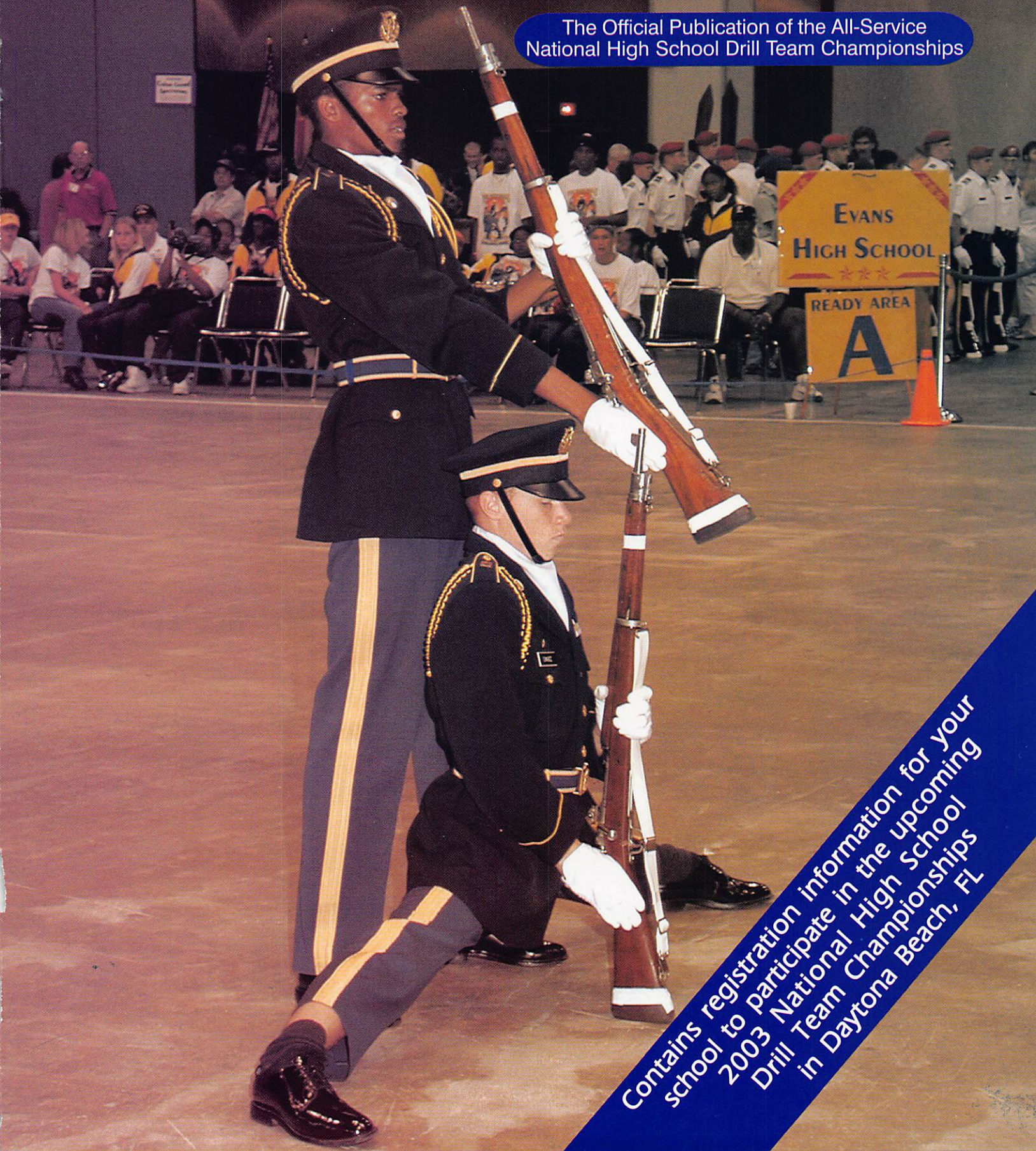


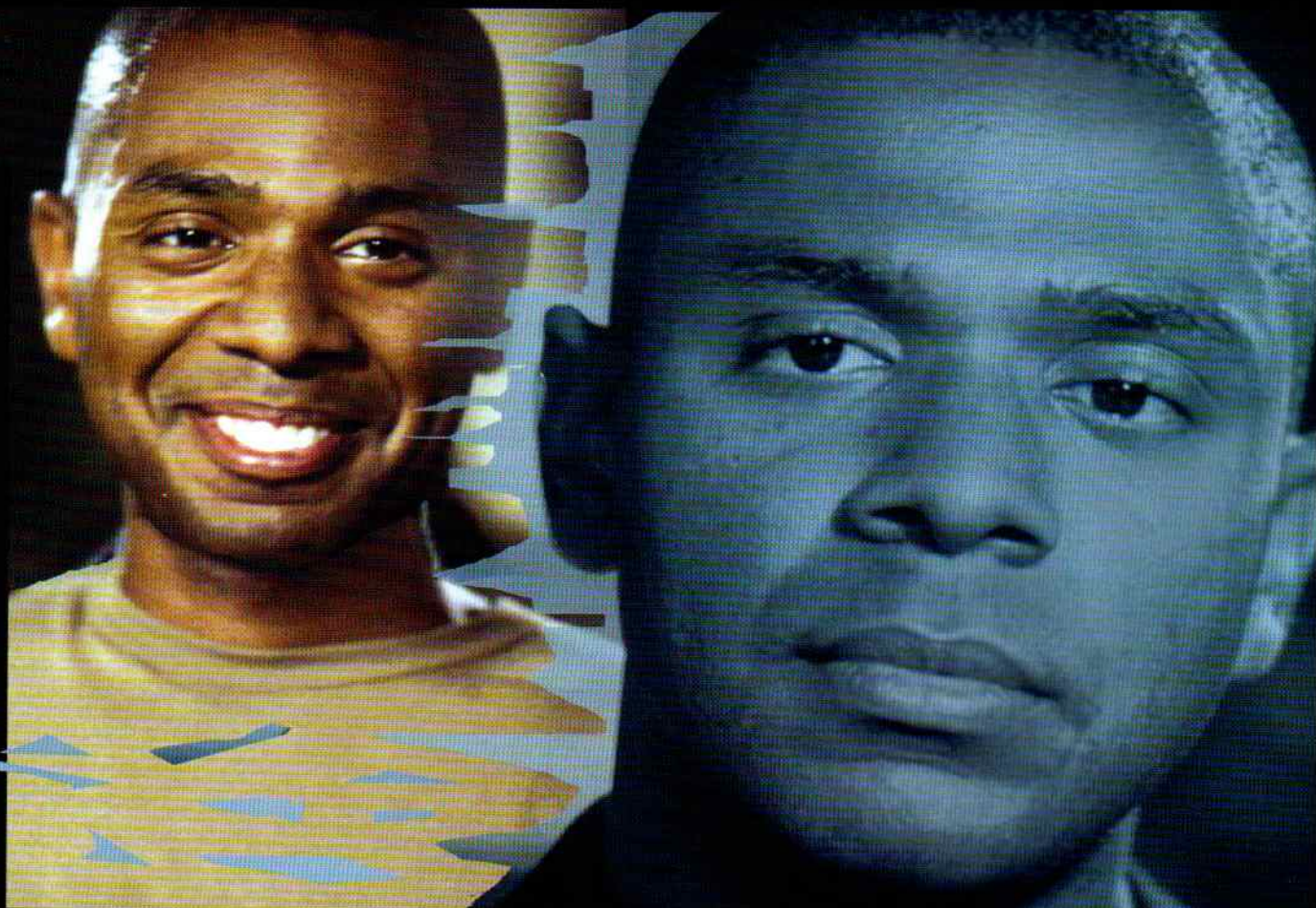
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COVER

Using an unorthodox style, Evans High School from Evans, Georgia reports in to the Head Judge to begin their Exhibition competition during the Masters Level Division.

