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COVER

This unknown Marine Corps JROTC cadet pauses in front of the now famous National High School Drill Team Championships Eagle Banner hung in mid-arena.

BACK COVER

Top: The 1,200-cadet Unarmed Knockout Drill, the largest knockout drill ever held at the Nationals, was a competition not to be forgotten by those who competed.

Mid-Left: GySgt. Chris Borghese (USMC) & MSgt. Robert Barnette (USAF) present Masters Level Certificates of Excellence plaques at the Nationals Awards Ceremony to all schools eligible to win overall Division Championships.

Mid-Right: C/Command. Michael Moad from W. Churchill HS receives the 2001 Jean Weil Memorial Scholarship presented by NHSDTC Competition Director Justin Gates. **Bottom:** The all-service color guard kicks off the Masters Level Awards Ceremony by presenting the colors under the Star Spangled Banner video.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the dedicated staff of the U.S. Army Cadet Command in Ft. Monroe, VA. Their longtime 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, we extend our appreciation to every JROTC instructor worldwide who makes 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 THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DRILL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Beautiful weather and jaw-dropping drill performances were the order of the day at the 2001 National High School Drill Team Championships. The Challenge Level, Open Level Color Guard, and Masters Level competitions were electric throughout as teams from around the world competed with distinction at all levels; gaining memories to carry forever!

The 2001 Nationals saw the beginning of a new recognition for the best and brightest Nationals' senior cadets. The **Jean Weil Foundation**, a Memorial Scholarship Fund, begun in memory of SNI co-founder Jean Weil, awarded two deserving seniors. These were **Michael Moad** of **Winston Churchill High School** and **Aletha Maupin** of **North Hardin High School**. All of the cadets who sought this scholarship deserve our admiration as the cadet scholarship packages submitted were extraordinary.

Also, beginning this year, a new college sponsor will kickoff a long relationship with the Nationals. **Texas A&M University** has become the "Official College Sponsor" of the Nationals. We are excited to have their involvement as one of the premier collegiate universities in the world and one of the largest all-service ROTC cadet corps anywhere! Their inclusion will make the Nationals a better event for JROTC cadets as Texas A&M is always on the lookout for outstanding graduating senior cadets looking for scholarship money to help make college dreams a reality.


The 2001 Best of Videotapes have been shipping since mid-August via the internet (see pg. 5 for details). Both the "Best of Exhibition" and the "Best of Basic" videotapes are incredible displays of JROTC excellence.

The Best of Videotapes have been a very popular item this year. Ninety copies of both "Best of" tapes were obtained by Air Force HQ to supply newly formed AFJROTC units with these valuable training tools. Additionally, VarsityTV a computer and cable channel serving many cities across the country, will be editing the tapes into a shorter format and telecasting them on their website and possibly also on their cable channel - stay tuned to the SNI website for details!

SNI continues to be the Event Manager for several other excellent JROTC competitions. These events include the U.S. Army 1st Region, 4th Brigade drill championship, the **National Capital Drill Classic** (event wrap, pg. 8); the **NJROTC Nationals - Academic, Athletic & Drill Championships** (event wrap, pg. 9); and the **Air Force National Drill Championships** (event wrap, pg. 18). Complete details and entry information for all of the above drill competitions can be found at the SNI homepage on the web at: www.thenationals.net.

Sports Network International remains privileged to host the nation's finest all-service, JROTC drill teams. Showcasing these outstanding programs has become the highlight of our year and something we take great pride in.

The Nation's Capital



Washington, DC

As host city for two prestigious drill meets, the Air Force Nationals and the National Capital Drill Classic, Washington, DC is a remarkable city that stirs the patriotic fires and satisfies the greatest sightseeing appetites.

Arguably the most well known 61 square miles of land in the world sits on both sides of the Potomac River between the states of Maryland and Virginia. What influenced the decision to make this swampy, marshy land the "Nation's Capital"?

Choosing a permanent seat of the federal government was a controversial issue that divided Americans for many years. Various possibilities were suggested and many compromises were made. Finally on July 16, 1790, Congress passed a law that permitted President George Washington to select a location for the national capital along the Potomac River. President George Washington chose this area because of its proximity to his own property in the Northern part of Virginia. Maryland and Virginia ceded the necessary land in 1791 and Washington, District of Columbia was born!

The name "Washington" was chosen by the commissioners to honor the President. "Columbia," a feminine form of "Columbus," was popularized as a name for America in patriotic poetry and song after the Revolutionary War. The term idealized America's qualities as a land of liberty.

President Washington commissioned Pierre L'Enfant, a French architect, to design the new city. L'Enfant was fired just after construction began due to his bad temper. He left the city furious and took all of the building plans with him! Fortunately, Benjamin Banneker, a brilliant local black architect placed on the planing committee by Thomas Jefferson recreated the complete layout of virtually every street, park and major building in the plans -- all from memory! His efforts allowed Washington to be built largely identical to the manner it was intended and provided the ability to save the U.S. government untold time, effort and money!

Congress met for the first time in the new capital on November 21, 1800 and the transfer of the government from Philadelphia was completed by June of 1801. Moving the government to Washington was not a very cumbersome exercise, as there were only 126 employees at that time!

Wars and conflicts have taken their toll on the buildings of Washington. Both the War of 1812 and the Civil War caused damage requiring repair or restoration to numerous facilities. The September 11th attack on the Pentagon was the most recent destruction at the hands of our enemies. All of these incidents have damaged buildings, but not the indomitable spirit that goes with the title, "The Capital of the Free World." While the Capitol was restored from the damage it incurred during the War of 1812, the Presidential Mansion was destroyed and had to be redesigned and rebuilt. The new design was named the "White House" for the color of the exterior walls -- a name that has stuck to this day.

Washington, DC has a long and full history of political protests, marches, and other insurrections. Police and other authorities here are probably more accustomed to demonstrations than in any other city. With 200-plus years of conflict, upheaval and strife, Washington, DC continues to be a shining example of freedom and democracy to the rest of the world.

Washington is a city that every American must visit. While Washington isn't the whole country, here you can find the most concentrated representation of what the United States is all about. From the towering monuments honoring our past to the buildings where history is being made everyday, the city exudes something special. If Americans don't feel a twinge of patriotism coming here, they're probably immune to the feeling at all!

Washington is a multi-racial city -- actually the first city of the "New South" although it was never recognized as such. It has handled its ethnic problems better than many other large cities. Part of the reason is that it is too small a city to deal with abstractions like race and class for too long, and too many Washingtonians understood long before most of the country that people are made up of far more than the color of their skin.

The weather in DC was best described by Mark Twain when he wrote, "When you arrived it was snowing. When you reached the hotel it was sleeting. When you went to bed it was raining. During the night it froze hard, and the wind blew some chimneys down. When you got up in the morning it was foggy. When you finished your breakfast at ten o'clock and went out, the sunshine was brilliant, the weather balmy and delicious, and the mud and slush deep and all pervading." Washington is not southern nor Northern. Washington is a wonderful blend of America!

No city can compare when it comes to the sheer number of exciting things to do -- and best of all, in Washington, DC **most of the best things to do are absolutely FREE!**

Washington, DC is first, the home of the government, and that aspect is a must-see. Therefore, make it a point to attend House and/or Senate debates for this eye-opening look into the political process. Tour the White House and bring to life history that cannot be felt through any text book. Walk through the U.S. Supreme Court and see where some of the most landmark court decisions have been rendered. No trip to Washington is complete without a visit to the National Archives. It is awe-inspiring to be in the presence of the Constitution - the actual document that gave birth to this magnificent city, along with the opportunity to view the Declaration of Independence and Magna Carta.

If politics isn't your focus, visiting any of the many branches of the world's finest museums, the Smithsonian Institution is very satisfying. The National Air & Space Museum is, for good reason, the most popular museum in the world. Across the Mall is the National Gallery of Art, home to an awe inspiring collection of European and American art. The National Museum of American History chronicles the country's past, and the National Museum of Natural History covers earth's past with such favorites as dinosaurs and the Hope Diamond.

If impressive architecture and famous buildings are more to your liking, explore the Mall, and you're sure to encounter the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, and across the Tidal Basin, the Jefferson Memorial. If the lines aren't too long or the weather too hot, the view from the top of the Washington Monument is fabulous. In this same area is the Vietnam Memorial, known simply to many as "The Wall." All of these venues are so unique, you'll remember them forever.

