unsure of which competition level they should enter should contact SNI before submitting their School Registration. Upon receipt by SNI, your school will be immediately notified by mail that we have received your entry request.

SELECTION PROCESS: All registrations will be accumulated and reviewed by the SNI Competition Committee beginning on Friday, December 8th, 2000. 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:

- ❖ Overall team strength in past Nationals performances as well as other regional drill meets you have attended.
- ❖ Teams looking to capture an Overall Championship (complete teams entering all team events within a division) are given preference over partial teams.

❖ Geographic spread, service diversity, gung-ho nature and previous entry attempts are all very strong points considered by SNI. While most powerful returning schools to the Nationals register within weeks of receiving this invitation, a few schools wait. If you are sure you wish to attend, waiting could be very disappointing for all! Schools who register after the December 8th review deadline will have only a small chance of getting into the Nationals. The event is expected to be full on December 8th, with only standby slots available after this date.

Additional Registration Info

Schools accepted for entry will be mailed confirmations on Monday, December 11th. Any school not accepted into the NHSBTC will have their Registration Entry Fee refunded within 10 business days from the review deadline.

All checks and written correspondence should be directed to **Sports Network International** at the address and telephone number listed below. Schools may contact SNI by e-mail for non-official items only. All essential correspondence should be done only by phone or regular mail.

In Closing

We invite all teams, **especially those who have considered attending in the past,** to look at attending the 2001 Nationals. Your drill team's attendance will become the highlight of your school year, giving focus and purpose to your drill season. It provides a strong means of attracting interest in your program from within your community and will give your school and drill unit the national notoriety and incredible learning experience that they richly deserve. The Nationals are renowned for the strong teams who annually attend. With the advent and expansion of the Nationals Challenge Level competition, schools of all talent levels now look to become a part of the exciting and memorable Nationals experience.

Mostly, a trip to the Nationals will give your cadets, parents and staff a great experience to reflect upon for the rest of their lives. The Nationals are the ultimate reward for a long year of hard work, sweat and dedication.

Veterans of the Nationals will attest that **no other drill meet compares with the National High School Drill Team Championships.** The overall talent, all-service flavor and vast geographic spread of teams attending the Nationals give this drill event an unparalleled atmosphere of drill excellence! We at SNI wish your program and your cadets the best of luck this school year and **we hope to see you in Daytona Beach at the Nationals!**

For additional information:

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Sports Network International
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Daytona Beach, Florida 32114
800/327-9311 ☎ 904/274-1919
email: thenationals@mindspring.com

OPENING DAY REMAINS "D-DAY" AT THE NATIONALS!



The "D" stands for **DESIRE** and it was plentiful on the opening day of the Nationals competition during the Challenge Level and Open Level Color Guard competitions.



By all measures, the Challenge Level competition at the 2000 Nationals was the most intense, hard-fought competition ever. The expansion of the competition field brought together over 60 teams -- nearly double the size of the 1999 event. These schools worked hard to capture overall titles within the Armed and Unarmed Divisions. While the talent level on display was a half-notch below their Masters Level brethren, the competition was just as fierce and just as cut-throat!

The four events within the Armed & Unarmed Divisions (Inspection, Regulation, Color Guard, Exhibition) gave all teams a chance to display their unlimited hours of practice and preparation throughout the year. Scores in some cases were so close, many winners were not confirmed until just before the start of the Awards Ceremony!



The Shogun Guard of Edgren HS from Japan made Nationals history as our first overseas competitor.

Armed Division

A talented attack in all events made for a tough team to beat as the **Crossed Rifles Army** drill team from **Lancaster HS** literally thrashed the Armed Division competition grabbing the overall championship. The well-disciplined group from **Lancaster, Texas** gained a top six finish in all four team events, as well as a powerful first place finish in the always-tough Inspection event. This well balanced drill attack made for a versatile, talent-laden combination that was simply unstoppable.

The Armed Runner-up title was hard fought. The **Teufel Brigade** Marine Corps unit from **Topeka HS** scratched their way to an Armed Runner-up title. The hard workers from **Topeka, Kansas** beat the competition by a single placement point! This team has improved their overall finish every year they have attended the Nationals. This "can-do" attitude put them over the top in capturing the Armed runner-up crown.

