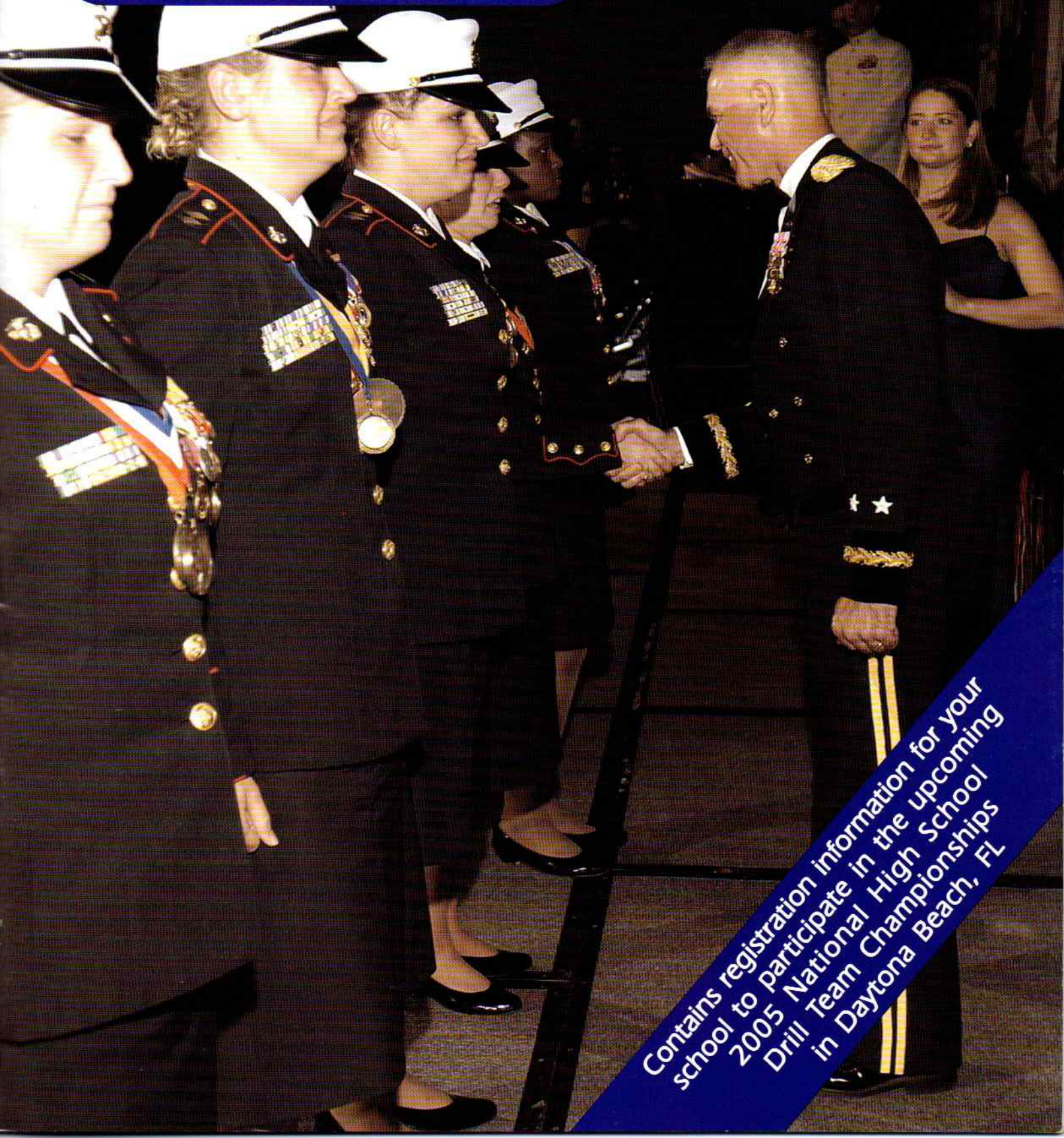


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COVER

Fern Creek HS from Fern Creek, Kentucky come to the stage during the closing night Awards Ceremony in front of 3,000 cadets to receive their 5th consecutive National Championship Alternative Arms trophy. The Lady Leathernecks receive a hearty congratulations from 2004 NHSDTC Keynote Speaker Major General Alan Thrasher, Commanding General, US Army Cadet Command.