BACK COVER

Top: The 1,500-plus cadet Knockout Drill competition is a legendary facet of the Nationals and always injects a dose of electric excitement into the crowd of peers, instructors and parents.

Mid-Left: This Marine cadet in dress uniform provides a classy backdrop for the style, grace and difficulty that is the essence of the solo exhibition event at the Masters Level competition at the Nationals.

Mid-Right: This proud Texas color guard displays with pride the national emblem during the brutal color guard phase of the Nationals competition.

Bottom: Navy cadets begin their sequence with this report-in during the exhibition competition at the Nationals.

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 help to make this the premier showcase for JROTC drill & ceremony excellence. Special thanks also go out to **SGM Dennis Hastings** of Texas A&M University, **Mr. John Schultz** of **American Management Systems** and **Mr. Mark Loechel** of **Pearson Education** for their generous financial donations to the **Jean Weil Scholarship Foundation**. Lastly, special thanks go out to the all-service judging corps whose work helps to give the Nationals the deserved reputation of being "the best drill event in the country." Most importantly, our appreciation extends to every **JROTC instructor** who goes the extra mile for their cadets. No other program exists that better prepares young people from all walks of life to become quality citizens. With honor and an unwavering commitment to excellence, these cadets will guide our nation throughout the 21st century.

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SIGHTS AND SOUNDS FROM THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DRILL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

"A weekend to remember" was the buzz phrase throughout Daytona Beach at the 2002 National High School Drill Team Championships. The Challenge Level, Open Level Color Guard, and Masters Level competitions brought out unparalleled performances as teams from around the world gave supreme efforts; yielding lifetime cadet memories!

The 2002 Nationals saw increased interest in the **Jean Weil Foundation Scholarship**. Winners **Steven Heist** of **Flour Bluff HS** and **Jacquelyn Fisher** of **Bainbridge HS** grabbed top honors among a stellar field of applicants. All top college-bound senior cadets participating in the 2003 Nationals should press their senior instructor to nominate them for this prestigious scholarship.

Texas A&M University will once again be the "Official Collegiate Sponsor" of the Nationals in 2003 with the **U.S. Army Cadet Command** continuing their support as the "Official Military Sponsor". We are excited to have such stalwart support from these two phenomenal organizations; their involvement adds great depth and class to this legendary event.

The Best of the Nationals Videotape Series is extremely popular again this year. One hundred copies of both tapes have been obtained by Air Force Junior ROTC HQ to supply newly formed units with these valuable training tools. At the upcoming 2003 Nationals, SNI has plans to produce a third videotape that schools may really enjoy - a behind-the-scenes look at how top teams execute their run for a Championship during the Nationals weekend.

Additionally, **VarsityTV** (www.myvtr.com), 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 dish network channel - check it out!

SNI continues to be the Event Manager for several other excellent JROTC competitions. These events include the U.S. Army's **National Capital Drill Classic** (event wrap-up, pg. 8); the **Navy JROTC Nationals - Academic, Athletic & Drill Championships** (event wrap-up, pg. 4); and the **Air Force National Drill Championships** (event wrap, pg. 9). Complete, top-to-bottom scoring details and entry information for all of the above drill competitions can be found at the SNI homepage on the web at: <http://drill.thenationals.net>.

Sports Network International is privileged to host the nation's finest JROTC drill teams. Showcasing these outstanding cadets and programs has become the highlight of our calendar and something we take great pride in. Good luck to all of the fantastic cadets, instructors and parents whose combined efforts continue to make Junior ROTC the finest high school program in existence throughout the world!

NAVY JROTC MAKES A SPLASH IN PENSACOLA

With the occasional roar of practicing F/A-18 Blue Angels Hornets screaming overhead, the **2002 Navy Nationals** event proved to be the most exciting and successful event to date. No other JROTC competition provides a more well-rounded test of overall unit strength than the two-day Navy JROTC Nationals - Academic, Athletic & Drill Championships. Hot weather and even hotter performances were the orders of the day as twenty-seven schools from across the United States competed for the chance to bring home the overall Navy Championship.

The event opened on Friday morning with the intense Unit Personnel Inspection (UPI). Cadets spent weeks preparing to stand before the nine well-trained Navy NCO's that made up the UPI judging corps. When the scores were tallied, **Nease HS** from **St. Augustine, Florida** pushed through the victory. Nease impressed the judges with their solid bearing. The well-prepared unit from **Cape Fear HS** from **Cape Fear, North Carolina** powered through to a 2nd place UPI finish, just barely ahead of always-tough **Flour Bluff HS** from **Corpus Christi, Texas**.

The event then moved outside for the athletic competition. Scorching daytime temperatures may have helped schools from the Sunshine State as the Athletic Championship came down to a two-horse race. When the track cooled down, **Oviedo HS** from **Oviedo, Florida** flew like the wind to gain an Overall Athletic Championship by just 8 points (out of a possible 1000) over **Lake Howell HS** from **Winter Park, Florida**. While both schools received max points within the Oval Relay competition and strong scores within male/female push-ups and curl-ups, a slightly faster Shuttle relay time earned Oviedo the Championship. **Princess Anne HS** from **Virginia Beach, Virginia** put together a very solid 3rd place finish, with maximum scores in the male & female curl-up competition.

After a sun-drenched afternoon, teams quickly grabbed dinner and hustled inside for the pressure-packed Academic Exam. Schools formed 10-cadet academic teams with each cadet taking a 100-question test on relevant Navy JROTC

Academic, Athletic & Drill Championships Pensacola NAS Pensacola, Florida April 5th-6th, 2002

material. When the pencils were lowered, **Nease HS** again grabbed an overall event championship to go with their UPI victory. Their victory was propelled by Cadets Hawkins and O'Donoghue who scored 92 and 90 respectively. Their victory was hard-fought over the tough competitors from **Princess Anne HS**, who earned a 2nd place finish. Multi-year academic exam champion **Flour Bluff HS** had to be a bit surprised as they were relegated to a strong but unfamiliar 3rd place finish.

Cadets slept quickly before jumping into their Summer Blue uniforms to begin the drill competition phase of the event on Saturday morning in the massive A.D. Hangar at NAS Pensacola's Cavalier Hall. Comprised of five team events worth over one-third of the total national championship points, drill superiority remains the backbone of any quality unit. Thousands of hours of hard work are necessary to shine at this level, making all of the performances put forth worthy of admiration and congratulation.

Clark HS from **Las Vegas, Nevada** lit up the venue with their all-around awesome display of drill. Paced by a 1st place Unarmed Exhibition routine, the crack desert drill team left no opening for others, finishing no lower than 6th place in all five drill events. **Oviedo HS** gained a convincing 2nd place finish, while **Flour Bluff HS** competed well to grab the third place drill finish.

The spectacular Awards Ceremony was again held at the National Museum of Naval Aviation located on NAS Pensacola. This historic facility with its hallowed halls is the largest and most beautiful air and space museum in the world.

The Ceremony was kicked off by a brief welcome message by Museum President, Vice Admiral John H. Fetterman (ret.). The opening ceremony then proceeded with a poignant message from the event guest speaker Vice Admiral Alfred G. Harms, Jr., Chief of Naval Education & Training. His words of wisdom enthralled the audience and concluded with a thunderous standing ovation.

The presentation of trophies kept everyone on edge as no single school was wearing a path to the stage. Despite failing to win a single first place trophy, the overall balance of **Flour Bluff HS** was too strong as this powerhouse unit won the National Championship for the 6th straight year, amassing a total score of 4,339. Scoring for the Runner-up and 3rd place finish was extremely tight. By just 15 points, **Princess Anne HS** eked out the tough victory for 2nd place with a total score of 4,244 over the hard-charging cadets from **Cape Fear HS** who gained 4,229.

NAS Pensacola was an exceptional host, providing limitless logistical and personnel support -- and it will again be the home of the 2003 NJROTC Nationals this Spring. Many of the Navy's finest are already working hard to prepare for the **April 4th-5th, 2003** event.