Other outstanding Armed Division performances included: **Grove City HS** (3rd Overall, 3rd-Inspection, 4th-Color Guard); **Winnsboro HS** (4th Overall, 2nd-Color Guard, 5th-Inspection); **Friendly HS** (1st-Regulation, 5th Exhibition); **Woodlawn HS** (1st-Exhibition); and **Clarksville HS** (1st-Color Guard, 2nd Regulation).

Unarmed Division

This division maintained the tightest finish in the history of the Nationals. Just a few points on a few score sheets meant the difference between 1st through 5th place overall! **Newburgh Free Academy** from **Newburgh, New York**

had just enough gas to grab the Unarmed Division Championship. The **Screaming Eagles** drill team stumbled in Inspection and Exhibition, yet won both the tough Regulation and Color Guard competitions. This gave the long-time Nationals attendee just enough quality points to give the Air Force unit their first overall National title.

Just missing the top spot was the 1999 Armed Division championship school from **Laredo, Texas**. The hard-charging Marines from **United South HS** put together another solid effort, however a 10th place finish in Color Guard competition cost them a chance at an overall title. The **South Lady Panthers** showed the fight and spirit that makes them a formidable challenge in any competition they enter!

The Unarmed Division was FILLED with top performances, featuring: **Hialeah HS** (3rd Overall, 3rd-Regulation, 4th-Color Guard); **Gulfport HS** (4th Overall, 3rd-Exhibition); **Winnsboro HS** (5th Overall, 1st-Inspection, 2nd-Regulation); **Bloomington HS** (1st-Exhibition); **Jardines De Ponce HS** (2nd-Exhibition); **Pine Ridge HS** (2nd-Color Guard); **Eastside HS** (2nd-Inspection); and **Westover HS** (3rd-Color Guard).

OPEN LEVEL COLOR GUARD COMPETITION

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THE DRAMA NEVER ENDS WITHIN THE OPEN LEVEL COLOR GUARD EVENT. SCHOOLS WHO ENTER ONLY A COLOR GUARD UNIT COMPETE AT THE NATIONALS WITHIN THE SELECT OPEN LEVEL COLOR GUARD COMPETITION. TWENTY-SEVEN COLOR GUARD UNITS WERE SELECTED TO ATTEND FROM ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, AS WELL AS A SINGLE COLOR GUARD UNIT FROM Edgren HS in Japan! THE IMPACT THIS EVENT MAINTAINS IS PHENOMENAL AS OVER 50 SCHOOL REQUESTS ARE ANNUALLY RECEIVED BY SNI FOR THIS WORLD-CLASS COMPETITION.

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JUDGES HAD THEIR HANDS FULL AS TEAM AFTER TEAM ENTERED THE COMPETITION FLOOR AND PERFORMED WITH DISTINCTION! STRICT ADHERENCE TO DRILL MANUALS, TEAMWORK, AND ESPRIT-DE-CORPS WAS THE STANDARD SET BY ALL OF THE COLOR GUARDS. WHEN THE COMPETITION WAS OVER, THE CREAM HAD AGAIN RISEN TO THE TOP. THE TEXAS STAMPEDE CONTINUED AT THE NATIONALS WITH THE LADIES CARDINAL GUARD FROM MACARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL GAINING AN IMPRESSIVE OLCG CHAMPIONSHIP. THEIR 1,087 POINTS (OUT OF 1,200 POSSIBLE) WAS AWESOME AND SET THE STANDARD IN THIS ALWAYS EXCITING DISPLAY OF COLOR GUARD EXCELLENCE. THE COMPLETE LISTING OF TROPHY WINNERS IN THE OPEN LEVEL COLOR GUARD EVENT WERE:

Champion: MacArthur HS - Ladies Cardinal Guard (1087)
Runner-up: Bradwell Institute - Lady Tiger Guard (1027)
3rd Place: Memorial HS - Lady Chargers (996)
4th Place: White Mountains Reg. HS - Spartan Battalion (972)
5th Place: Lyman HS - Crooms Panther Guard (962)

SPORTS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL WISHES TO SALUTE ALL OF THE AWESOME COLOR GUARD UNITS THAT CHOSE TO COMPETE WITHIN THIS ELITE COMPETITION. SCHOOLS ARE ALREADY PLANNING TO BE A PART OF THE 2001 EVENT. LIMITED ENTRY SPACES WILL BE AVAILABLE, THEREFORE INTERESTED SCHOOLS SHOULD APPLY BEFORE THE DECEMBER DEADLINE!