BACK COVER

Clockwise from Upper Right: An Air Force JROTC unit shows off their snappy salutes during Unarmed Exhibition; This Marine Corps Color Guard stands ready to perform in the high-pressure Color Guard competition; The ladies from Flour Bluff High School once again impress the judges with their tight formation during Unarmed Exhibition; The Black Watch Drill Team from Winston Churchill High School rivets the attention of the entire Ocean Center during their show-stopping Platoon Exhibition routine; The Alternative Arms Platoon Exhibition event showcases the finest female and alternative arms teams in the nation; The All-Service Color Guard stands ready to present the colors at the Masters Level awards ceremony; This Air Force cadet commander leads his unit through a difficult Unarmed Regulation sequence; The Ocean Center parking lot provides an ideal practice area for this armed unit.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the dedicated staff of the **U.S. Army Cadet Command** in Ft. Monroe, VA. Their long-time support of the Nationals helps to make this the premier showcase for JROTC drill & ceremony excellence. 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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The National High School Drill Team Championships have entered a new era of involvement with an international community of corporate and individual supporters. The past decade has seen enormous growth in the Nationals that has produced a dramatic increase in sponsorship, exhibitors and other powerful allies. In an effort to manage the varied array of support we receive, Sports Network Int'l has formed the Nationals Benefactors Guild. Its mission is to provide Guild members with recognition and involvement, while channeling their resources to support the Nationals through the Jean Weil Scholarship Fund, funding the appearance of special performance units and on-going efforts to televise the Nationals. The Guild will feature tiered categories of support that allow members to choose their level of involvement. All existing supporters have been automatically placed into the Guild, based on their current level of participation.

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NJROTC National Academic, Athletic & Drill Championships

NAS Pensacola, Florida ☆ April 2nd-3rd, 2004

With 85-degree days and blue skies, the backdrop was set for another amazing two-day display of all-around Naval excellence at the **2004 NJROTC National Academic, Athletic & Drill Championships**.

Twenty-four of the finest NJROTC units from across the Nation converged on the home of the Blue Angels, NAS Pensacola, Florida in April and smoked the scoring computers!

In all facets of the competition, Navy pride was on the line as wrestling the Overall Title away from seven-year champion **Flour Bluff HS** from **Corpus Christi, Texas** has become the singular mission and stated goal of every school worth their salt at the "Navy Nationals."

Early school registration on Friday morning leads teams directly into the teeth of the lion - with Navy Chiefs giving every competing cadet the once-over in Unit Personnel Inspection (UPI). Freshly pressed Summer Blues, mirror-like shoe shines and esprit-de-corps was everywhere as one-by-one, units stood tall and proud representing themselves and their school. **Flour Bluff HS** set the tone early by capturing the U.P.I. event in convincing fashion. This put the rabbit out front and left the field to chase throughout the weekend.

Trading Summer Blues for shorts and t-shirts, schools then moved outside for the hard-fought athletic events. Sixteen-member squads are put to the test to see how many correctly done, cadenced push-ups and then curl-ups their team can perform. Crowds of on-lookers go wild as the rare cadet finds the physical strength and determination to pound out 250 curl-ups in just five minutes! The well-conditioned cadets of **Pearl River Central HS** from Carriere, Mississippi turned heads with their very strong 1st place curl-up AND 1st place push-up team finishes.

Cadets then moved to the athletic track to compete in the 8x220 relay. With a beating afternoon sun overhead, each school worked to move the baton one mile around the oval track with eight different runners. Always strong **Lake Howell HS** from **Winter Park, Florida** powered home a 1st place finish with a blazing 3:44:96 time.

The final athletic event of the day occurs just before sunset with the 16 x 100yd relay. With pent-up emotions ready for release after a long day of sweat, this event always makes for a cathartic end to the athletic events. Over one thousand parents, instructors, and other team followers line the track and cheer on the competitors. And like lightning in a bottle, **Baldwin HS** from **Milledgeville, Georgia** showed the overall team strength that makes them the favorite anytime they step on the track in the 16-person relay event, bringing home 1st place with an awesome 3:29:36 time.

Many teams then hustled to the chow hall to grab dinner before returning to the pressure-packed Academic Exam. Schools formed 10-cadet academic teams, taking the 100-question test on relevant NJROTC material. When the Scantron had completed the tally, **Flour Bluff HS** eaked out a hard-fought victory, answering 897 questions correct out of the 1,000 possible.

Cadets grabbed a few hours of sleep before jumping into the crowd-favorite drill competitions. With five team events worth over one-third of the total national championship points, solid drill performance remains the key to maintaining a quality unit.

Again, **Flour Bluff HS** dominated the drill competition portion of the NJROTC Nationals by capturing two 1st place finishes, as well as two 2nd place finishes in the five team events.