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Each tape is contained in a plastic, hard-shell case. The running time for each tape is 120 minutes. The cost is only \$29.00 per tape plus \$4.50 shipping/handling per order. Limited supplies from past years are still available. Personal or school checks, money orders and signed school Purchase Orders are accepted. Credit Card payment is accepted on our website only. **Make checks payable to Sports Network International.** Allow up to 10 business days for delivery of your order, with a slightly longer delay over the holiday season. 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! Look for our newest video next year with a behind-the-scenes look featuring top teams and their quest for the title!



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Army GREEN Dominates the Day

The NCDC competition was a tough test but 1st Region, 4th Brigade Army JROTC programs stepped up to the challenge and more during this single-day drill meet

Like a GREEN tidal wave washing over the shoreline, the 11th ANNUAL NATIONAL CAPITAL Drill Classic brought together nearly one thousand motivated Army JROTC cadets from Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia for a day of competition drill. The NCDC competition field of **twenty-nine schools** and **forty-nine teams** worked hard to impress their peers, making for many outstanding performances at this showcase drill & ceremony event.

ARMED DIVISION

Two schools distanced themselves from the pack and tied for the quality points lead within the Armed Division. With their raw score breaking the tie (a 75-point margin out of a total 4,800 points available!), the drill team from **Capital HS** in **Charleston, West Virginia** pushed hard to capture the razor-thin victory. Prepared for competition by **SGM Ray Dillon**, the **Capital Cougars** drill team trophied in all four team events while capturing 1st place within Regulation & Exhibition events. In just their first year at the NCDC event, this hard-working unit dazzled the crowd with a perfect blend of hard-nosed discipline and crowd-pleasing showmanship!

Just missing an Armed division championship title, **Liberty HS** from **Bealeton, Virginia** was painfully close to gaining their first-ever NCDC crown for the second straight year! Despite repeating as Inspection and Color Guard champs, the **Eagles** drill team trophied in every event but fell short in the total points tie-breaker. 2003 could be their year as the team is poised for excellence once again!

Many other schools within the Armed Division put forth noteworthy, top-drawer drill performances. These included:

Thomas Stone HS (2nd-Regulation, 5th-Inspection & Color Guard); **Forestville HS** (2nd-Exhibition); **West Potomac HS** (2nd-Color Guard, 4th-Regulation); **Denbigh HS** (3rd-Inspection) **Fairmont Heights HS** (3rd-Exhibition) and **Lake Clifton/Eastern HS** (5th-Exhibition).

UNARMED DIVISION

While nothing like the three-way tie for first place that shook the field in 2001, 2002 brought **Forestville HS** from **Forestville, Maryland** into prominence as the **Unarmed Division Champion**. Paced by a 1st place finish in Inspection and a 2nd place finish in Exhibition, the **Silver Knights** drill team worked exceptionally hard against a very talented competition field. Trained by the ebullient and tireless **ISG Gwen White**, **Forestville** expanded their previous exhibition prowess into a more well-rounded drill team and captured their first Overall Championship at the NCDC.

A tie for quality points between perennial powers **Thomas Stone HS** (**Waldorf, Maryland**) and **T.C. Williams HS** (**Alexandria, Virginia**) left both teams tense at the Awards Ceremony. Paced by their bread & butter strength of basic drill, the **Cougar Gold** drill team from

Thomas Stone HS captured the **Runner-Up** title with a strong 2nd place in both Inspection and Regulation, and a 4th place in Color Guard. The **Armageddon Blue** drill team from **T.C. Williams HS** earned a 1st place Color Guard, but 7th place finishes in Inspection and Exhibition cost the fine team a chance at a higher finish.

Other top finishes in Unarmed included: **Denbigh HS** (1st-Exhibition); **McDonough HS** (1st-Regulation); **Woodbridge HS** (2nd-Color Guard); **Howard HS** (3rd-Regulation & Color Guard); **Forest Park HS** (3rd-Exhibition) and **West Potomac HS** (3rd-Inspection).

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Spirited Knockout Drills preceded a tense NCDC Awards Ceremony. Heart-felt closing words were delivered by **SGM Raynard L. Palmer**, Special Projects Director, US Army, 1st Region, 4th Brigade.

Sports Network International wishes to thank everyone who continues to help make the National Capital Drill Classic the impressive event that it has become. The 2003 NCDC event looks even better as early interest from through-out the

Brigade is high and advance work with the Army Old Guard should ensure the finest judging corps ever assembled for the event! Bigger and better changes are on the horizon for the NCDC in 2003 and beyond. As event details are finalized, they will be immediately posted on the official SNI drill homepage: <http://drill.thenationals.net>.

Good luck to all Army Junior ROTC units across the Nation as you prepare your drill teams and march proudly into the 2002-2003 school year and competition drill season.



Forestville High School from Forestville, Maryland cadet commanders proudly salute in front of the wall of trophies their teams earned at the 2002 NCDC.

Cross into the BLUE at the Air Force Nationals

Air Force cadets & instructors converge on the Nation's Capital and push back the envelope to find the best and brightest drill teams the Air Force has to offer.

THIRTY-NINE highly motivated schools with sixty drill teams from sixteen states were a part of history at the 2nd ANNUAL Air Force JROTC National Drill Championships. With historic Washington, DC as the backdrop, each Spring the "Air Force Nationals" provides an exciting blend of Armed and Unarmed competition divisions exclusively for AFJROTC cadets from across the country.

On hand from HQ AFOATS/JR, Col. Brian King had the unique opportunity to see much of the event and was highly impressed! More importantly, Col. King was able to interact with hundreds of cadets during the day, as

*Both drill competitions
feature four team events
within both the
Armed & Unarmed Divisions:
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well as deliver a strong address at the closing-night Awards Ceremony. His attendance and the on-going support of HQ AFOATS/JR make this event better for all participating schools. Every cadet in attendance that day will remember their weekend experience at the Air Force Nationals long after their AFJROTC days are behind them!

ARMED DIVISION

The Armed Division was a battle between six schools throughout the day. The slightest mistake by these top finishers affected the entire event finish. The tension hung thick in the air at the awards ceremony as no clear overall winner was apparent as the event trophies worked their way from the stage to the bleachers.

Using consistency as the key to success, **Coventry HS** from **Coventry, Rhode Island** grabbed the Armed National Championship. The **Red Falcons** were the only drill team in the entire event to trophy in all four team events, despite failing to win any single event! (2nd-Inspection, Regulation, and Color Guard; 5th-Exhibition). Coventry worked hard for their championship and it showed. Led by long-time drill guru **MSgt. Dick LeBel**, the Coventry Armed drill team capped a strong drill season with their win in the Nation's Capital!

Hialeah HS again grabbed the runner-up position. The **Vipers** drill team from **Hialeah, Florida** for the second year in a row earned two 1st place finishes (this year, in Inspection & Regulation) but a 4th place Color Guard finish and a 9th place finish in Exhibition cost them a chance at grabbing the title! Finishing in 3rd place overall was the 2001 Armed Champion **Lackey HS**. The **Ruff Ryders** again finished strong, capturing both the Color Guard and Exhibition competitions, but a very soft 12th place finish in Regulation drill killed the possibility of a repeat championship.

Other strong Armed Division finishes were marked by: **Central HS** (Exhibition-2nd); **Largo HS** (Color Guard-3rd); **Southeast HS** (Inspection-3rd, Exhibition-4th, Regulation-5th); **Anchor Bay HS** (Exhibition-3rd, Inspection-4th); and **Surrattsville HS** (Regulation-3rd, Inspection-5th).