2000 National High School Drill Team Championships

Challenge Level Attendees & Event Standings

Armed Division

Inspection

Lancaster HS - <i>Crossed Rifles</i>	988
Mason Co. HS - <i>Royal Guard Battalion</i>	967
Grove City HS - <i>Greyhounds</i>	967
Topeka HS - <i>Teufel Brigade</i>	965
Winnsboro HS - <i>Wildcats</i>	949

Platoon Regulation

Friendly HS - <i>Total Alliance</i>	972
Clarksville HS - <i>Wildcats</i>	932
Topeka HS - <i>Teufel Brigade</i>	930
Lancaster HS - <i>Crossed Rifles</i>	929
Deerfield Beach HS - <i>Scarlet Bucks</i>	901

Color Guard

Clarksville HS - <i>Wildcats</i>	906
Winnsboro HS - <i>Wildcats</i>	880
Lancaster HS - <i>Crossed Rifles</i>	837
Grove City HS - <i>Greyhounds</i>	775
Englewood HS - <i>Ram Pack</i>	760

Team Exhibition

Woodlawn HS - <i>Colonels</i>	1015
Wetumpka HS - <i>Golden Indians</i>	1009
Bullitt Central HS - <i>White Cougars</i>	1005
Oxon Hill HS - <i>Lords of Discipline</i>	997
Friendly HS - <i>Total Alliance</i>	992

Overall Armed Finish

Champion: Lancaster High School
Crossed Rifles

Runner-up: Topeka High School
Teufel Brigade

Schools of the 2000 Nationals Challenge Level Competition

B.M.C. DURFEE HS

Navy JROTC
Fall River, MA

BloomiNGdale HS

Air Force JROTC
Valrico, FL

BRENTWOOD HS

Air Force JROTC
Brentwood, NY

Cedar Shoals HS

Army JROTC
Athens, GA

Clarksville HS

Army JROTC
Clarksville, TN

DEERfield BEACH HS

Marine Corps JROTC
Deerfield Beach, FL

ENGlewood HS

Army JROTC
Jacksonville, FL

FOREST PARK HS

Air Force JROTC
Forest Park, GA

GATEWAY HS

Air Force JROTC
Aurora, CO

Bishop KENNY HS

Navy JROTC
Jacksonville, FL

BoGALUSA HS

Army JROTC
Bogalusa, LA

Bullitt CENTRAL HS

Army JROTC
Shepherdsville, KY

CENTennial HS

Army JROTC
Roswell, GA

COVENTRY HS

Air Force JROTC
Coventry, RI

EASTside HS

Navy JROTC
Gainesville, FL

FOREST HS

Air Force JROTC
Ocala, FL

Friendly HS

Navy JROTC
Ft. Washington, MD

GROVE City HS

Navy JROTC
Grove City, OH

Hialeah HS

Air Force JROTC
Hialeah, FL

Unarmed Division

Inspection

Winnsboro HS - <i>Lady Cats</i>	895
Eastside HS - <i>Fighting Rams</i>	880
United South HS - <i>South Lady Panthers</i>	876
Topeka HS - <i>Teufel Wachter</i>	840
Gulfport HS - <i>Precision 'n Motion</i>	834

Flight Regulation

Newburgh Free Ady. - <i>Screaming Eagles</i>	899
Winnsboro HS - <i>Lady Cats</i>	896
Hialeah HS - <i>Destruction</i>	890
Forest HS - <i>Wildcats</i>	875
Deerfield Beach HS - <i>Golden Bucks</i>	848

Color Guard

Newburgh Free Ady. - <i>Screaming Eagles</i>	978
Pine Ridge HS - <i>Golden Superiority</i>	936
Westover HS - <i>Wolverines</i>	930
Hialeah HS - <i>Destruction</i>	894
Kemper Co. HS - <i>Grenadier Gold</i>	893