The red carpet was rolled out for the NJROTC awards ceremony at the awe-inspiring **National Museum of Naval Aviation** (www.naval-air.org). The closing ceremony began with a brief welcome message by Museum President, **Vice Admiral John H. Fetterman (ret.)**. The ceremony was then highlighted by a keynote speech from distinguished

guest speaker **Capt. John Nawrocki**, **Commanding Officer of Officer Training Command-Pensacola**. His speech and standing ovation afterwards laid a great foundation for a memorable evening for the cadets.

As the evening wore on and the presentation of trophies continued, it appeared the tide was unstoppable. Despite a strong Overall Athletic Championship by **Lake Howell HS**, **Flour Bluff's** capture of the Overall Drill, Unit Personnel Inspection, and Academic competitions were too much to overcome as the Texas dynasty powered their way to an 8th straight Overall NJROTC Nationals Championship.

Grabbing the National Runner-up title was **Nease HS** from **St. Augustine, Florida** with a balanced, overall solid finish that just edged very strong overall efforts by **Pace HS** (3rd Place Overall), **Princess Anne HS** (4th Place Overall), and **Lake Howell HS** (5th Place Overall). Schools looking for complete, top-to-bottom scoring in all events should go to the official home of the Navy Nationals on their web at: <http://navy.thenationals.net>.

NAS Pensacola is an exceptional host, providing unparalleled logistical and personnel support. We thank them for their generous work and we look forward returning to the Home of Naval Aviation next year. The upcoming 2005 Navy Nationals event will have a new look and feel with new drill cards, athletic tables and many rule clarifications. Without question, the 2005 event will be the finest Navy Nationals competition yet. We at SNI hope to see your unit at the Navy Nationals on **April 1st-2nd, 2005!**



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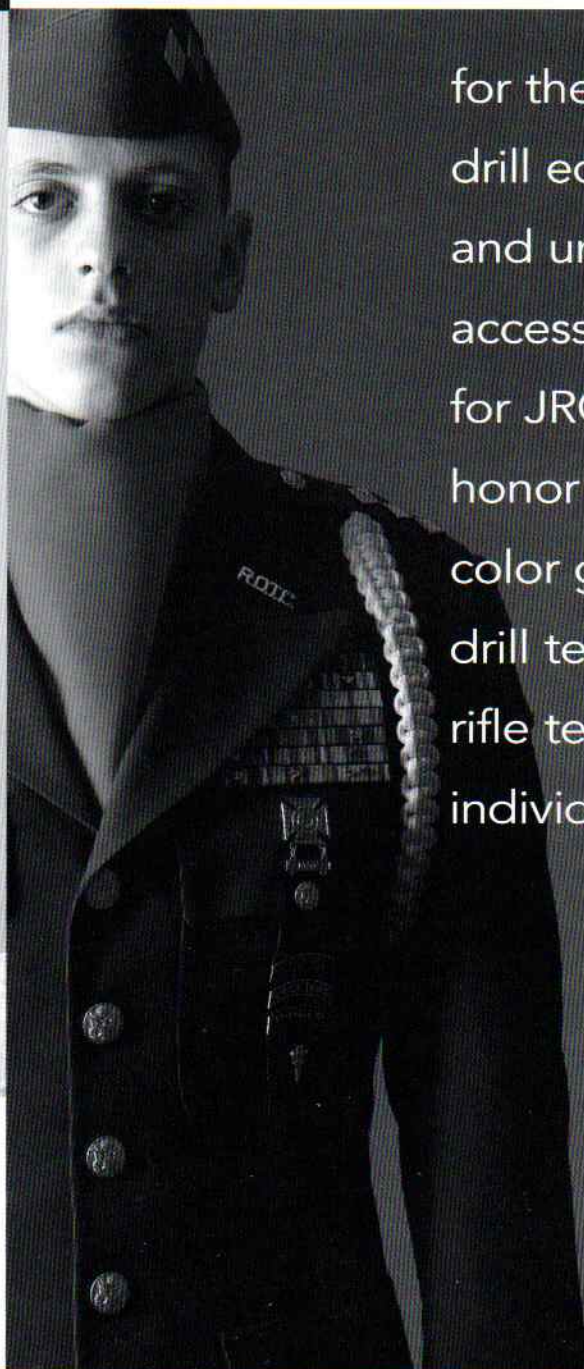
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Each March, the "Air Force Nationals" provides unparalleled memories for the competing cadets, both on and off the drill floor. The 89th Airlift Wing from Andrews AFB provides much of the logistical support for the competition and the Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex in Landover, Maryland provides the first-class surroundings needed for an event of this stature. Both of these entities combine to ensure the event is top-notch before the first weapon is tossed!