Across the Potomac from the Lincoln Memorial is Arlington National Cemetery. A beautifully serene home to acres of tombstones standing as a mute reminder of the price necessary to defend the nation. Breathtaking in its solemnity is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the grave of President John F. Kennedy.

In the shadow of Arlington is the Iwo Jima Memorial - the very essence of the Marine Corps! Other must-see attractions for visitors to Washington include: the National Cathedral, Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Fort Stevens, Congressional Cemetery, Library of Congress, Pentagon, and the moving U.S. Holocaust Museum. Depending on the rigors of your schedule, these venues could easily take 3 days to see.

More than any other city, Washington, DC will awaken your historic curiosity and stir every patriotic fiber in your soul!

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The **BEST of Exhibition Drill** videos ARE devoted exclusively to exhibition drill, featuring ARMED and UNARMED SQUAD/ELEMENT and platoon/flight performances, as well as INTERESTING ARMED solo & dual exhibition routines.

All tapes ARE timeless, all-SERVICE examples of what **HARD work and dedication CAN accomplish on the drill deck.** Each tape is contained in a plastic, hard-shell case. **THE RUNNING TIME for each tape is 120 minutes.** The cost of each tape is only \$29.00 per tape plus \$4.00 shipping & handling per order (not per tape!). PERSONAL or school checks, MONEY ORDERS and **SIGNED** school PURCHASE ORDERS ARE accepted. For information on paying by CREDIT CARD through our website, see page 7. **Make checks payable to SPORTS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL.** Please allow 10 business days for delivery of your order (although most orders are shipped the same day we receive them). Thank you for your continued interest and support of the **"BEST of the Nationals"** Videotape Series!

Do "We the People" Have What It Takes?

SNI, as well as many of you, have received dozens of emails of the "Open Letter" genre since the terrorist attack on September 11th. Many were exceptionally well-written and have really crystallized the more important issues we as a nation must deal with as we fight this War on terrorism. We have included one of the finest received below with the permission of the author. - (14 September, 2001)

Dear friends and fellow Americans:

Like everyone else in this great country, I am reeling from last week's attack on our sovereignty. But unlike some, I am not reeling from surprise. As a career soldier and a student and teacher of military history, I have a different perspective and I think you should hear it. This war will be won or lost by the American citizens, not diplomats, politicians or soldiers. Let me explain.

In spite of what the media, and even our own government is telling us, this act was not committed by a group of mentally deranged fanatics. To dismiss them as such would be among the gravest of mistakes. This attack was committed by a ferocious, intelligent and dedicated adversary. Don't take this the wrong way. I don't admire these men and I deplore their tactics, but I respect their capabilities.

The many parallels that have been made with the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor are apropos. Not only because it was a brilliant sneak attack against a complacent America, but also because we may well be pulling our new adversaries out of caves 30 years after we think this war is over, just like my father's generation had to do with the formidable Japanese in the years following WW II.

These men hate the United States with all of their being, and we must not underestimate the power of their moral commitment. Napoleon, perhaps the world's greatest combination of soldier and statesman, stated "the moral is to the physical as three is to one." Patton thought the Frenchman underestimated its importance and said moral conviction was five times more important in battle than physical strength. Our enemies are willing - better said anxious - to give their lives for their cause. How committed are we, America? And for how long?

In addition to demonstrating great moral conviction, the recent attack demonstrated a mastery of some of the basic fundamentals of warfare taught to most military officers worldwide, namely simplicity, security and surprise.

When I first heard rumors that some of these men may have been trained at our own Air War College, it made

perfect sense to me. This was not a random act of violence, and we can expect the same sort of military competence to be displayed in the battle to come. This war will escalate, with a good portion of it happening right here in the good ol' U.S. of A.

These men will not go easily into the night. They do not fear us. We must not fear them. In spite of our overwhelming conventional strength as the world's only "superpower" (a truly silly term), we are the underdog in this fight. As you listen to the carefully scripted rhetoric designed to prepare us for the march for war, please realize that America is not equipped or seriously trained for the battle ahead.

To be certain, our soldiers are much better than the enemy, and we have some excellent "counter-terrorist" organizations, but they are mostly trained for hostage rescues, airfield seizures, or the occasional "body snatch," (which may come in handy). We will be fighting a war of annihilation, because if their early efforts are any indication, our enemy is ready and willing to die to the last man.



Eradicating the enemy will be costly and time consuming. They have already deployed their forces in as many as 20 countries, and are likely living the lives of everyday citizens. Simply put, our soldiers will be tasked with a search and destroy mission on multiple foreign landscapes, and the public must be patient and supportive until the strategy and tactics can be worked out.

For the most part, our military is still in the process of redefining itself and presided over by men and women who grew up with - and were promoted because they excelled in - Cold War doctrine, strategy and tactics. This will not be linear warfare, there will be no clear "centers of gravity" to strike with high technology weapons. Our vast technological edge will certainly be helpful, but it will not be decisive.

Perhaps the perfect metaphor for the coming battle was introduced by the terrorists themselves aboard the hijacked aircraft - this will be a knife fight, and it will be won or lost by the ingenuity and will of citizens and soldiers, not by

software or smart bombs. We must also be patient with our military leaders. Unlike Americans who are eager to put this messy time behind us, our adversaries have time on their side, and they will use it. They plan to fight a battle of attrition, hoping to drag the battle out until the American public loses its will to fight. This might be difficult to believe in this euphoric time of flag waving and patriotism, but it is generally acknowledged that America lacks the stomach for a long fight. We need only look as far back as Vietnam, when North Vietnamese General Vo Nguyen Giap (also a military history teacher) defeated the United States of America without ever winning a major tactical battle. American soldiers who marched to war cheered on by flag waving Americans in 1965 were reviled and spat upon less than three years later when they returned. Although we hope that Osama bin Laden is no Giap, he is certain to understand and employ the concept.

We can expect not only large doses of pain like the recent attacks, but also less audacious "sand in the gears" tactics, ranging from livestock infestations to attacks at water supplies and power distribution facilities. These attacks are designed to hit us in our "comfort zone," forcing the average American to "pay more and play less," and eventually eroding our resolve. But it can only work if we let it. It is clear to me that the will of the American citizenry - you and I - is the center of gravity the enemy has targeted. It will be the fulcrum upon which victory or defeat will turn. He believes us to be soft, impatient, and self-centered. He may be right, but if so, we must change.

The Prussian general Carl von Clausewitz, (the most often quoted and least read military theorist in history), says that there is a "remarkable trinity of war" that is composed of the (1) will of the people, (2) the political leadership of the government, and (3) the chance and probability that plays out on the field of battle, in that order. Every American citizen was in the crosshairs of last Tuesday's attack, not just those that were unfortunate enough to be in the World Trade Center or Pentagon.

The will of the American people will decide this war. If we are to win, it will be because we have what it takes to persevere through a few more hits, learn from our mistakes, improvise, and adapt. If we can do that, we will eventually prevail.

Everyone I've talked to in the past few days has shared a common frustration, saying in one form or another "I just wish I could do something!" You are already doing it. Just keep faith in America, and continue to support your President and military, and the outcome is certain. If we fail to do so, the outcome is equally certain.

God Bless America,
Dr. Tony Kern, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)
Former Director of Military History, USAF Academy



NATIONAL POWER LASALLE MILITARY ACADEMY CLOSES ITS DOORS FOREVER

The only school to attend every National High School Drill Team Championships event since its inception closed their doors this June after an illustrious 75-year history. Six CONSECUTIVE national championships crowned LaSalle Military Academy as the Kings of JROTC drill throughout the 1980's, winning several years by sweeping every team event. Their presence will truly be missed. The LaSalle Rifles have always displayed class and dignity, both on and off the drill deck. All alumni should know their contribution to the aura of the Nationals will never be forgotten.



LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

Junior ROTC cadets should keep their eyes and ears open as **Cadet Kelly** has recently completed filming and is expected to air in the Spring of 2002 on the Disney channel. This Movie-of-the-Week is an inspiring tale of a free-spirited ninth-grade girl who joins a prestigious military academy.