Team Exhibition

BloomiNGdale HS - <i>Black Hawks</i>	970
Jardines De Ponce HS - <i>Sonic Boomers</i>	943
Gulfport HS - <i>Precision 'n Motion</i>	901
Winnsboro HS - <i>No Limit Soldiers</i>	881
Sidney Lanier HS - <i>Royal Guardians</i>	879

Overall Armed Finish

Champion: Newburgh Free Academy
Screaming Eagles

Runner-up: United South High School
South Lady Panthers

Gulfport HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Gulfport, MS

Gwynn Park HS
Air Force JROTC
Brandywine, MD

HARRISON HS
Air Force JROTC
Colorado Springs, CO

Hialeah HS
Air Force JROTC
Hialeah, FL

Hialeah-Miami Lakes HS
Army JROTC
Hialeah, FL

HUBBARD HS
Army JROTC
Chicago, IL

HUGUENOT HS
Army JROTC
Richmond, VA

JAMES F. BYRNES HS
Air Force JROTC
Duncan, SC

JARDINES DE PONCE HS
Air Force JROTC
Coto Laurel, PR

KEMPER COUNTY HS
Army JROTC
DeKalb, MS

LAKEWOOD HS
Army JROTC
Lakewood, NJ

LANCASTER HS
Army JROTC
Lancaster, TX

LARGO SENIOR HS
Air Force JROTC
Upper Marlboro, MD

LEWISVILLE HS
Army JROTC
Richburg, SC

MASON COUNTY HS
Army JROTC
Maysville, KY

MONTGOMERY CENT. HS
Army JROTC
Cunningham, TN

MOUNTAIN HOME HS
Navy JROTC
Mountain Home, AR

NEWBURGH FREE Acdy.
Air Force JROTC
Newburgh, NY

NORTH AUGUSTA HS
Navy JROTC
North Augusta, SC

NORTH HARDIN HS
Army JROTC
Radcliff, KY

NORTH QUINCY HS
Air Force JROTC
Quincy, MA

NORTHEAST HS
Army JROTC
Clarksville, TN

NORTHside HS
Air Force JROTC
Warner Robins, GA

OXON HILL HS
Air Force JROTC
Oxon Hill, MD

PINE RIDGE HS
Air Force JROTC
Deltona, FL

RAYVILLE HS
Army JROTC
Rayville, LA

SIDNEY LANIER HS
Army JROTC
San Antonio, TX

SURRATTVILLE HS
Air Force JROTC
Clinton, MD

THOMAS WALKER HS
Army JROTC
Ewing, VA

TOPEKA HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Topeka, KS

UNITED SOUTH HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Laredo, TX

WARREN COUNTY HS
Army JROTC
McMinnville, TN

WASHINGTON HS
Navy JROTC
Washington, IN

WAUKEGAN HS
Army JROTC
Waukegan, IL

WEST CHARLOTTE HS
Army JROTC
Charlotte, NC

WESTERN HARNETT HS
Army JROTC
Lillington, NC

WESTOVER HS
Army JROTC
Fayetteville, NC

WETUMPKA HS
Army JROTC
Wetumpka, AL

WILL ROGERS HS
Army JROTC
Tulsa, OK

WINNSBORO HS
Army JROTC
Winnsboro, LA

WOODLAWN HS
Army JROTC
Birmingham, AL



2000 Masters Level Participants Schools of Excellence



Boca Raton High School
Navy JROTC
Boca Raton, Florida

Campbell High School
Navy JROTC
Ewa Beach, Hawaii

Carroll High School
Army JROTC
Ozark, Alabama

Central Catholic HS
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Clarksville High School
Army JROTC
Clarksville, Tennessee

Colonel White HS
Army JROTC
Dayton, Ohio

Coventry High School
Air Force JROTC
Coventry, Rhode Island

Cranston East High School
Army JROTC
Cranston, Rhode Island

Douglas MacArthur HS
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Enterprise High School
Army JROTC
Enterprise, Alabama

Farrington High School
Army JROTC
Honolulu, Hawaii

Fern Creek High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Fern Creek, Kentucky