UNARMED DIVISION

The Unarmed Division was another classic "battle to the finish!" So many fine schools put forth solid displays of drill talent; making for a difficult day all around for the judges! When the battle was over, a state powerhouse stepped up and rang the bell as **Southern Regional HS** from **Manahawkin, New Jersey** captured the Unarmed Championship. The **Blue Knights** drill team powered their way to 1st place in

both Inspection & Regulation and a 5th place finish in Color Guard. A poor finish in Exhibition opened the door, but no other team had the overall strength to take advantage. Trained and prepared by **MSgt. Lee Messina** (check out their awesome website at: www.srsd.org/jrotc), the drill masters from the Garden State look to continue their dominance into 2003 and beyond. Just missing an Unarmed championship by a single

quality point, **Lackey HS** put forth a supreme effort but landed just short. Displaying great balance, the **Ladies of Destruction** trophied in two events (4th-Inspection, 5th-Exhibition) while finishing no lower than 8th in any event.

Hialeah HS nabbed a 3rd place overall finish. The **Sinisters** drill team earned two 1st place finishes (Color Guard, Exhibition) but poor Inspection & Regulation events cost the Sinisters a shot at the title.

Other top Unarmed Division finishes included: **Sandalwood HS** (2nd-Inspection & Color Guard); **Southeast HS** (2nd-Exhibition, 4th-Regulation); **Walter Stebbins HS** (2nd-Regulation); **Surrattsville HS** (3rd-Regulation, 4th-Exhibition); **Newburgh Free Ady.** (3rd-Inspection); **Sandalwood HS** (3rd-Color Guard) and **Oxon Hill HS** (3rd-Exhibition).

Rarely do cadets get the chance to participate in a first-class drill event while also touring the capital of our great nation. Changes are in store for the 2003 AF Nationals making it even better! Check out the official SNI drill website at: (<http://drill.thenationals.net>). We at SNI hope to see you next year in the Nation's Capital for an exciting showing of Air Force JROTC drill excellence!



Coventry High School from Coventry, Rhode Island displays the joy that comes with capturing an Air Force Armed Division National Championship.

2003 National High School

Introduction

Sports Network International is pleased to provide this invitation to all precision drill units to attend the 21st annual **National High School Drill Team Championships** in Daytona Beach, Florida. This event is open to all Junior ROTC 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 & 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; 55 schools at the Challenge Level; and 35 schools within the Open Level Color Guard event.**

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

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. The Challenge Level maintains Armed (demilitarized weapons only) & Unarmed divisions. Military Academies are no longer excluded from the Challenge level. All schools are also encouraged to consider entering "stand-alone" Color Guards into the exciting Open Level Color Guard competition also held on Friday.

The **Masters Level** brings the finest drill programs in the nation together to compete 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 - Squad or Platoon Formation is acceptable)

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)
- ★ Solo & Dual Exhibitions

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. 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 **NOTE:** no "knockout fee" is charged to participate.

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 lot or 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 exceptional billeting 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 Challenge & Open Level events will be held on **Friday, May 2nd**, with the two-day Masters Level competition held on **Saturday & Sunday, May 3rd-4th**. Both competition levels feature Knockout Drills at the conclusion of the judging and an Awards Ceremony in the evening following the competition.

Awards and Trophies

The Nationals feature beautiful, impressive trophies & awards. 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 remains legendary within the Junior ROTC drill community!

Drill Team Championships

Team events in all competition divisions are trophyed 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 Exhibitions for all armed teams and Dual Exhibition for unarmed teams. Regulation Cadet Commanders at both the Masters & Challenge Levels also compete for Commander's 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

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 Luxury billets should contact SNI or check the website 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 Registration Fee is completely refundable if requested before December 10th, 2002. 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 Tuesday, December 10th, 2002. 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 10th review deadline will have only a small chance of getting into the Nationals. The event will be full on December 10th, 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 Saturday, 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 correspondence should be sent to **Sports Network International** at the address listed below. Schools may contact SNI by email **BUT** all required paperwork should be sent through the mail.

In Closing

We invite all teams, **especially those who have considered attending in the past**, to look at attending the 2003 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 competitions, schools of all talent levels now look to become a part of the exciting & 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 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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When the Call Went Out for a "Challenge" - These Schools Responded!

The Challenge Level competition at the Nationals has become known for the large, diverse competition fields, as well tight scoring and hot drill! The 2002 event was another amazing display of drill diversity and excellence. Ninety-four drill teams from sixty-nine schools made themselves a part of the largest competition field ever at the Nationals, clawing for every point. This left a few long-time judges commenting over and over that the line between the Challenge Level & Masters Level schools grows closer every year!



The massive 1,500+ cadet Challenge Level Unarmed Knockout Drill at the Ocean Center in Daytona Beach.

ARMED DIVISION

The Armed Division competition brought several familiar faces to the top of the 45-team pack of schools in the hunt for an overall title. Traveling half-way around the world (from Japan) **Kubasaki HS** returned with only six experienced cadets from the previous season. After their bittersweet Runner-Up finish in 2001, the **Dragons** were victorious in capturing the Armed Division Challenge Championship.

Led by hard-boiled **MSG Larry McNair, USMC (RET.)**, the impressive cadets from this fantastic Marine JROTC unit again aced the Inspection competition with a 1st place finish and improved their Regulation (1st place) and Color Guard (3rd place) placements. Their outstanding execution in these basic events kept their poor showing in Exhibition from hurting their overall finish.

Finishing as runner-ups within the Armed Division, **Theodore Roosevelt HS** from **San Antonio, Texas** worked hard, continuing their long climb back to the national prominence they had enjoyed in the 90's. Trophy placements in Color Guard (2nd place) and Inspection (3rd place) put the **Rough Riders** in the hunt for the overall title, but a disappointing 12th place finish in Exhibition drill cost this Army JROTC unit their shot at the title.

The Armed Division had many exciting finishes, including: **James Madison HS** (4th-Exhibition, 5th-Inspection & Regulation); **Ronald Reagan HS** (1st-CC, 4th-Inspection); **United South HS** (2nd-Inspection, 3rd-Regulation & Exhibition); **Oxon Hill HS** (1st-Exhibition); **Grove City HS** (2nd-Regulation); & **Hubbard HS** (2nd-Exhibition).

UNARMED DIVISION

A long plane flight always seems shorter on the way home when you're carrying the Challenge Level Unarmed Division Championship trophy. Traveling to the lower 48 for just the second year, **Bethel Regional HS** from **Bethel, Alaska** displayed the type of balanced attack that is needed to blow away a 47-team competition field.

Prepared by the dynamic duo of **MAJ Carl Bailey** and **MSG Barbara Wright**, the **Warriors** drill team turned heads with their blend of precision and showmanship, including finishes in Inspection (1st), Exhibition (3rd) and Color Guard (4th). With a student body of roughly 400, this well-rounded Army JROTC program gets the most from every cadet in their program.

A gaggle of schools were pressed together vying for the runner-up title. When the computers cooled off and the tie-breaker was put in place, AFJROTC powerhouse **Hialeah HS** from **Hialeah, Florida** just nipped the leathernecks of **Gulfport HS** from **Gulfport, Mississippi**. The **Ruby Raiders** from **Hialeah** have a very large program and their younger members were up to the task as they united to capture the runner-up title. They did this with incredible balance, capturing only a single 5th place Exhibition trophy, but finishing strong in every event.

The Unarmed Division had other exceptional performances, including: **Fairmont HS** (1st-Color Guard); **Pleasantville HS** (1st-Regulation); **Hampton PS** (1st-Exhibition); **Largo HS** (2nd-Color Guard); **Irvington HS** (2nd-Exhibition); **Mexico Acad.** (2nd-Regulation) and **Jardines de Ponce HS** (3rd-Color Guard & 4th-Exhibition).

The Challenge Level Competition has become a fantastic home to fierce JROTC competition. The thousands of cadets that enjoy this spirited event agree: "Every program goes home improved by their experience at the Nationals."

OPEN LEVEL COLOR GUARD COMPETITION

The finest Open Level Color Guard field ever assembled put forth supreme efforts in Daytona Beach for the 2002 competition. Thirty-seven color guard units were selected to attend and compete from across the United States.