Sports Network provided technical assistance on making the movie, along with numerous movie props from the Nationals (including trophies, flags, banners, and the famous "eagle banner" competitors have seen for years). Also, SNI assisted the filming company in finding a quality JROTC program located near the Canadian filming site to drill in the movie (Rahway H.S. MCJROTC). When an exact air date becomes official, SNI will post it prominently on the Nationals official internet homepage - **STAY TUNED!**



Jean Weil Foundation

A Memorial Scholarship Fund

Created to provide scholarships for outstanding Nationals' cadets, this foundation will again make available two, \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors who compete at the 2002 National High School Drill Team Championships. SNI is honored to provide these scholarships in the name of Nationals co-founder Jean Weil who passed away in 1999.

As the money in this foundation grows over time through compounding interest and tax-deductible donations, the size and scope of these scholarships will grow. Specific information and qualifications packages will be forwarded to each accepted school in mid-December.



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS BECOME A PERMANENT PART OF THE NATIONALS

To reward the hard working young men and women of JROTC, SNI has established the Jean Weil Foundation.

FLYING TO THE NATIONALS?

CHECK AROUND FOR THE BEST AIRFARES!



Many times, schools looking for good air fares into Central Florida do so only via Daytona Beach International Airport. Despite the impressive name, DBIA is a small airport with few daily flights and no low-cost airlines flying into the facility. All schools will need to obtain ground transportation to attend the event regardless, therefore schools may be able to save a great deal of money by checking the cost on flights into Orlando (code MCO) 70 minutes away, Jacksonville (code JAX) 105 minutes away, and Melbourne (code MLB) 85 minutes away. All schools planning to fly to the Nationals should check each of these cities before booking tickets to see what cost savings you may save!

Nationals Website Gets a Face Lift!

As any visitor to www.thenationals.net can attest, the Nationals webpage has undergone some major improvements! Many features have been added for the use of competitors and spectators alike. Just about every visitor can find something of interest on the website. Take a look the next time you're surfing the internet!

SNI has begun posting both official event invitations and official registration forms to all SNI drill competitions on-line. Schools looking to register for either the **National Capital Drill Classic**, the **AF Nationals Drill Championships**, and the **National High School Drill Team Championships** can download the necessary forms, complete them, and mail them to SNI. Most of the documents will be posted in the Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF), as well as Hyper-text Mark-up Language (HTML). (NOTE: Registration materials for the **Navy Nationals** competition are also posted, however Navy schools wishing to attend must be selected by their Area Manager.)



The Official Message Board of the Nationals gives JROTC cadets and instructors, both past and present, the ability to post a note on their memories, experiences and even ask for opinions from other cadets regarding the Nationals. This is a wonderful tool that gives visitors an opportunity to show their school spirit.

SNI has established a corporate ICQ account. Surfers with this incredible software will have access to instant, real-time chat with Justin Gates, Competition Director for the Nationals. Ask SOP questions, get rule clarifications or ask other pertinent matters during the workday ASAP as Justin is on-line most of the day!

Lastly, Paypal has become an easy and worry-free method to obtain the Best of Series Videotapes on-line via credit card. This will allow buyers to purchase videotapes quickly with a Visa or Mastercard, often with tapes being shipped out the same day.

With the move to our new web server, SNI has begun to post large amounts of web pictures and other event information from every event we host. The pictures come from a Nikon Coolpix 990 digital camera and their quality is unparalleled. Look for pictures of your school and your cadets on the website immediately following any SNI-run competition!

March 17th, 2001

National Capital Drill Classic

U.S. Army 4th Brigade,
1st Region Championships
DC National Guard Armory
Washington, D.C.

Washington, DC conjures images of great concrete structures majestically towering above the skyline. This backdrop may have also described the strong, indomitable front put forth by several of the schools looking to bring home the gorgeous championship trophies at the 10th annual **National Capital Drill Classic**.

The NCDC competition field of 40 Army JROTC drill teams made for a powerful one-day competition. The "Parade of Colors" Opening Ceremony started the day off with an exciting flair. A brief inspirational speech by **CSM Stevenson Cuffee**, CSM of Military District of Washington, added class and dignity to the event kickoff.

Four team events in both the Armed & Unarmed Divisions are scored. These events (Inspection, Platoon Regulation, Color Guard & Platoon Exhibition) are held throughout the day making preparation & motivation vital ingredients for ultimate success.

Armed Division

In the tightest overall competition scoring in the history of the NCDC event, when the dust settled at the end of the day, two tough programs were tied at the top of the Armed Division competition scoring. With their raw score breaking the tie (by just 15 points out of 4,800 total points available!), the drill team from **Thomas Stone HS** in Waldorf, Maryland pushed hard to capture the razor-thin victory. Prepared for competition by **CSM Charles Henson**, the **Cougar Blue** drill team powered their way to a win with a strong overall attack that garnered a top four finish in every team event. This excellence was highlighted with a win in the tough Regulation Drill event.

Just missing a division championship title, **Liberty HS** from Bealeton, Virginia was painfully close to grabbing their first-ever NCDC crown. Despite winning both the Armed Inspection and Color Guard competitions, the **Eagles** drill team hurt their chances with a 6th place finish in Exhibition competition.

Forestville HS from Forestville, Maryland grabbed 3rd place overall in the Armed Division on the back of two impressive 2nd place finishes in both Color Guard and Exhibition drill events. Only a disappointing and uncharacteristic 10th place finish in the Regulation Drill competition kept this fine program from challenging for the overall title in the Armed Division.

Other top performances included: **Forest Park HS** (1st-Exhibition); **Benedictine HS** (3rd-Inspection); **McDonough HS** (3rd-Regulation); and **Woodbridge HS** (4th-Regulation & Exhibition, 5th-Inspection).

Unarmed Division

Just when we thought it couldn't get any tighter, along comes the always tight Unarmed Division that featured a three-way tie at the top! Again, using raw score as the tie-breaker, the drill team from **Thomas Stone HS** in Waldorf, Maryland grabbed another overall title. The hard-nosed Cougar Gold drill team showed overall strength without a single dominating finish as they captured the championship in a division showing great parity with only two trophyed finishes (2nd-Color Guard / 3rd-Inspection). Winning both the Armed and the Unarmed Division titles at the NCDC had only been done previously by T.C. Williams HS, and deserves great recognition.

Just missing in their title chase was Overall Runner-up **Howard HS** from Ellicott City, Maryland. The **Lion's Battalion** drill team grabbed three trophies including a very strong 3rd place Exhibition finish.

Gaining 3rd place overall within the Unarmed Division was **Laurel Park HS** from Martinsville, Virginia. Sneaking up on the competition field, the solid Lancers drill team finished well across the board, gaining two trophies, the strongest, a 3rd place Regulation finish.

Other top finishes in the Unarmed Division included: **Thomas Walker HS** (1st-Color Guard, 2nd-Inspection); **Denbigh HS** (1st-Inspection, 2nd-Regulation); **Forestville HS** (1st-Exhibition); **Forest Park HS** (2nd-Exhibition); and **Hayfield Secondary** (3rd-Color Guard, 4th-Regulation).

Spirited Knockout Drills preceded a tense NCDC Awards Ceremony. Powerful closing words were delivered by **Mr. John McLaurin**, Asst. Sec. of the Army Manpower & Reserve Affairs. The **Mayor's Trophy** was presented to the highest finishing Washington, DC JROTC unit (**Eastern Sr. HS**).

Sports Network would like to thank everyone who helps to make the National Capital Drill Classic the special event that it has become. With the addition of West Virginia to the Brigade the 2002 NCDC should be even more competitive.



The old axiom "Teamwork Wins" was on display throughout the NCDC, as seen here while this color guard unit gets motivated before entering event competition.

NJROTC Nationals

Navy Junior ROTC excellence can be measured in many ways, but nothing provides a more well-rounded test of superiority than the two-day **Navy JROTC Nationals - Academic, Athletic and Drill Championships**. Warm Florida skies gave the twenty-four school competition field from across the United States a perfect backdrop for this hot competition which has come to be known as the "Navy Nationals."

The event opened on Friday morning with the intense **Unit Personnel Inspection** competition. Spit and polish were the watchwords as every cadet competing at the event stood before the nine judges that made up the U.P.I. judging corps. Despite numerous outstanding efforts, **Boca Raton HS** from Boca Raton, Florida powered their way to a convincing victory. Earning 1,427 out of a possible 1,500 points, Boca Raton outpaced the field and impressed the judges with their general knowledge, bearing and overall demeanor. 2000 U.P.I. and National Champion **Flour Bluff HS** finished with a strong second place finish and **Lake Howell HS** finished well in third place.