Florida Air Academy
Air Force JROTC
Melbourne, Florida

Flour Bluff High School
Navy JROTC
Corpus Christi, Texas

Francis Lewis HS
Army JROTC
Fresh Meadows, New York

Hargrave Military Admy.
Non-Affiliated
Chatham, Virginia

Hialeah High School
Air Force JROTC
Hialeah, Florida

J.H. Reagan High School
Army JROTC
Houston, Texas

John Jay High School
Air Force JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Kamehameha Schools
Army JROTC
Honolulu, Hawaii

LaSalle Military Admy.
Army JROTC
Oakdale, New York

Lackey High School
Air Force JROTC
Indian Head, Maryland

Leesburg High School
Air Force JROTC
Leesburg, Florida

Lyman High School
Army JROTC
Longwood, Florida

Mattoon High School
Army JROTC
Mattoon, Illinois

McKinley High School
Army JROTC
Honolulu, Hawaii

Miami Coral Park High School
Army JROTC
Miami, Florida

Miami Sunset High School
Army JROTC
Miami, Florida

Millersburg Military Admy.
U.S. Air Corps
Millersburg, Kentucky

Missouri Military Admy.
Army JROTC
Mexico, Missouri

Mount Dora High School
Air Force JROTC
Mount Dora, Florida

Mt. Tabor High School
Army JROTC
Winston-Salem, NC

N.B. Forrest High School
Air Force JROTC
Jacksonville, Florida

Nathan Hale High School
Army JROTC
Tulsa, Oklahoma

New York Military Admy.
Army JROTC
Cornwall-On-Hudson, NY

North Augusta High School
Navy JROTC
North Augusta, S. Carolina

North Hardin High School
Army JROTC
Radcliff, Kentucky

Northeast High School
Air Force JROTC
Oakland Park, Florida

Oak Ridge Military Admy.
Army JROTC
Oak Ridge, North Carolina

Oxon Hill High School
Air Force JROTC
Oxon Hill, Maryland

Palm Bay High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Melbourne, Florida

Pine Ridge High School
Air Force JROTC
Deltona, Florida

Port St. Lucie HS
Army JROTC
Port St. Lucie, Florida

Ragsdale High School
Air Force JROTC
Jamestown, North Carolina

Rahway High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Rahway, New Jersey

Riverside M.A.
Army JROTC
Gainesville, Georgia

Roosevelt High School
Army JROTC
Honolulu, Hawaii

Sam Houston High School
Army JROTC
Houston, Texas

Seneca High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Louisville, Kentucky

Southeast High School
Army JROTC
Bradenton, Florida

Southern Regional HS
Air Force JROTC
Manahawkin, New Jersey

Springfield High School
Army JROTC
Holland, Ohio

St. Louis High School
Army JROTC
Honolulu, Hawaii

Sterling High School
Navy JROTC
Houston, Texas

T.C. Williams High School
Army JROTC
Alexandria, Virginia

Terry Sanford High School
Air Force JROTC
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Theodore Roosevelt HS
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Thomas Stone High School
Army JROTC
Waldorf, Maryland

Union High School
Army JROTC
Union, New Jersey

United South High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Laredo, Texas

Valley Forge Military Admy.
Army JROTC
Wayne, Pennsylvania

Walla Walla High School
Army JROTC
Walla Walla, Washington

Warren County High School
Army JROTC
McMinnville, Tennessee

Winston Churchill HS
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Xavier High School
Army JROTC
New York, New York





Masters of their Domain!

One king remained while two others were vanquished from their thrones. The struggle to remain on top was brutal — and fun to watch!



National Champions Winston Churchill HS from San Antonio, TX (top); Flour Bluff HS from Corpus Christi, TX (left) and Fern Creek HS from Fern Creek, Kentucky (right) took the three Masters Level Overall National Championship titles in Daytona Beach.

A Masters Level competition field bursting with national drill talent provided the substance for the finest military drill competition in history. From the first event on Saturday morning to the last on Sunday afternoon, no prisoners were taken as every cadet gave everything they had — and then a little bit more in a quest for the National Championship of all-service military drill. Along with the fantastic drill competition, the cadets, instructors and parents were treated to clear skies, 80° weather, incredible, all-service judging and the always-impressive Ocean Center Arena. Highlights were as plentiful as seagulls as three different services took home Championships at the 2000 Nationals competition.