When the competition ended, a fierce Army competitor came from nowhere to power their way to a championship. **Trevor Browne HS** from **Phoenix, Arizona** blew away the judges with a beautiful and by-the-book colors presentation. Always tough **Rossvie HS** from **Clarksville, Tennessee** captured the runner-up title. Long-time Nationals attendee **Mattoon HS** from **Mattoon, Illinois** grabbed a 3rd place finish. A tie for the final two placements was settled using the head judge's score. Upon careful review, 4th place went to **Alamo Heights HS** from drill mecca **San Antonio, Texas**. The final trophied position broke up the Army stranglehold on the OLCG event as the Air Force JROTC unit from **Highland Park Community HS** in **Highland Park, Michigan** distanced themselves from the field. All of the units were awesome and the judges had numerous positive comments on the preparedness and the overall display each unit put forth.

Sports Network International salutes all of the color guard units choosing to compete at this special event. Entry spaces are limited to roughly 35 units, therefore interested schools should apply before the early December deadline. Good luck to all units who proudly protect & display our national colors!

2002 National High School Drill Team Championships

Challenge Level Attendees & Event Standings

Armed Division

Inspection

Kubasaki HS	Dragons	878
United South HS	South Panther Rifles	872
Theodore Roosevelt HS	Rough Riders	845
Ronald Reagan HS	Rattler Guard	830
James Madison HS	Maverick Guard	808

Platoon Regulation

Kubasaki HS	Dragons	1084
Grove City HS	Greyhounds	1025
United South HS	South Panther Rifles	1012
R-S Central HS	Hilltopper Leathernecks	1006
James Madison HS	Maverick Guard	953

Color Guard

Ronald Reagan HS	Rattler Guard	949
Theodore Roosevelt HS	Rough Riders	932
Kubasaki HS	Dragons	932
Hialeah HS	Vipers	921
Englewood HS	Golden Snipers	901

Team Exhibition

Oxon Hill HS	Lords of Discipline	1147
Hubbard HS	H-Squad	1096
United South HS	South Panther Rifles	1072
James Madison HS	Maverick Guard	1069
Bogalusa HS	Lumberjack Battalion	1043

Overall Armed Champion

Kubasaki High School - Dragons

Overall Armed Runner-up

T. Roosevelt High School - Rough Riders

Abraham Clark HS
MARINE CORPS JROTC
ROSELLE, NEW JERSEY

Bainbridge HS
AIR FORCE JROTC
BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA

Baldwin HS
NAVY JROTC
MILLEDGEVILLE, GEORGIA

Bethel Regional HS
ARMY JROTC
BETHEL, ALASKA

Bogalusa HS
ARMY JROTC
BOGALUSA, LOUISIANA

Bradwell Institute
ARMY JROTC
HINESVILLE, GEORGIA

Career Enrichment Pk.
AIR FORCE JROTC
WESTMINSTER, COLORADO

Cedar Shoals HS
ARMY JROTC
ATHENS, GEORGIA

Chester HS
ARMY JROTC
CHESTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

East Henderson HS
AIR FORCE JROTC
EAST FLAT ROCK, NC

East Richland HS
ARMY JROTC
OLNEY, ILLINOIS

Englewood HS
ARMY JROTC
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Escambia HS
NAVY JROTC
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

Fairmont HS
ARMY JROTC
FAIRMONT, N. CAROLINA

Ft. Campbell HS
ARMY JROTC
FT. CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY

Gloucester HS
MARINE CORPS JROTC
GLOUCESTER, MA

Grove City HS
NAVY JROTC
GROVE CITY, OHIO

Gulfport HS
MARINE CORPS JROTC
GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

Gwynn Park HS
AIR FORCE JROTC
BRANDYWINE, MARYLAND

Hampton Public Schools
ARMY JROTC
HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

Unarmed Division

Inspection

Bethel Regional HS	Warriors	1071
Fairmont HS	Golden Guards	956
Lynn English HS	Bulldogs	945
Abraham Clark HS	Devil Dogs	930
Gulfport HS	Precision 'n Motion	870

Flight Regulation

Pleasantville HS	Greyhounds	746
Mexico Academy & Central HS	Tigers	733
Bainbridge HS	Purango	733
Gloucester HS	Scarlet Thunder	725
Gulfport HS	Precision 'n Motion	722

Color Guard

Fairmont HS	Golden Guards	882
Largo HS	Excalibur	876
Jardines de Ponce HS	Sonic Boomers	834
Bethel Regional HS	Warriors	824
West Orange HS	Blue Lightning	823

Team Exhibition

Hampton Public Sch.	Marching Elites	1044
Irvington HS	Red Crusaders	974
Bethel Regional HS	Warriors	940
Jardines de Ponce HS	Sonic Boomers	897
Hialeah HS	Ruby Raiders	850

Overall Unarmed Champion

Bethel Regional High School - Warriors

Overall Unarmed Runner-up

Hialeah High School - Ruby Raiders

Harrison HS AIR FORCE JROTC COLORADO SPRINGS, CO	Jardines de Ponce HS AIR FORCE JROTC PONCE, PUERTO RICO	Lynn English HS MARINE CORPS JROTC LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS	Northeast HS ARMY JROTC KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	Prince George HS ARMY JROTC PRINCE GEORGE, VA	Theodore Roosevelt HS ARMY JROTC SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	Waukegan HS ARMY JROTC WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS
Hialeah HS AIR FORCE JROTC HIALEAH, FLORIDA	Kemper County HS ARMY JROTC DEKALB, MISSISSIPPI	Mason County HS ARMY JROTC MAYSVILLE, KENTUCKY	Northeast HS ARMY JROTC CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE	Rayville HS ARMY JROTC RAYVILLE, LOUISIANA	Thomas Stone HS ARMY JROTC WALDORF, MD	West Charlotte HS ARMY JROTC CHARLOTTE, NC
Hillcrest HS ARMY JROTC EVERGREEN, ALABAMA	Kenwood HS ARMY JROTC CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE	Mexico Acad. & Cen. HS MARINE CORPS JROTC MEXICO, NEW YORK	Oxon Hill HS AIR FORCE JROTC OXON HILL, MARYLAND	Riverhead HS NAVY JROTC RIVERHEAD, NEW YORK	Triton HS ARMY JROTC ERWIN, NORTH CAROLINA	West Orange HS AIR FORCE JROTC WINTER GARDEN, FL
Hubbard HS ARMY JROTC CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	Kubasaki HS MARINE CORPS JROTC OKINAWA, JAPAN	Missouri Military Acad. ARMY JROTC MEXICO, MISSOURI	Passaic HS NAVY JROTC PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY	Ronald Reagan HS ARMY JROTC SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	United South HS MARINE CORPS JROTC LAREDO, TEXAS	West Potomac HS ARMY JROTC ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA
Irvington HS ARMY JROTC IRVINGTON, NJ	Largo HS AIR FORCE JROTC UPPER MARLBORO, MD	Montbello HS ARMY JROTC DENVER, COLORADO	Pekin Community HS ARMY JROTC PEKIN, ILLINOIS	Roxborough HS ARMY JROTC PHILADELPHIA, PA	Valley Forge MA ARMY JROTC WAYNE, PENNSYLVANIA	Wilbur D. Mills HS ARMY JROTC LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
James Hillhouse HS ARMY JROTC NEW HAVEN, CT	Laverne HS ARMY JROTC LAVERNE, TENNESSEE	Montgomery Cen. HS ARMY JROTC CUNNINGHAM, TN	Perry County HS ARMY JROTC HAZARD, KENTUCKY	R-S Central HS MARINE CORPS JROTC RUTHERFORDTON, NC	Warren County HS ARMY JROTC MCMINNVILLE, TN	Wilby HS MARINE CORPS JROTC WATERBURY, CT
James Madison HS ARMY JROTC SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	Lewisville HS ARMY JROTC RICHBURG, SC	North Hardin HS ARMY JROTC RADCLIFF, KENTUCKY	Pleasantville HS ARMY JROTC PLEASANTVILLE, NJ	Shiprock HS MARINE CORPS JROTC SHIPROCK, NEW MEXICO	Washington HS NAVY JROTC WASHINGTON, INDIANA	Winnsboro HS ARMY JROTC WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA

★ 2002 Masters Level Participants ★ ★ Schools of Excellence ★

Airport High School
Army JROTC
West Columbia, SC

Barron G. Collier HS
Army JROTC
Naples, Florida

Campbell High School
Navy JROTC
Ewa Beach, Hawaii

Carroll High School
Army JROTC
Ozark, Alabama

Cedar Shoals High School
Army JROTC
Athens, Georgia

Central Catholic HS
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Colonel White High School
Army JROTC
Dayton, Ohio

Coventry High School
Air Force JROTC
Coventry, Rhode Island

Cranston High School East
Army JROTC
Cranston, Rhode Island

Deerfield Beach High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Deerfield Beach, Florida

Douglas MacArthur HS
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Enterprise High School
Army JROTC
Enterprise, Alabama

Evans High School
Army JROTC
Evans, Georgia

Fern Creek High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Fern Creek, Kentucky

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

Franklin High School
Army JROTC
Franklin, Louisiana



Left to Right, front to back: Marine Corps: 1stSgt. Sandra Torres-Pintos, GySgt. Christopher Borghese, GySgt. John Rogers, Sgt. Jamie Tsang, SSgt. Robin Fortner, SSgt. Edward Parsons, Sgt. Clifton McEntire, 1stSgt. Curtis Howard, SSgt. Denise Ruiz; **Army:** SSG Jesus Romero, 1SG James Williams, SSG Antwone Copeland, SSG Jackie South, SSG Peter Simpson, SFC Andy Hill, SFC Roberto Felix, SSG Daniel Gomez, SFC Marican Gibson; **NAVY:** ET2 Sherry Hughes, IT1 James Crupi, ET3 Donovan Dinger, CE1 Eric Truemper, IT2 Richard Vigil, ET1 Dean Popma, PO1 Larry Wharton, SK1 Donny Cooks, ITC Henry Martin, IT2 Gregory Harris; **Air Force:** SSgt. Laurie Lynn Hope, SSgt. Tammara LaMar, TSgt. Daniel Tawney, SSgt. Jeffrey Stewart, SSgt. Anthony Key, MSgt. Keith Adams, SMSgt. James Wheeler, MSgt. Herbert Welday III, SSgt. Anthony LaMagna, MSgt. Robert Barnette, TSgt. Michael Barnett, SrA James Winemiller, TSgt. Lisa Rose - **GREAT THANKS TO ALL!**

Palm Bay High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Melbourne, Florida

Pine Ridge High School
Air Force JROTC
Deltona, Florida

Rahway High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Rahway, New Jersey

Robert E. Lee High School
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Sandalwood High School
Air Force JROTC
Jacksonville, Florida

Seneca High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Louisville, Kentucky

Southeast High School
Army JROTC
Bradenton, Florida

Southern Regional HS
Air Force JROTC
Manahawkin, New Jersey

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

Theodore Roosevelt HS
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Trevor Browne High School
Army JROTC
Phoenix, Arizona

United South High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Laredo, Texas

Walla Walla High School
Army JROTC
Walla Walla, Washington

Ware County High School
Army JROTC
Waycross, Georgia

Warren County High School
Army JROTC
McMinnville, Tennessee

Winston Churchill HS
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Winter Springs High School
Army JROTC
Winter Springs, Florida

Gloucester High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Gloucester, Massachusetts

Heritage High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Lynchburg, Virginia

Hialeah High School
Air Force JROTC
Hialeah, Florida

Hialeah-Miami Lakes HS
Army JROTC
Hialeah, Florida

Highland High School
Air Force JROTC
Salt Lake City, Utah

Highland Park Community HS
Air Force JROTC
Highland Park, Michigan

Holmes High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Covington, Kentucky

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

John Jay High School
Air Force JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Lackey High School
Air Force JROTC
Indian Head, Maryland

Lancaster High School
Army JROTC
Lancaster, Texas

Lavergne High School
Army JROTC
Lavergne, Tennessee

Leesburg High School
Air Force JROTC
Leesburg, Florida

Lemon Bay High School
Navy JROTC
Englewood, Florida

Lyman High School
Army JROTC
Longwood, Florida

Madison High School
Navy JROTC
Houston, Texas

Marmion Academy
Army JROTC
Aurora, Illinois

Mattoon High School
Army JROTC
Mattoon, Illinois

McKinley High School
Army JROTC
Honolulu, Hawaii

Miami Coral Park High School
Army JROTC
Miami, Florida

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

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

Newburgh Free Academy
Air Force JROTC
Newburgh, New York

North Augusta High School
Navy JROTC
North Augusta, SC

Northeast High School
Air Force JROTC
Oakland Park, Florida

Oak Ridge Military Academy
Army JROTC
Oak Ridge, North Carolina

Oxon Hill High School
Air Force JROTC
Oxon Hill, Maryland



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Homework for today: Bring Home a Championship!



Three-time Alternative Arms Champion Fern Creek HS from Fern Creek, Kentucky (top); along with Demilitarized (left) and Unarmed (right) Division Champions both from John Jay HS of San Antonio, Texas brought home six-foot National Championship trophies!

No high school athletic competition in the world maintains the overall excellence and intensity that can be found within the Masters Level at the National High School Drill Team Championships. Every school that competes at this level, regardless of finish, deserves our respect and admiration, for all understand the tireless efforts and struggles needed to even enter the Masters Level. The 2002 event featured breathtaking precision and bold, exciting exhibition sequences from 93 drill teams that made up the most talented competition field that has ever performed at the Nationals.

ALTERNATIVE ARMS DIVISION

This competition division always brings a wide diversity of drill styles and disciplines. But when the cadets packed up their rifles, the well-trained group from **FERN CREEK HS** in **FERN CREEK, KENTUCKY** "three-peated" as National Champions. Maintaining a top three finish in all five team events, the **Lady Leathernecks'** smiles off the drill floor belie a killer instinct and tough game face seen on the drill floor. Led by legendary drill masters **Major Allen Broussard** and **MGySgt. Doug Dunlapp**, these ladies left no room for anyone to present a serious challenge.

Finishing as Runner-Ups, **Miami Coral Park HS** from **Miami, Florida** gave a strong team effort. Grabbing 1st place in both Regulation and Color Guard, the **Hurricanes** Army JROTC drill team left the rest in the dust. Finishing 3rd overall was **Winter Springs HS**. This program gets stronger every year and seemingly has "cracked the code" with four event trophies this year!

The Alternative Arms Division was filled with additional exciting finishes, including: **Southeast HS** (1st-Squad Ex, 3rd-Reg); **J.H. Reagan HS** (2nd-Squad Ex); **Enterprise HS** (3rd-Inspection & Platoon Ex); and **Carroll HS** (3rd-Color Guard).



The top-to-bottom talent of the competition fields and the wide diversity of skilled drill maneuvers always manage to catch the attention of even the most casual drill observer each year at the Masters Level competition of the Nationals!

UNARMED DIVISION

The Unarmed competition was no less fierce. After years of modest success at the Nationals, **John Jay HS** from drill hub **San Antonio, Texas** jumped on the A-train and powered their way to a landslide victory. Winning by one of the largest margins in recent history, the **Snap II** drill team flew to victory on the wings of five trophied finishes! Prepared by the twin-dragons, **MSgt. Ken Madden** and **MSgt. David Gonzales**, the AFJROTC drill team kicked it up a notch in 2002!

NJROTC powerhouse **Flour Bluff HS** from **Corpus Christi, Texas** grabbed the National Runner-up title. Displaying their trademark discipline that never ceases to turn heads, the NJROTC **Sea Hawks** drill team garnered a 1st place Inspection, 2nd place Regulation & Flight Ex and then held on to just surpass the legendary **Riderettes** drill team from **Theodore Roosevelt HS** in **San Antonio, Texas** who received 1st (Color Guard), 2nd (Flight Ex) and 4th (Inspection) place trophies.