The event then moved outside for the athletic competition. Each school felt the need for speed and when the dust settled, **Vanguard HS** from Ocala, Florida eaked out a hard-fought victory with an amazing team performance. With max points in both Push-Ups & Curl-Ups, the hard-chargers did well in the Shuttle Relay and cinched it with their first-place Oval Relay finish. Placing second in Athletics was **Lake Howell HS** and just 8 points behind, finishing third, were the always-impressive cadets from **Green Run HS**.

Just when most cadets were ready to collapse, teams grabbed a quick bite of dinner and hustled across the street 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. When the Scantron grading machine finally cooled off, **Flour Bluff HS** from Corpus Cristi, Texas blew away the field with a convincing 1,292 point total! This accomplishment was a herculean effort, *winning with the largest margin of victory in event history* finishing 123 points higher than the 2nd place unit.

Always tough and well disciplined **Cape Fear HS** grabbed second place in Academics with a solid 1169 team score and **Lake Howell HS** grabbed the third place slot with a 1121 team score. It should be noted that Lake Howell HS individual top finisher Cadet Stange repeated his 2000 victory as the event high scorer, answering 97 of the possible 100 questions correctly.

Cadets managed a quick night sleep and then jumped into their Summer Blue uniform to begin the drill competition portion of the event on Saturday morning in the massive A.D. Hangar at Pensacola NAS's Chevalier Hall.

Comprised of five team events totaling 1500 points, drill is the backbone of this event and really shows off the discipline and hard work that makes these top units the pride of their school and their service.

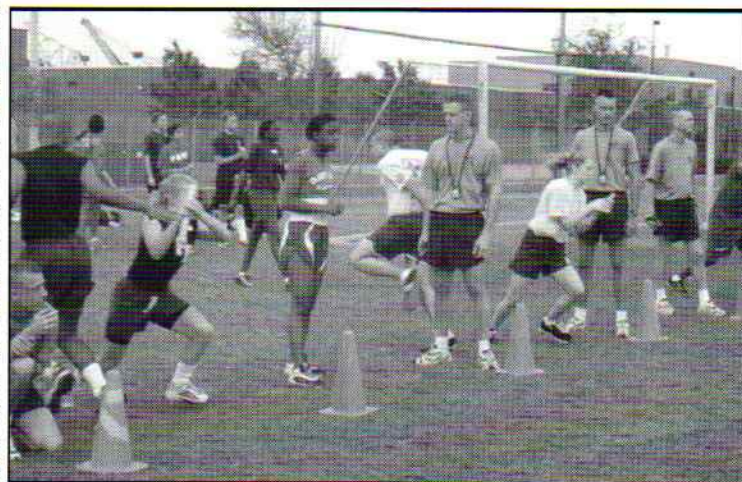
Thousands of practice hours helped **Lake Howell HS** from Winter Park, Florida grab the always brutal drill championship title. Winning both the Armed & Unarmed Exhibition Drill Competitions and gaining a second place in Color Guard, the fierce competitors beat strong finishing **Green Run HS** by just 39 points. No glaring weaknesses and three third place finishes in both Basic events and Armed Exhibition secured second place for this school. **Princess Anne HS** competed well overall to grab the third place overall drill event finish.

The Knockout Drills preceded a spectacular Awards Ceremony, held at the magnificent National Museum of Naval Aviation located on Pensacola NAS. Welcomed to the awesome setting by facility President **Vice Admiral John H. Fetterman** (ret.), the opening ceremony then proceeded with a poignant message from the event guest speaker **Rear**

Admiral David L. Brewer, III; Vice Chief of Naval Education & Training. His inspirational & dynamic speech was targeted to the cadets and left all standing on their feet in appreciation of the man and his message.

Presentation of trophies left everyone on edge as no single school wore a path to the stage. This left the championship wide open to the very end. After the scoring finalized, the NJROTC Nationals Overall Championship was crowned with returning Champion **Flour Bluff HS** taking the title. Overall event Runner-up was **Boca Raton HS** and just missing the runner-up position by two points out of 6,000 possible was event 3rd place finisher **Lake Howell HS**.

Pensacola NAS was an exceptional host, providing limitless logistical and personnel support -- it will again be the home of the 2002 NJROTC Nationals this Spring. Many of the Navy's finest are already working toward the **April 5th-6th, 2002** event. Sports Network remains honored to continue our association with this event and remains confident that the 2002 NJROTC Nationals will again present the most AWESOME display of Naval excellence found anywhere on the planet! All NJROTC units should be encouraged by the excellence on display at this flagship event - **GO NAVY!**



Flour Bluff HS (nearest lane), Green Run HS (2nd lane), and Reseda HS (3rd lane) ready for their hand offs during the spectator-laden 16 x 100 yd. shuttle relay.

This is your official invitation to attend the finest, most highly respected all-service JROTC event in the world, the....

2002 National High School

Introduction

Sports Network International is pleased to provide this invitation to all precision drill units to attend the 20th 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** remains 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 2002 National High School Drill Team Championships is **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 NHSBTC 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 NHSBTC 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. All schools are also encouraged to look at entering "stand-alone" Color Guards into the exciting Open Level Color Guard competition also held on Friday.

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 (9 cadets & over-no max)

Team Exhibition 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.

NHSBTC 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 free bus parking. Cars pay to park in the adjacent parking garage. 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 20+ oceanfront hotels located within 10 minutes of the Ocean Center Arena. They provide quality & affordable billeting for every Nationals team. SNI will also offer schools the ability to choose an Upgrade Hotel Package Plan at one of several select premium 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 selected to stay in this luxury hotel environment. Schools requesting a specific hotel should contact SNI directly.

All schools must be in town the day before their competition begins. Schools attend the **NHSBTC 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 NHSBTC Competition Director, Justin Gates. The one-day Challenge & Open Level event is held on **Friday, May 3rd**, with the two-day Masters Level competition held on **Saturday & Sunday, May 4th-5th**. Both competition levels feature Knockout Drills at the conclusion of the judging and an Awards Ceremony following 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 impressiveness of these trophies is legendary within the JROTC drill community.

Drill Team Championships

Team events in all competition divisions are trophied in 1st-5th place. All schools competing for a Championship (schools entering every team event in a division) will receive a personalized NHS DTC plaque to commemorate their quest at Daytona.

The Masters Level division 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.

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 several oceanfront hotels in Daytona Beach
- ❖ NHS DTC bronze medallion on a chest ribbon
- ❖ NHS DTC collared sports-shirt for adults or NHS DTC t-shirt for cadets, both ordered to size
- ❖ Swiss-embroidered four-inch patch designed exclusively for the NHS DTC event
- ❖ 8" X 10" color team photograph
- ❖ Discounts at numerous local eateries

The price of the Team Package Plan, based on staying four-to-a-room, is only **\$99.00 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 **\$89.00 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 NHS DTC through this Team Package Plan to ensure all event costs are fully covered.** Parents and other team followers may attend through the package, but it is optional.

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 multiple teams within multiple levels should contact SNI for details. **This fee is completely refundable if requested before December 7th, 2001. 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 NHS DTC

To register your school for the Nationals, please complete the enclosed NHS DTC 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 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 7th, 2001.* 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 & 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. Schools who register after the December 7th review deadline will have only a small chance of getting into the Nationals. The event will be full on December 7th, with only a rarely used "standby slot" available after this date.

Additional Registration Info

Schools accepted for entry will be mailed confirmations and listed on the SNI website by Friday, December 14th. Any school not accepted into the NHS DTC 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 should contact SNI by e-mail **BUT** all required paperwork should be transmitted only by regular mail.

In Closing

We invite all teams, **especially those who have considered attending in the past**, to look at attending the 2002 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 availability of the Challenge & Open 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, Florida at the Nationals!**

For additional information:

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Marines up to the "Challenge" at the Nationals

The Marines Stormed the Beach in the Challenge Level competition and the Army Swept Clean the Open Level Color Guard event!

The 2001 Challenge Level competition may be remembered best as the "Year of the Marines!" Three of the four top finishes within the Armed & Unarmed Divisions were turned in by Marine Corps JROTC units. The Challenge Level competition has expanded over the years and the talent on display creeps closer and closer each year to that seen at the Masters Level. While the competition field is not quite as deep as their Masters Level brothers and sisters, the Challenge Level competition was equally hard-fought and exciting.