Event Overview

The 2000 Masters Level competition at the Nationals was by any measure a huge success. So many top schools performing made the final results a true mystery until the awards were presented Sunday evening. With the inclusion of the **Challenge Level competition** and the **Open Level Color Guard event**, the Nationals have truly become a drill competition for ALL schools looking to be a part of drill excellence at any level.

Demilitarized Arms Division Highlights

The toughest division at the Nationals brought forth the continued domination of perennial powerhouse **Winston Churchill HS** as the Demilitarized National Champion. While many schools put the pressure on this Army JROTC unit from drill mecca **San Antonio, Texas**, they were up to the test, earning three 1st place finishes (Inspection, Color Guard, & Platoon Ex.) and a 3rd place (Squad Ex.). The championship put the cherry on another flawless season for the **Black Watch** drill team, led by SAI, **Major Greg Mikesell**.

Finishing as National Runner-Up were the hard-charging devil dogs of **Fern Creek HS** from **Fern Creek, Kentucky**. The **Leathernecks** Marine Corps JROTC drill team put together a solid all-around performance displaying very few weaknesses. Their top placements were two, 2nd place finishes (Inspection, Color Guard) and a 4th place finish (Platoon Ex.).

Other awesome team finishes were turned in by: **Flour Bluff HS** (1st-Squad Ex., 2nd-Platoon Ex., 4th-Color Guard, 5th-Inspection); **Douglas MacArthur HS** (2nd-Squad Ex, 3rd-Regulation, 5th-Color Guard, Platoon Ex.); **Lyman HS** (1st-Regulation, 3rd-Inspection); **Theodore Roosevelt HS** (3rd-Platoon Ex., 4th-Regulation) and **Enterprise HS** (2nd-Regulation, 5th-Squad Ex.).

Unarmed Division Highlights

The Unarmed Division proved to be a classic two-horse race. When the dust cleared, the tightest competition at the Nationals ended with the **Seahawks** drill team from **Flour Bluff HS** grabbing the division championship with an absolutely stunning performance. This Navy JROTC drill unit from **Corpus Christi, Texas**, excelled earning two 1st place finishes (Inspection, Element Ex.) a 2nd (Color Guard) and two 3rd place finishes (Regulation, Flight Ex.). The championship went well with their Navy National Championship the school earned just a month before (see page 9) under the leadership of **CDR Armando Solis**.

After an unparalleled domination of the Unarmed Division (**8 championships in the past 9 years**), **Theodore Roosevelt HS** from **San Antonio, Texas** just missed a recapture of their crown. The **Riderettes** drill team was awesome, grabbing two 1st place finishes (Color Guard, Flight Ex.), a 2nd place (Regulation) and a 3rd place (Element Ex.), but a 9th place finish within the always brutal Inspection competition hurt their chances of repeating in 2000. All those who know this team expect them to be back in 2001 with renewed fire and purpose.

Other impressive teams included: **Winston Churchill HS** (2nd-Element Ex., 3rd-Inspection, 4th-Flight Ex.); **Hialeah HS** (4th-Regulation, Color Guard, Element Ex.); **Douglas MacArthur HS** (2nd-Flight Ex); **T.C. Williams HS** (1st-Regulation); **Lyman HS** (2nd-Inspection, 3rd-Color Guard) and **Pine Ridge HS** (4th place overall, no team event lower than 8th place).

Alternative Arms Division Highlights

This division has become up for grabs annually, with a new champion each of the last 5 years. 2000 was no different with the Marine Corps powerhouse **Fern Creek HS** from **Fern Creek, Kentucky** drilling their way to a convincing National Championship victory in Alternative Arms. The **Lady Leathernecks** drill team showed well-rounded strength, earning two 1st place finishes (Regulation, Squad Ex.) a 2nd (Inspection), a 3rd (Platoon Ex.) and a 4th (Color Guard). Led by the twin towers - **Major Allen Broussard** and **MGySgt. Doug Dunlapp** - these consummate competitors have a solid shot to drive this team to a return visit with the title at the 2001 Nationals.