The Unarmed Division also saw these exciting finishes: **Oxon Hill HS-Devastation** (1st-Flight Ex); **Marmion Academy** (2nd-Inspection, 3rd-Regulation); **Hialeah HS** (2nd-Color Guard); **Oxon Hill HS-Blue Guard** (3rd-Flight Ex, 5th-Squad Ex); and **Douglas MacArthur HS** (3rd-Element Ex).

DEMILITARIZED ARMS DIVISION

Without the drama of a tight finish for the first time in recent memory, the Demilitarized Arms championship was won decidedly by **John Jay HS**. While the division was as exciting and talent-laden as ever, the **Silver Eagles** drill team came on strong at the end of the season and put all the pieces together to overwhelm their competitors in Daytona. Gaining four trophies in five events, the AFJROTC unit capped off a magical drill season with double National Championships (Demilitarized Arms & Unarmed).

The fight for the Runner-Up title was close! With raw score breaking the quality points tie, the **Sea Devils** NJROTC drill team from **Flour Bluff HS** captured a 2nd (Platoon Ex) and 3rd (Color Guard) & 5th (Regulation) to edge out the steely-eyed **Blue Guard** drill team from **MacArthur HS** who received 4th (Regulation) and 5th (Inspection & Color Guard) place trophies.

The Demilitarized Division was also highlighted by these impressive finishes: **Winston Churchill HS** (1st-Inspection & Platoon Ex, 2nd-Squad Ex); **Francis Lewis HS** (1st-Regulation & Color Guard); **Mattoon HS** (2nd-Color Guard); **Enterprise HS** (3rd-Inspection); **Robert E. Lee HS** (3rd-Platoon Ex).

Countless hours of practice go into the amazing drill displays put forth within the Masters Level event. Sports Network salutes all of the units who make themselves a part of this fantastic drill spectacular.



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	Black Watch	908
John Jay HS	Silver Eagles	850
Enterprise HS	Blue Knights	847
J.H. Reagan HS	Reagan Rifles	806
Douglas MacArthur HS	Blue Guard	799

Regulation

Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Guard	1035
John Jay HS	Silver Eagles	1016
Palm Bay HS	Pirates	975
Douglas MacArthur HS	Blue Guard	970
Flour Bluff HS	Sea Devils	969

Color Guard

Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Guard	997
Mattoon HS	Gladiators	996
Flour Bluff HS	Sea Devils	994
Rahway HS	Devil Pups	961
Douglas MacArthur HS	Blue Guard	959

Squad Exhibition

John Jay HS	Silver Eagles	1104
Winston Churchill HS	Black Watch	1090
Fern Creek HS	Leathernecks	1089
Marmion Ady.	Flannigan Red Rifles	1081
Winter Springs HS	Bears	1059

Platoon Exhibition

Winston Churchill HS	Black Watch	1126
Flour Bluff HS	Sea Devils	1097
Robert E. Lee HS	Confederate Guard	1076
John Jay HS	Silver Eagles	1047
Rahway HS	Devil Pups	1017

Demilitarized Arms Champions

Champion: John Jay HS - *Silver Eagles*
Runner-up: Flour Bluff HS - *Sea Devils*

Solo Exhibition

1st Place: Cadet McCoy-McKinley HS
2nd Place: Cadet Macuguy-Campbell HS
3rd Place: Cadet Johnson-Carter-Campbell HS

Dual Exhibition

1st Place: Macuguy/Victoria-Campbell HS
2nd Place: Huebner/Johns-W. Churchill HS
3rd Place: Vargas/Agosto-Winter Springs HS

Unarmed

Inspection

Flour Bluff HS	Sea Hawks	1017
Marmion Ady.	Flannigan Blue Rifles	991
John Jay HS	Snap II	966
Theodore Roosevelt HS	Riderettes	949
W. Churchill HS	Queen's Guard	947

Regulation

John Jay HS	Snap II	766
Flour Bluff HS	Sea Hawks	729
Marmion Ady.	Flannigan Blue Rifles	717
Rahway HS	Lady Devil Pups	696
Southern Regional HS	Blue Knights	692

Color Guard

Theodore Roosevelt HS	Riderettes	1104
Hialeah HS	Sinisters	1092
John Jay HS	Snap II	1076
Southern Regional HS	Blue Knights	1076
Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Pride	1075

Element Exhibition

John Jay HS	Snap II	1121
Flour Bluff HS	Sea Hawks	1121
Douglas MacArthur HS	Blue Angels	1095
W. Churchill HS	Queen's Guard	1081
Oxon Hill HS	Blue Guard	1061

Flight Exhibition

Oxon Hill HS	Devastation	870
Theodore Roosevelt HS	Riderettes	825
Oxon Hill HS	Blue Guard	814
John Jay HS	Snap II	789
Walla Walla HS	Sponsors	789

2002 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Unarmed Champions

Champion: John Jay HS - *Snap II*
Runner-up: Flour Bluff HS - *Sea Hawks*

Dual Exhibition

1st Place: Henao/Gonzalez-Rahway HS
2nd Place: Holbach/Adams-W. Churchill HS
3rd Place: Tangle/Wormely-Forestville HS

Alternative Arms

Inspection

Winter Springs HS	Golden Bears	981
Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	937
Enterprise HS	Belles of the Blue Knights	892
Miami Coral Park HS	Hurricanes	856
Seneca HS	Lady RedHawks	824

Regulation

Miami Coral Park HS	Hurricanes	678
Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	657
Southeast HS	Lady Noles	655
Winter Springs HS	Golden Bears	634
Palm Bay HS	Lady Pirates	608

Color Guard

Miami Coral Park HS	Hurricanes	1062
Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	1046
Carroll HS	Lady Golden Knights	985
Winter Springs HS	Golden Bears	985
J.H. Reagan HS	Reagan Riflettes	982

Squad Exhibition

Southeast HS	Lady Noles	1078
J.H. Reagan HS	Reagan Riflettes	1063
Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	1047
Palm Bay HS	Lady Pirates	1045
Winter Springs HS	Golden Bears	1028

Platoon Exhibition

Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	1043
Miami Coral Park HS	Hurricanes	1006
Enterprise HS	Belles of the Blue Knights	984
Deerfield Beach HS	Golden Bucks	921
Palm Bay HS	Lady Pirates	883

Alternative Arms Champions

Champion: Fern Creek HS - *Lady Leathernecks*
Runner-up: Miami Coral Park HS - *Hurricanes*

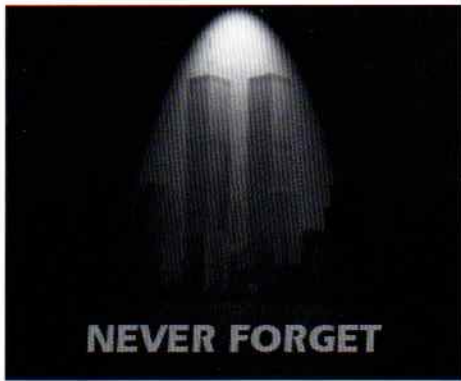
Solo Exhibition

1st Place: Cadet Bergst-Winter Springs HS
2nd Place: Cadet Hall-Leesburg HS
3rd Place: Cadet Guilfoyle-Southeast HS

Dual Exhibition

1st Place: Jahn/Silverman-Southeast HS
2nd Place: Browning/Guilfoyle-Southeast HS
3rd Place: Hall/Dabney-Leesburg HS

Listening to the Drumbeat of the World...comments from September 11th, 2002



ON SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2001, CONGRESS PASSED A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PRESIDENT BUSH TO GO TO WAR IN RESPONSE TO THE HORRIFIC EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11TH. THE RESOLUTION DID NOT IDENTIFY A SPECIFIC TARGET. INSTEAD, CONGRESS AGREED TO A BROAD BUT SPECIFIC DEFINITION: "THE PRESIDENT IS AUTHORIZED TO USE ALL NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE FORCE AGAINST THOSE NATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS, OR PERSONS HE DETERMINES PLANNED, AUTHORIZED, COMMITTED, OR AIDED THE TERRORIST ATTACKS THAT OCCURRED ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, OR HARBORED SUCH ORGANIZATIONS OR PERSONS, IN ORDER TO PREVENT ANY FUTURE ACTS OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AGAINST THE UNITED STATES BY SUCH NATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS OR PERSONS."