The four events within the Armed & Unarmed Divisions (Inspection, Regulation, Color Guard, Exhibition) gave all well-trained and well-balanced units an equal shot at winning a championship. Judges were forced to really sharpen their pencils as many routines turned heads this year.



Challenge Level National Championship and National Runner-up schools pose for a photo (from left to right): Deerfield Beach HS, Forest HS, Topeka HS, and Kubasaki HS.

Armed Division

After years of constant improvement at the Nationals, the hard-working MCJROTC unit from **Topeka HS** in **Topeka, Kansas** powered their way to a convincing victory in the Armed Challenge competition. Improving on their Runner-up finish in 2000, the **Teufel Brigade** drilled the nearest competition by capturing two 1st place finishes (Inspection, Exhibition) and two 4th place finishes (Regulation, Color Guard). Led by CWO3 Kelly, these hungry cadets exemplified what teamwork and dedication can accomplish.

Grabbing the Armed Division Runner-up title was the highly impressive **Kubasaki HS** Marine unit from **Okinawa, Japan**. The **Dragons** drill team showed no jet lag from their 10,000 mile plus air travel in capturing an event 1st place (Regulation), 2nd place (Color Guard), and 4th place (Inspection). Only a soft finish in Team Exhibition kept this quality drill program from serious competition for the top spot.

Other outstanding Armed Division finishes included: **Cedar Shoals HS** (3rd-Overall, 3rd-Exhibition); **Trevor Browne HS** (4th-Overall); **Deerfield Beach HS** (2nd-Inspection, 4th-Exhibition); **T. Roosevelt HS** (5th-Overall, 3rd-Color Guard); **Grove City HS** (3rd-Regulation); **Pleasantville HS** (1st-Color Guard); **Irvington HS** (2nd-Regulation); **Bogalusa HS** (2nd-Exhibition) and **Bishop Kenny HS** (3rd-Inspection).

Unarmed Division

Overall balance gave **Deerfield Beach HS** from **Deerfield Beach, Florida** the Unarmed Championship crown. While earning three event trophies (one 3rd place and two 4th places), the **Golden Bucks** under the direction of Major Glenn Cox performed with superior efficiency and no weaknesses in gaining their championship title.

Forest HS from **Ocala, Florida** had the effort, but missed in the execution for one event while capturing their Runner-up title. The **Wildcats** AFJROTC drill team gained a 1st place (Regulation), a 2nd place (Inspection) and a 5th place (Exhibition), yet stumbled badly in color guard (23rd place), costing themselves a chance at the title.

Other fine Unarmed Division finishes included: **Bethel Regional HS** (3rd-Overall, 3rd-Exhibition); **Forest Park HS** (4th-Overall, 4th-Regulation); **Lancaster HS** (1st-Color Guard); **Jardines De Ponce HS** (1st-Exhibition); **Lewisville HS** (1st-Inspection); **Westover HS** (3rd-Inspection, 2nd-Regulation); **Sidney Lanier HS** (2nd-Exhibition) and **Thomas Stone HS** (2nd-Color Guard).

OPEN LEVEL COLOR GUARD COMPETITION

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THE FINEST OPEN LEVEL COLOR GUARD FIELD TO DATE ASSEMBLED IN DAYTONA BEACH FOR THE 2001 COMPETITION. THIRTY-EIGHT COLOR GUARD UNITS WERE SELECTED TO ATTEND FROM ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, AND THESE UNITS GAVE THE JUDGES NO TIME OFF AS THEY WATCHED UNIT AFTER UNIT TEAR UP THE DRILL FLOOR!

WHEN THE COMPETITION ENDED, A FIERCE ARMY COMPETITOR CAME FROM NOWHERE TO POWER THEIR WAY TO A CHAMPIONSHIP. WEST POTOMAC HS FROM ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA IMPRESSED THE JUDGES WITH THEIR BY-THE-BOOK STYLE AND PERFECT SYNCHRONIZATION. THE TEXAS TWO-STEP FOLLOWED WITH PERENNIAL POWER MACARTHUR HS CAPTURING A RUNNER-UP WITH THEIR LADIES AND A 3RD PLACE WITH THEIR MALE TEAM. JAMES MADISON HS FROM SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS FINISHED IN 4TH PLACE BY JUST ONE POINT. WINDSOR FOREST HS ROUNDED OUT THE TOP FIVE IN LINE FORM. ALL OF THE UNITS WERE AWESOME AND THE JUDGES HAD MANY POSITIVE COMMENTS REGARDING THE READINESS AND OVERALL DISPLAY THE UNITS PUT FORTH.

SPORTS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL WISHES TO GIVE A HEARTY SALUTE TO ALL OF THE COLOR GUARD UNITS THAT CHOSE TO COMPETE WITHIN THIS ELITE COMPETITION. SCHOOLS ARE ALREADY PLANNING TO BE A PART OF THE 2002 EVENT. ENTRY SPACES ARE LIMITED TO ROUGHLY 40 UNITS, THEREFORE INTERESTED SCHOOLS SHOULD APPLY BEFORE THE DECEMBER DEADLINE (ALTHOUGH ENTRY SLOTS IN THE OLCC COMPETITION OFTEN REMAIN OPEN AFTER THIS REVIEW DEADLINE). GOOD LUCK TO ALL UNITS WHO PROUDLY DISPLAY THE COLORS!

Champion: West Potomac HS - Army - Wolverines (997)
Runner-up: MacArthur HS - Army - Ladies Cardinal Guard (943)
3rd Place: MacArthur HS - Army - Cardinal Guard (861)
4th Place: James Madison HS - Army - Patriot Guard (860)
5th Place: Windsor Forest HS - Army - White Knight Ryders (857)

2001 National High School Drill Team Championships

Challenge Level Attendees & Event Standings

Armed Division

Inspection

Topeka HS - Teufel Brigade	916
Deerfield Beach HS - Scarlet Bucks	822
Bishop Kenny HS - Crusaders	810
Kubasaki HS - Dragons	806
Cedar Shoals HS - Silent Knights	802

Platoon Regulation

Kubasaki HS - Dragons	1017
Irvington HS - Crusaders	995
Grove City HS - Greyhounds	994
Topeka HS - Teufel Brigade	985
Thomas Stone HS - Blue Cougars	928

Color Guard

Pleasantville HS - Mighty Greyhounds	970
Kubasaki HS - Dragons	955
T. Roosevelt HS - Roughrider Guard	953
Topeka HS - Teufel Brigade	934
Trevor G. Browne HS - Bruin Rifles	923

Team Exhibition

Topeka HS - Teufel Brigade	950
Bogalusa HS - Lumberjack Black Bn	914
Cedar Shoals HS - Silent Knights	905
Deerfield Beach HS - Scarlet Bucks	*891
La Salle Institute - O'Donovan Rifles	891

Overall Armed Finish

Champion: Topeka High School
Teufel Brigade

Runner-up: Kubasaki High School
Dragons

Schools of the 2001 Nationals Challenge Level Competition

Apache Junction HS

Navy JROTC
Apache Junction, AZ

Baldwin County HS

Air Force JROTC
Bay Minette, AL

Bethel Regional HS

Army JROTC
Bethel, AK

Bogalusa HS

Army JROTC
Bogalusa, LA

Bullitt Central HS

Army JROTC
Shepherdsville, KY

Chicago Vocational HS

Army JROTC
Chicago, IL

Deerfield Beach HS

Marine Corps JROTC
Deerfield Beach, FL

Englewood HS

Army JROTC
Jacksonville, FL

Evans HS

Army JROTC
Evans, GA

Bainbridge HS

Air Force JROTC
Bainbridge, GA

Bay St. Louis HS

Air Force JROTC
Bay St. Louis, MS

Bishop Kenny HS

Navy JROTC
Jacksonville, FL

Bradwell Institute

Army JROTC
Hinesville, GA

Cedar Shoals HS

Army JROTC
Athens, GA

Colonel White HS

Army JROTC
Dayton, OH

Denbigh HS

Army JROTC
Newport News, VA

Escambia HS

Navy JROTC
Pensacola, FL

Everett HS

Navy JROTC
Everett, WA

Unarmed Division

Inspection

Lewisville HS - Hooah Blue Battalion	905
Forest HS - Wildcats	805
Westover HS - Wolverines	800
Deerfield Beach HS - Golden Bucks	778
Topeka HS - Die Stolz	776