Long-time Nationals attendee and past National Champion **Enterprise HS** just missed the coveted overall title. The dynamic **Belles of the Blue Knights** Army drill team maintained two 1st place finishes (Inspection, Platoon Ex.) and two 3rd place finishes (Regulation, Squad Ex.), with only a tough 9th place finish in Color Guard keeping them from the top spot. The strong finish by these well-disciplined cadets should sound the alarm that "the Belles are back" and hungry for a title.

Other inspired team finishes in this division were: **Lyman HS** (2nd-Regulation & Color Guard, 4th-Inspection); **Springfield HS** (2nd-Squad Ex., 5th-Platoon Ex.); **Clarksville HS** (3rd-Color Guard, 4th-Regulation, 5th-Inspection).

2000 MASTERS LEVEL COMMANDER'S TROPHY TOTALS

Demilitarized Arms

1st Place: Cadet Monroe Lyman High School
2nd Place: Cadet Pepi Theodore Roosevelt H.S.
3rd Place: Cadet Jackson Rahway High School

Unarmed

1st Place: Cadet Soaternal T.C. Williams High School
2nd Place: Cadet Pitts Flour Bluff High School
3rd Place: Cadet Torrence Theodore Roosevelt H.S.

Alternative Arms

1st Place: Cadet Mendelson Lyman High School
2nd Place: Cadet Amschler Fern Creek High School
3rd Place: Cadet Frost Enterprise High School

Huge sacrifices and long hours are a part of any championship drill team. All teams attending the Nationals, win or lose, deserve accolades and respect. As we've said before, the Nationals never try to be the largest drill event in the world, just the very best! Our hats off to everyone who annually chooses to put it all on the line to attend "The Nationals."



NATIONAL High School Drill Team Championships



Masters Level Event Standings

All totals are based on a maximum 1200 points per event

Demilitarized Arms

Inspection

Winston Churchill HS - <i>Black Watch</i>	1123
Fern Creek HS - <i>Leathernecks</i>	1117
Lyman HS - <i>Imperial Hounds</i>	1098
Xavier HS - <i>X-Squad</i>	1095
Flour Bluff HS - <i>Seadevils</i>	1090

Regulation

Lyman HS - <i>Imperial Hounds</i>	926
Enterprise HS - <i>Blue Knights</i>	909
Douglas MacArthur HS - <i>Blue Guard</i>	907
Theodore Roosevelt HS - <i>San Juan Guard</i>	899
Central Catholic HS - <i>Chaminade Guard</i>	895

Color Guard

Winston Churchill HS - <i>Black Watch</i>	896
Fern Creek HS - <i>Leathernecks</i>	877
Hialeah HS - <i>Vipers</i>	868
Flour Bluff HS - <i>Seadevils</i>	857
Douglas MacArthur HS - <i>Blue Guard</i>	842

Squad Exhibition

Flour Bluff HS - <i>Seadevils</i>	1103
Douglas MacArthur HS - <i>Blue Guard</i>	1102
Winston Churchill HS - <i>Black Watch</i>	1096
Rahway HS - <i>Devil Pups</i>	1080
Enterprise HS - <i>Blue Knights</i>	1066

Platoon Exhibition

Winston Churchill HS - <i>Black Watch</i>	1147
Flour Bluff HS - <i>Seadevils</i>	1101
Theodore Roosevelt HS - <i>San Juan Guard</i>	1098
Fern Creek HS - <i>Leathernecks</i>	1076
Douglas MacArthur HS - <i>Blue Guard</i>	1068

Unarmed

Inspection

Flour Bluff HS - <i>Seahawks</i>	927
Lyman HS - <i>Bear Hounds</i>	925
Winston Churchill HS - <i>Queen's Guard</i>	919
Walla Walla HS - <i>Sponsors</i>	913
Pine Ridge HS - <i>Golden Vengeance</i>	855

Regulation

T.C. Williams HS - <i>Armageddon Blue</i>	1039
Theodore Roosevelt HS - <i>Riderettes</i>	1022
Flour Bluff HS - <i>Seahawks</i>	1021
Hialeah HS - <i>Sinisters</i>	963
Pine Ridge HS - <i>Golden Vengeance</i>	956