WITH THESE WORDS, THE UNITED STATES IS NOW CONTEMPLATING A PRE-EMPTIVE MILITARY STRIKE AGAINST SADDAM HUSSEIN TO REMOVE HIM FROM POWER IN RESPONSE TO THE IRAQI LEADER'S ONGOING GENERAL ASSISTANCE TO TERRORIST GROUPS AROUND THE WORLD. THE FOLLOWING QUOTES ARE A SNAPSHOT OF THE OPINIONS OF VARIOUS WORLD LEADERS AND OTHER INFLUENTIAL FIGURES ON THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATTACK AS WE CONTEMPLATE THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE AGAINST IRAQ.

"Regime change as a goal for military intervention challenges the international system established by the 1648 Treaty of Westphalia which...established the principle of nonintervention in the domestic affairs of other states. The notion of justified preemption runs counter to modern international law, which sanctions the use of force in self-defense only against actual, not potential, threats."

- Henry Kissinger,
Former U.S. Secretary of State

"The risks of inaction are worse than the risks of action."

- Richard Cheney
U.S. Vice-President

"The combination of Saddam on the one hand and the terrorists who have demonstrated just a year ago the lengths to which they're prepared to go to kill as many people as they could, that combination is a frightening one....there is no reason to believe that they couldn't at some point combine. The case for pre-emption, I would argue, is quite valid, is well-grounded."

- Colin Powell
U.S. Secretary of State

"If Iraq continues to refuse the unconditional return of the inspectors, it is up to the Security Council to take appropriate measures....the control of weapons in this country (Iraq) is indispensable for regional security....the international community's attitude must be firm and its reaction fully legitimate."

- Jacques Chirac
President, France

"I have indicated it would be unwise to attack Iraq and it will raise international tensions."

- Kofi Annan
United Nations Sec. General

"I have serious doubts that there are grounds for the use of force in connection with Iraq, from the standpoint of international law and from a political standpoint."

- Vladimir Putin
President, Russia

"I'm not carrying any candle for Saddam Hussein here, I think he has created a very grave situation, but I think the United States needs to proceed very cautiously if they decide they're going to do something about it."

- John Manley
Canadian Minister, Foreign Affairs

"We have the constitutional responsibility and we intend to enforce that responsibility....I think the president has been made abundantly aware of the sensitivity and concern that a lot of us have."

- Tom Daschle
U.S. Senate Majority Leader

"This battle (of fighting terrorism) has not yet been won - that's why I warn against an attack on Iraq. This would only bring us economic difficulties."

- Gerhard Schroeder
Chancellor, Germany

"There is reason to be concerned that military intervention would set the Arab world against the West, and undermine the efforts directed at peace between Israel and the Palestinian people."

- Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor
Archbishop of Westminster,
Leader of Britain's Roman Catholics

"I think it's important to make the point that the UN has obligations [and] the broader world community has obligations in relation to this issue. It is not right, it is not appropriate for all of the responsibility and for all of the obligations to be seen to fall upon the United States."

- John Howard
Prime Minister, Australia

"We're not pro-Saddam. We know he's a dictator, but we don't want to set a precedent of removing a leader in the region by force."

- Mustafa Fiqi
Foreign Affairs Chairman,
Egyptian Parliament

NATIONALS

A Quick Look at the News and Events of the Nationals in 2002

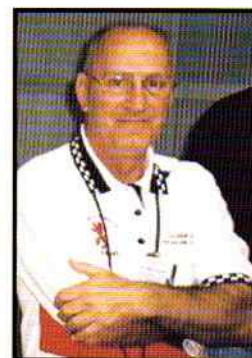
The Nationals Go Hollywood!

Cadets throughout the country were thrilled when CADET KELLY debuted on the Disney Channel last Spring. Alongside a cute plot involving a new cadet (Hillary Duff) that discovers her new school's drill team, the movie featured many display items that are synonymous with the Nationals. The cadets of **Rahway High School** were featured as the "rival school with a great drill team." Anthony Alves, Joe Reilly and Wilfredo Santiago are shown here with Cadet Kelly star Hillary Duff. Be sure to watch the movie which still airs frequently on the Disney Channel. Look for the famous Eagle Banner, Nationals trophies and area display items, featured in the movie!



WINSTON CHURCHILL HS SAYS GOODBYE TO RETIRING LEADER MAJ GREG MIKESSELL

AFTER SIXTEEN YEARS LEADING THE CHARGER BATTALION AT WINSTON CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, MAJOR GREG MIKESSELL RETIRED ON JUNE 30TH, 2002. HE HAS THE DISTINCTION OF BEING ONE OF THE FINEST SALS AND MOST OUTSTANDING DRILL COACHES THE NATIONALS' HAS EVER SEEN. IN HIS NINE YEARS OF ATTENDING THE NATIONALS, HE LED BLACK WATCH TO FOUR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, TWO RUNNER-UP CHAMPIONSHIPS, ONE THIRD AND TWO FOUR PLACE OVERALL FINISHES IN THE DEMILITARIZED DIVISION. SUCH DOMINANCE IS NOT LIKELY TO BE SEEN AGAIN FOR MANY YEARS. HE IS AN OUTSTANDING ROLE MODEL FOR THE CADETS IN HIS CHARGE, AND HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY ALL WHO ATTEND THE NATIONALS.



SNI Website Undergoes Constant Change!

As any visitor to <http://drill.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 OFFICIAL EVENT INVITATIONS and REGISTRATION FORMS as well as other commonly needed paperwork ON-LINE for all SNI drill events. Registration materials for the Navy Nationals competition are also posted, however Navy schools wishing to attend must be selected by their Area Manager.

Over 750 event photos have been moved to our new Yahoo! groups webspace. Become a free member from any SNI event photo page. These Yahoo! groups allow SNI to bring back the wildly popular SNI Message Board and Real Time Chat areas. JROTC cadets, judges & instructors now have the ability to discuss their memories, experiences and even questions regarding all aspects of JROTC drill. This is a wonderful tool that gives visitors a chance to show their school spirit and increase their drill IQ!

You may have also noticed an expanded ability to purchase event items on our website (IDRs, Commemorative Pins, etc.). This may expand in the future. Purchases on-line are handled through Paypal, thereby giving buyers the ability to buy everything quickly with a Visa/Mastercard (often items ship the same day!). Check back often as changes are happening daily!



Jean Weil Foundation
A Memorial Scholarship Fund

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS BECOME A PERMANENT PART OF THE NATIONALS

To reward the hard-working young men and women attending the Nationals, SNI has established the Jean Weil Foundation. Created to provide scholarships for outstanding Nationals' cadets, this foundation will again make available two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors who compete at the 2003 National High School Drill Team Championships. SNI remains honored to provide these scholarships in the name of Nationals co-founder, Jean Weil.

One of the two scholarship recipients in 2002 was Cadet Steven Heist from Flour Bluff HS, shown below (left-to-right) with generous JKW Foundation donors John Schultz of American Management Systems and Mark Loechel of Pearson Education, along with NHSDTC Competition Director, Justin Gates.



As money in this foundation grows over time, the size and scope of these scholarships will expand. Anyone wishing to learn more or donate to this tax-deductible foundation should visit the SNI website. Specific information & application packages will be forwarded to each accepted Nationals school in mid-December.

Over 30,000 cadets from all walks of life have made themselves a part of the fun, excitement, & lifetime memories that are an annual part of the National High School Drill Team Championships



Graduating seniors are encouraged to learn about the scholarships available for Nationals attendees through the Jean Weil Scholarship Foundation. To learn more, go to:
<http://drill.thenationals.net>



Make your school a part of the 21st annual Nationals in 2003!