Flight Regulation

Forest HS - Wildcats	952
Westover HS - Wolverines	948
Deerfield Beach HS - Golden Bucks	890
Forest Park HS - Eliminators	846
West Orange HS - Blue Lightning	842

Color Guard

Lancaster HS - Orange Crush	888
Thomas Stone HS - Gold Cougars	827
Englewood HS - Ram Pack	819
Fort Campbell HS - Falcons	805
Bethel Regional HS - Warriors	765

Team Exhibition

Jardines De Ponce HS - Sonic Boomers	976
Sidney Lanier HS - Royal Guardians	947
Bethel Regional HS - Warriors	937
Deerfield Beach HS - Golden Bucks	902
Forest HS - Wildcats	900

Overall Armed Finish

Champion: Deerfield Beach HS
Golden Bucks

Runner-up: Forest High School
Wildcats

Fairmont HS

Army JROTC
Fairmont, NC

Forest HS

Air Force JROTC
Ocala, FL

Forest Park HS

Air Force JROTC
Forest Park, GA

Fort Campbell HS

Army JROTC
Fort Campbell, KY

Gateway HS

Air Force JROTC
Aurora, CO

Gloucester HS

Marine Corps JROTC
Gloucester, MA

Greene-Taliaferro HS

Air Force JROTC
Greensboro, GA

Grove City HS

Navy JROTC
Grove City, OH

Hialeah HS

Air Force JROTC
Hialeah, FL

Hialeah-Miami Lk HS

Army JROTC
Hialeah, FL

Hillside HS

Army JROTC
Durham, NC

Hubbard HS

Army JROTC
Chicago, IL

Irvington HS

Army JROTC
Irvington, NJ

James Hillhouse HS

Army JROTC
New Haven, CT

Jardines De Ponce HS

Air Force JROTC
Ponce, PR

Kubasaki HS

Marine Corps JROTC
Okinawa, Japan

La Salle Institute

Army JROTC
Troy, NY

Lake City HS

Army JROTC
Lake City, SC

Lakewood HS

Army JROTC
Lakewood, NJ

Lancaster HS

Army JROTC
Lancaster, TX

Lewisville HS

Army JROTC
Richburg, SC

Mount Dora HS

Air Force JROTC
Mount Dora, FL

North Augusta HS

Navy JROTC
North Augusta, SC

North Hardin HS

Army JROTC
Radcliff, KY

Passaic HS

Navy JROTC
Passaic, NJ

Pleasantville HS

Army JROTC
Pleasantville, NJ

Prince George HS

Army JROTC
Prince George, VA

Sidney Lanier HS

Army JROTC
San Antonio, TX

Surrattsville HS

Air Force JROTC
Clinton, MD

Theodore Roosevelt HS

Army JROTC
San Antonio, TX

Thomas Stone HS

Army JROTC
Waldorf, MD

Topeka HS

Marine Corps JROTC
Topeka, KS

Trevor G. Browne HS

Army JROTC
Phoenix, AZ

United South HS

Marine Corps JROTC
Laredo, TX

Warren County HS

Army JROTC
McMinnville, TN

Waukegan HS

Army JROTC
Waukegan, IL

West Anchorage HS

Air Force JROTC
Anchorage, AK

West Orange HS

Air Force JROTC
Winter Garden, FL

Western Harnett HS

Army JROTC
Lillington, NC

Westover HS

Army JROTC
Fayetteville, NC

Winnsboro HS

Army JROTC
Winnsboro, LA

Woodlawn HS

Army JROTC
Birmingham, AL

2001 Masters Level Participants Schools of Excellence

2001 ALL-SERVICE JUDGING CORPS



Left to Right, front to back: **Marine Corps:** Sgt. Jose Rodriguez, SSgt. Roxanne Wallace, GySgt. Chris Borghese, SSgt. Edward Parsons, SSgt. Therester Cox, SSgt. Charles Williams, Sgt. Shawn Gotel, 1stSgt. Curtis Howard, SSgt. Stephanie Carr, 1stSgt. Sandra Torres-Pintos; **Navy:** ET2 Sherry Hughes, IT2 Stacey Thinn, SK1 Donny Cooks, CE1 Eric Truemper, PO1 Larry Wharton, IT2 Leekell Buttry, IT2 Yolanda Johnson, IT1 John Connolly, ET1 Paul Bollen, ET2 Edward Jordan; **Air Force:** SSgt. Barbara Horne, SrA Alan Galbreath, SSgt. Tammara LaMar, SrA Dustin Barr, MSgt. Bud Pritchard, MSgt. Herbert Welday III, MSgt. James Kelly, MSgt. Robert Barnette, TSgt. Michael Barnett, SrA James Winemiller, MSgt. Jose Padilla; **Army:** SSG Joseph Martinez, SSG John Parmigiani, SSG Daniel DeNormandie, SSG Dana Williams, SSG Andre Gindratt, SSG Timothy Lane, SFC Nathaniel Coakley, ISG Martinez Alexander, SFC Debra Baker, SFC Melissa Pisarcik

Bloomington High School
Air Force JROTC
Valrico, Florida

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

Concordia Lutheran HS
Army JROTC
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Douglas MacArthur HS
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Enterprise High School
Army JROTC
Enterprise, Alabama

Evans High School
Army JROTC
Evans, Georgia

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

Forestville High School
Army JROTC
Forestville, Maryland

Francis Lewis High School
Army JROTC
Fresh Meadows, New York

Gulfport High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Gulfport, Mississippi

Heritage High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Lynchburg, Virginia

Hialeah High School
Air Force JROTC
Hialeah, Florida

Hialeah-Miami Lakes HS
Army JROTC
Hialeah, Florida

Irving High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Irving, Texas

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

Jeffersontown High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Jeffersontown, Kentucky

John Jay High School
Air Force JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

John Marshall High School
Navy JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Killeen High School
Army JROTC
Killeen, Texas

LaSalle Military Admy.
Army JROTC
Oakdale, New York

Lackey High School
Air Force JROTC
Indian Head, Maryland

Lancaster High School
Army JROTC
Lancaster, Texas

Leavenworth High School
Army JROTC
Leavenworth, Kansas

Leesburg High School
Air Force JROTC
Leesburg, Florida

Leilehua High School
Army JROTC
Wahiawa, Hawaii

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 Senior High School
Army JROTC
Miami, Florida

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

Newburgh Free Academy
Air Force JROTC
Newburgh, New York

Northeast High School
Army JROTC
Kansas City, Missouri

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

Paul M. Dorman High School
Army JROTC
Spartanburg, South Carolina

Pine Ridge High School
Air Force JROTC
Deltona, Florida

Rahway High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Rahway, New Jersey

Robert E. Lee High School
Navy JROTC
Jacksonville, Florida

Rockdale/Heritage/Salem HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Conyers, Georgia

Sandalwood High School
Air Force JROTC
Jacksonville, Florida

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

Theodore Roosevelt HS
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Union High School
Army JROTC
Union, New Jersey

United South High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Laredo, Texas

Walla Walla High School
Army JROTC
Walla Walla, Washington

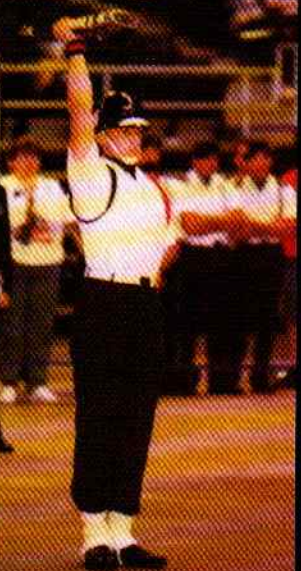
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Winston Churchill HS
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Winter Springs High School
Army JROTC
Winter Springs, Florida

Xavier High School
Army JROTC
New York, New York





Major Upset at the Masters



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

What story lines! Flour Bluff crushes Winston Churchill yielding a new demilitarized champion for the first time in three years; Fern Creek repeats as champion in the Alternative Arms division in a squeaker; and Theodore Roosevelt ladies recapture the National Championship they grudgingly relinquished last year...

The most amazing aspect of the Nationals remains the depth of talent at all levels in all divisions. Throughout the weekend, cadets were overheard to say they had never seen so many incredible performances all in one location. This left everyone a bit awestruck as the quest to gain a National Championship begins at home but it ends with a flourish as it does every year on the sunny beaches of Daytona.