Color Guard

Theodore Roosevelt HS - <i>Riderettes</i>	1055
Flour Bluff HS - <i>Seahawks</i>	996
Lyman HS - <i>Bear Hounds</i>	995
Hialeah HS - <i>Sinisters</i>	966
Walla Walla HS - <i>Sponsors</i>	960

Element Exhibition

Flour Bluff HS - <i>Seahawks</i>	1124
Winston Churchill HS - <i>Queen's Guard</i>	1107
Theodore Roosevelt HS - <i>Riderettes</i>	1100
Hialeah HS - <i>Sinisters</i>	1063
N.B. Forrest HS - <i>Blue Thunder</i>	1042

Flight Exhibition

Theodore Roosevelt HS - <i>Riderettes</i>	1168
Douglas MacArthur HS - <i>Blue Angels</i>	1148
Flour Bluff HS - <i>Seahawks</i>	1134
Winston Churchill HS - <i>Queen's Guard</i>	1118
Francis Lewis HS - <i>Patriot Pride</i>	1081

Alternative Arms

Inspection

Enterprise HS - <i>Belles of the Blue Knights</i>	978
Fern Creek HS - <i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	951
Palm Bay HS - <i>Lady Pirates</i>	926
Lyman HS - <i>Lady Greys</i>	898
Clarksville HS - <i>Ladycats</i>	839

Regulation

Fern Creek HS - <i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	989
Lyman HS - <i>Lady Greys</i>	969
Enterprise HS - <i>Belles of the Blue Knights</i>	938
Clarksville HS - <i>Ladycats</i>	932
Palm Bay HS - <i>Lady Pirates</i>	920

Color Guard

Miami Coral Park HS - <i>Hurricanes</i>	1009
Lyman HS - <i>Lady Greys</i>	999
Clarksville HS - <i>Ladycats</i>	987
Fern Creek HS - <i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	917
Seneca HS - <i>Devil Dogs</i>	913

Squad Exhibition

Fern Creek HS - <i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	1057
Springfield HS - <i>Grenadiers</i>	1045
Enterprise HS - <i>Belles of the Blue Knights</i>	1028
Miami Coral Park HS - <i>Hurricanes</i>	997
Palm Bay HS - <i>Lady Pirates</i>	994

Platoon Exhibition

Enterprise HS - <i>Belles of the Blue Knights</i>	1016
Hialeah HS - <i>Sinisters</i>	974
Fern Creek HS - <i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	939
Palm Bay HS - <i>Lady Pirates</i>	939
Springfield HS - <i>Grenadiers</i>	910

Demilitarized Arms Champions

Champion: Winston Churchill HS - *Black Watch*

Runner-up: Fern Creek HS - *Leathernecks*

Solo Exhibition

- 1st Place: Cadet Jackson-Rahway HS
2nd Place: Cadet Secrest-Mattoon HS
3rd Place: Cadet Cochennour-Mattoon HS

Dual Exhibition

- 1st Place: Koanui/Koanui-Roosevelt HS
2nd Place: Ichinose/Soon-Kamehameha Schools
3rd Place: Moad/Veryran-W.Churchill HS

2000 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Unarmed Champions

Champion: Flour Bluff HS - *Seahawks*
Runner-up: Theodore Roosevelt HS - *Riderettes*

Dual Exhibition

- 1st Place: Moreno/Rader-John Jay HS
2nd Place: Roumo/Suarez-T. Roosevelt HS
3rd Place: Lima/Harrison-T.C. Williams HS

Alternative Arms Champions

Champion: Fern Creek HS - *Lady Leathernecks*

Runner-up: Enterprise HS - *Belles of the Blue Knights*

Solo Exhibition

- 1st Place: Cadet Revilla-Miami Sunset HS
2nd Place: Cadet Acevedo-Miami Sunset HS
3rd Place: Cadet Harman-Lyman HS

Dual Exhibition

- 1st Place: Cadets Kendall /Akridge-Clarksville HS
2nd Place: Cadets Brown/Spiliotis-Enterprise HS
3rd Place: Cadets Miranda/Sellers-Palm Bay HS

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