Along with a memorable drill competition, the cadets, instructors and parents were treated to clear skies, 80° weather, impartial, all-service judges and the always-impressive Ocean Center Arena. With the inclusion of the Challenge Level competition and the Open Level Color Guard event, the Nationals remains the drill competition for ALL schools looking to be a part of an end-of-year JROTC military extravaganza!

Demilitarized Arms Division Highlights

Coming off an impressive but not overpowering win at the Navy Nationals championships, **Flour Bluff HS** from **Corpus Christi, Texas** came to Daytona Beach and put all the pieces together for a completely awesome overall display of drill excellence. Trophying in four of the five team events, the **Sea Devils** NJROTC unit led by **CDR Armando Solis** powered their way to a well balanced victory over perennial powerhouse **Winston Churchill HS** from **San Antonio**. Churchill's famous **Black Watch** drill team from San Antonio, Texas grabbed two 1st place finishes with overpowering style, but an uncharacteristic 17th place Color Guard finish sunk their hopes of repeating as National Champions for a 4th straight year. Churchill needed every quality point as the excruciatingly close overall finish left both **Fern Creek HS** (3rd place overall) and **Douglas MacArthur HS** (4th place overall) just a single point behind, determined by tie-breaker.

Other awesome team finishes were turned in by: **Rahway HS** (2nd-Platoon Ex., 3rd-Inspection); **Mattoon HS** (2nd-Squad Ex.); **Winter Springs HS** (1st-Color Guard, 4th-Regulation, 4th-Squad Ex.); **John Jay HS** (3rd-Regulation) and **Union HS** (2nd-Color Guard).

Unarmed Division Highlights

The Unarmed Division repeated as the same two-horse race that shaped up at the Nationals last year. However, this year the tide turned with multi-year National Champion **Theodore Roosevelt HS** from **San Antonio, Texas** recapturing their title. The **Riderettes** drill team was awesome, generating huge crowds to watch their always exciting exhibition drill performance. Led by **LTC Jerry Cheatom**, the Army JROTC ladies grabbed two 1st place finishes (Regulation, Flight Ex.), two 3rd place finishes (Inspection, Element Ex.), and a 4th place Color Guard finish.

Just missing in their bid to repeat as National Champs was **Flour Bluff HS** from **Corpus Christi, Texas**. Despite earning a 1st place (Inspection); two 2nd places (Color Guard, Flight Ex.); and a 3rd place (Regulation); the **Sea Hawks** 6th place Element Ex. finish left them just short in their effort to recapture the title.

The **Hialeah HS** Air Force JROTC unit performed well, compiling points to finish in 3rd place Overall, with the dominant Army unit from **Douglas MacArthur HS** turning in another solid overall performance grabbing 4th place Overall. Both schools showed great balance by trophying in three of the five team events. Other impressive teams performances included: **Francis Lewis HS** (2nd-Element Ex. and Inspection); **Pine Ridge HS** (1st-Color Guard); **Oxon Hill HS** (1st-Element Ex.); **Forestville HS** (3rd-Flight Ex.); **United South HS** (4th-Inspection); and **Union HS** (4th-Regulation).

Alternative Arms Division Highlights

This division has been up for grabs annually, with a new champion each of the last six years. This year however, the tight finish remained but the queens endured on the throne as Marine Corps powerhouse **Fern Creek HS** from **Fern Creek, Kentucky** recaptured their National Championship title. The **Lady Leathernecks** drill team won with the same formula that gained them a title in 2000 - a well balanced attack trophying in every team event. Led by the hard working Marine Instructors - **Major Allen Broussard** and **MGySgt. Doug Dunlapp** - these tough competitors know they have a big bull's-eye on their uniforms this year as a dozen or more schools are looking to knock them from the top perch at the 2002 Nationals.

Sneaking up on many schools at the Nationals was **Winter Springs HS** from **Winter Springs, Florida**. Attending for the first time as a full-fledge Army JROTC program after years as a cross-enrolled school of nearby Lyman HS, the **Golden Bears** drill team brought the same determination to the basic drill routines and nearly pulled off the biggest upset at the event finishing as National Runner-up by just two quality points. The punishing attention to detail earned Winter Springs two 1st place finishes (Inspection, Color Guard) and a 2nd place in Regulation drill put them in an excellent position to win, but not placing in either exhibition event cost the team a chance at the title.

Army JROTC finished strong with always tough **Miami Coral Park HS** finishing in 3rd place Overall, and past multi-year National Champion **Enterprise HS** earning a 4th place Overall finish. Other inspired team finishes included: **Heritage HS** (1st-Regulation); **J.H. Reagan HS** (1st-Squad Ex.); **Palm Bay HS** (4th-Regulation & Color Guard, 5th-Platoon Ex.); and **Carroll HS** (4th-Platoon Ex., 5th-Inspection).

Huge personal and team sacrifices are a part of any Masters Level drill program. All of the teams attending the Nationals, win or lose, deserve our unyielding respect.

2001 MASTERS LEVEL COMMANDER'S TROPHIES

Demilitarized Arms

1st Place: Cadet Jackson
Rahway High School
2nd Place: Cadet Kelm
Douglas MacArthur HS
3rd Place: Cadet Burton
Flour Bluff High School

Unarmed

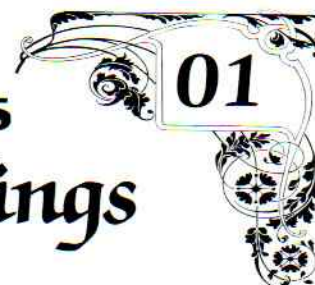
1st Place: Cadet Taylor
Theodore Roosevelt HS
2nd Place: Cadet Quintela
Hialeah High School
3rd Place: Cadet Medrano
Flour Bluff High School

Alternative Arms

1st Place: Cadet Huber
Heritage High School
2nd Place: Cadet Amschler
Fern Creek High School
3rd Place: Cadet Hickson
Southeast High School



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>	981
Douglas MacArthur HS - <i>Blue Guard</i>	904
Rahway HS - <i>Devil Pups</i>	896
Flour Bluff HS - <i>Sea Devils</i>	885
Enterprise HS - <i>Blue Knights</i>	879

Regulation

Douglas MacArthur HS - <i>Blue Guard</i>	1117
Flour Bluff HS - <i>Sea Devils</i>	1114
John Jay HS - <i>Silver Eagles</i>	1110
Winter Springs HS - <i>Bears</i>	1085
Fern Creek HS - <i>Leathernecks</i>	1075

Color Guard

Winter Springs HS - <i>Bears</i>	958
Union HS - <i>Fighting Farmers</i>	947
Francis Lewis HS - <i>Patriot Precision</i>	946
Lyman HS - <i>Imperial Hounds</i>	941
Fern Creek HS - <i>Leathernecks</i>	939

Squad Exhibition

Flour Bluff HS - <i>Sea Devils</i>	1013
Mattoon HS - <i>Gladiators</i>	995
Leileihua HS - <i>Mighty Mules</i>	988
Winter Springs HS - <i>Bears</i>	972
Rahway HS - <i>Devil Pups</i>	951

Platoon Exhibition

Winston Churchill HS - <i>Black Watch</i>	1025
Rahway HS - <i>Devil Pups</i>	936
Flour Bluff HS - <i>Sea Devils</i>	935
Douglas MacArthur HS - <i>Blue Guard</i>	927
Fern Creek HS - <i>Leathernecks</i>	923

Unarmed

Inspection

Flour Bluff HS - <i>Sea Hawks</i>	914
Francis Lewis HS - <i>Patriot Pride</i>	901
Theodore Roosevelt HS - <i>Riderettes</i>	868
United South HS - <i>S.Lady Panthers</i>	850
Douglas MacArthur HS - <i>Blue Angels</i>	832

Regulation

Theodore Roosevelt HS - <i>Riderettes</i>	802
Hialeah HS - <i>Destruction</i>	771
Flour Bluff HS - <i>Sea Hawks</i>	748
Union HS - <i>Screaming Farmers</i>	744
Walla Walla HS - <i>Sponsors</i>	733

Color Guard

Pine Ridge HS - <i>Golden Vengeance</i>	871
Flour Bluff HS - <i>Seahawks</i>	815
Hialeah HS - <i>Sinisters</i>	810
Theodore Roosevelt HS - <i>Riderettes</i>	808
Douglas MacArthur HS - <i>Blue Angels</i>	772

Element Exhibition

Oxon Hill HS - <i>Devastation</i>	1031
Francis Lewis HS - <i>Patriot Pride</i>	1009
Theodore Roosevelt HS - <i>Riderettes</i>	1007
Douglas MacArthur HS - <i>Blue Angels</i>	956
Hialeah HS - <i>Sinisters</i>	952

Flight Exhibition

Theodore Roosevelt HS - <i>Riderettes</i>	1136
Flour Bluff HS - <i>Sea Hawks</i>	1122
Forestville HS - <i>Silver Knights</i>	1066
Hialeah HS - <i>Sinisters</i>	1065
Boca Raton HS - <i>Urgent Fury</i>	1055

Alternative Arms

Inspection

Winter Springs HS - <i>Golden Bears</i>	888
Enterprise HS - <i>Belles of the Blue Knights</i>	858
Miami Coral Park HS - <i>Hurricanes</i>	851
Fern Creek HS - <i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	848
Carroll HS - <i>Lady Golden Knights</i>	847

Regulation

Heritage HS - <i>Pioneers</i>	968
Winter Springs HS - <i>Golden Bears</i>	960
Miami Coral Park HS - <i>Hurricanes</i>	944
Palm Bay HS - <i>Lady Pirates</i>	918
Fern Creek HS - <i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	914

Color Guard

Winter Springs HS - <i>Golden Bears</i>	*772
Fern Creek HS - <i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	772
Lyman HS - <i>Lady Greys</i>	765
Palm Bay HS - <i>Lady Pirates</i>	739
Clarksville HS - <i>Lady Cats</i>	733

Squad Exhibition

J.H. Reagan HS - <i>Riflettes</i>	967
Fern Creek HS - <i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	*933
Enterprise HS - <i>Belles of the Blue Knights</i>	933
Wetumpka HS - <i>Golden Indians</i>	*927
Miami Coral Park HS - <i>Hurricanes</i>	927

Platoon Exhibition

Miami Coral Park HS - <i>Hurricanes</i>	869
Fern Creek HS - <i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	828
Hialeah-Miami Lks HS - <i>Imperial Trojans</i>	817
Carroll HS - <i>Lady Golden Knights</i>	806
Palm Bay HS - <i>Lady Pirates</i>	789

Demilitarized Arms Champions

Champion: Flour Bluff HS - *Sea Devils*

Runner-up: Winston Churchill HS - *Black Watch*

2001 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Alternative Arms Champions

Champion: Fern Creek HS - *Lady Leathernecks*

Runner-up: Winter Springs HS - *Golden Bears*

Solo Exhibition

1st Place:	Cadet Liscomb-W.Churchill HS
2nd Place:	Cadet Jackson-Rahway HS
3rd Place:	Cadet Keierleber-W.Churchill HS

Dual Exhibition

1st Place:	Sherman/Hashimoto-Farrington HS
2nd Place:	Vargas/Agosto-Lyman HS
3rd Place:	Hover/Brown-T.Roosevelt HS

Unarmed Champions

Champion: Theodore Roosevelt HS - *Riderettes*

Runner-up: Flour Bluff HS - *Sea Hawks*

Dual Exhibition

1st Place:	Roumo/Suarez-T.Roosevelt HS
2nd Place:	Sotolongo/Gonzalez-Hialeah HS
3rd Place:	Aligany/Lactao-Oxon Hill HS

Solo Exhibition

1st Place:	Cadet Bergst-Winter Springs HS
2nd Place:	Cadet Young-Leesburg HS
3rd Place:	Cadet Huber-Heritage HS

Dual Exhibition

1st Place:	Cadets Long/Brown-Wetumpka HS
2nd Place:	Cadets Whitacre/Whitacre-Springfield HS
3rd Place:	Cadets Hardin/Mouser-Jefferson town HS

Aiming High at the Air Force Nationals!

What a memorable roller-coaster! After nearly five years of dreaming, hoping, planning, (then plans dashed!), pushing forward, and finally succeeding, Sports Network International proudly introduced a remarkable, single-service JROTC drill competition. The low clouds outside couldn't dampen the high flying spirits inside the Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex -- what a day!

Thirty-eight drill teams from fourteen states participated in the inaugural **Air Force JROTC National Drill Championships** competition. Planned to be held in the Nation's Capital each Spring, the "Air Force Nationals" are an exciting blend of Unarmed and Armed competition divisions performing in both basic drill events and exhibition style events.

On hand from AFJROTC Headquarters, **Colonel Brian King** had the opportunity to see a great deal of the competition, interact with the cadets during the day, as well as deliver some poignant closing comments to the assembled cadets and instructors. This support meant a great deal to the cadets, as well as the Air Force judges and support staff that selflessly devoted themselves to the task of providing the finest drill competition possible to the solid young cadets who gave a supreme effort throughout the day.

ARMED DIVISION

The Armed Division was a free-for-all that was up for grabs between several great schools until the last event was complete. Everyone held their breath as no clear overall winner was apparent from the event trophies distributed at the Awards Ceremony. Climbing to the top of this highly competitive event was **Lackey High School** from **Indian Head, Maryland**. The **Ruff Ryders** drill team was on top of their game, grabbing a top three finish in EVERY team event (1st-Inspection; 2nd-Regulation, Color Guard; 3rd-Exhibition). Lackey HS grabbed their championship the old fashioned way -- they **EARNED IT** with long hours of practice leading up to the event.

Just behind in the runner-up position by just a single quality point was **Hialeah HS**. The **Vipers** drill team earned two 1st place finishes (Regulation, Color Guard) and a 3rd place finish (Inspection), but a tough 4th place finish in Exhibition drill cost them a chance at grabbing both the Armed and Unarmed championships!

Finishing in 3rd place overall was the highly touted unit from **C.E. King HS**. With excellent 1st place Exhibition and 2nd place Inspection finishes, along with a solid 4th place Color Guard finish, only a soft 6th place finish in the always-tough Regulation competition kept the **King Thunder** drill team out of the Overall trophies.

Oak Ridge HS turned a few heads with their strong 2nd place Exhibition finish, along with a 3rd place Regulation performance. **Terry Sanford HS** carted home some hardware, showing all-around strength gaining three 5th place team finishes (Inspection, Color Guard, and Exhibition).

UNARMED DIVISION

The Unarmed Division competition was a real treat to watch. Geographic differences provided diverse drill styles, all excellent in their own way. As the scores began to come in, it was clear that one school had taken control of the field and was leaving the rest in the dust. **Hialeah High School** from **Hialeah, Florida** blew the judges away, winning three of four events (Inspection, Color Guard and Exhibition) and finishing in 4th place in the remaining Regulation event. The national powerhouse **Sinisters** drill team hone their craft and dazzle spectators annually with top finishes at the showcase **National High School Drill Team Championships** in Daytona Beach, Florida.



Colonel Brian King, Director, Air Force Junior ROTC, was a valued spectator at the AF Nationals event, posing here just prior to the Awards Ceremony with Hialeah HS cadets from the National Runner-up Vipers drill team.

A very tight battle ensued for 2nd & 3rd place. Coming down to the last event, **Southern Regional HS** edged out the hard chargers from **Sandalwood HS**. Overall consistency distanced both programs from the rest of the field. While neither school captured a single event, they finished strong in all. Southern Regional's **Blue Knights** drill team garnered three trophy finishes (2nd-Inspection, 3rd-Regulation, 5th-Color Guard) while the Sandalwood **Silver Eagles** were just nosed out, managing two trophy finishes (2nd-Exhibition, 5th-Inspection).

Other fine performances came from: **C.E. King HS** (1st-Regulation, 4th-Inspection, Exhibition); **Newburgh Free Academy** (2nd-Regulation, 3rd-Color Guard); **Bolingbrook HS** (2nd-Color Guard, 3rd-Exhibition); and **Terry Sanford HS** (4th-Color Guard).

Special thanks goes out to all of the local DC area schools that assisted greatly with the planning and execution of this unprecedented drill competition. Sports Network International looks forward to continuing this wonderful event for Air Force cadets around the United States to participate in this first-class drill event, while taking the opportunity to tour the Nation's Capital.

Schools having questions regarding the event, or programs looking to make themselves a part of the AF Nationals are urged to go to the homepage (www.thenationals.net/af-nationals.htm) of the event on the internet. The official event invitation and registration form for schools, as well as other important event information can be found there. If you prefer, these forms can be faxed directly to your school by Sports Network International. Good luck to all Air Force programs throughout the new school year!

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