ARMED DIVISION

THE ARMED DIVISION came out of the gate as a two-horse race. Throughout the day, scores remained neck and neck but in the end, a near-flawless Flight Exhibition routine by **Coventry HS** of **Coventry, Rhode Island** led the battle-hardened warriors to another Armed Division Championships. The solid balance that Coventry has become known for was once again in full effect, with the **Falcons** drill team capturing 3rd place or higher finishes in all four team events (1st-Regulation / Exhibition, 2nd-Inspection, 3rd-Color Guard). Coventry HS maintains that competitive streak that all champions wear on their sleeve and they are looking forward to defending their title at the 2005 event!

Finishing in a tight 2nd place overall was **Oak Ridge HS** from **Conroe, Texas**. Overall excellence paved their way to a runner-up finish, garnering a 1st place (Color Guard), a 3rd place (Inspection) and two 4th place finishes (Regulation and Exhibition). With such a strong showing in their first year attending, the Mad Dogs drill team looks to come back strong in 2005. In an extremely tight finish for 3rd place, **Surrattsville HS** from **Surrattsville, Maryland** repeated their

Air Force JROTC Lights Up the Sky!

A wave of blue uniformed cadets took control of the drill floor and impressed parents and judges alike with their determination and talent in the shadows of the Nation's Capital.

strong performance in 2003 and again grabbed the bronze finish. The **Silent Silver Hornets** drill team stormed in strong, earning two 2nd place finishes (Regulation and Exhibition) but a 7th place Inspection and a 9th place Color Guard doomed the determined group from making a run at the overall title.

Other strong Armed Division finishes were marked by: **Spring Valley HS** (1st-Inspection, 5th-Exhibition); **Hialeah HS** (2nd-Color Guard / 4th-Inspection); **Largo HS** (4th-Overall Armed); **Terry Sanford HS** (3rd-Exhibition) and **Franklin K. Lane HS** (4th-Color Guard / 5th-Regulation).

UNARMED DIVISION

THE 2004 UNARMED DIVISION competition can best be remembered as incredibly tight but also as the year of missed opportunities. Four schools each had a wide-open chance to grab the top spot but tough finishes kept three from taking home the gold. Finishing in 4th place overall was always-tough **Newburgh Free Academy** from **Newburgh, New York**. With solid trophy placements in Regulation and Color Guard, the **Screaming Eagles** were in the hunt but two disappointing performances in Inspection and Exhibition left the unit just six placement points away from the title.

2003 UNARMED CHAMP **Southern Regional HS** from **Manahawkin, New Jersey** had the door open after trophy placement finishes in both Regulation and Color Guard and a solid 7th place finish in Exhibition, but the **Blue Knights** had the door slammed shut with a poor Inspection finish, thereby settling for a 3rd place overall Unarmed Division finish.

THE EVENT THEN came down to two familiar rivals who traveled 900 miles to compete, 2003 UNARMED DIVISION NCIDC RUNNER-UP **Sandalwood HS** from **Jacksonville, Florida** and multi-year Florida state champion **Pine Ridge HS** from **Deltona, Florida**. Displaying the solid Color Guard and Inspection scores that were expected, Pine Ridge captured 1st place in both of these events, yet Sandalwood played their trump card in

capturing 1st place in the Exhibition event to keep things close. Pine Ridge opened the door wide with a disastrous finish in Regulation drill, but Sandalwood came up just short trying to capitalize allowing Pine Ridge's **Golden Vengeance** drill team to win the Overall Unarmed Division title in their first-year of attendance. Sandalwood's **Silver Eagles** drill team earned a hard-fought runner-up title with solid balance and strength in all four competition events. Both schools look forward to renewing their friendly rivalry at the 2005 NCIDC event.

Other Unarmed Division finishes included: **Plainfield HS** (1st-Regulation); **Salem HS** (2nd-Inspection); **East Henderson HS** (2nd-Color Guard); **Houston County HS** (3rd-Inspection & Regulation); **Tift County HS** (3rd-Exhibition); **Taunton HS** (4th-Inspection) and **Central HS** (4th-Color Guard).

Rarely do AFJROTC cadets get the chance to participate in a first-class, single-service drill event while also touring the capital of our great nation. Schools from across the United States interested in attending the 2005 NCIDC event should check out the official event website at: <http://af.thenationals.net>. On the website, schools should download the event S.O.P., score sheets, official invitation & most important, schools can download the event registration form, complete it, and be considered for acceptance into the 2005 NCIDC event.

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UNITED STATES ARMY CADET

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Eastern Region Championships - Landover, Maryland

The day following the Air Force Invitational in Landover, Maryland, a standing room only crowd of 2,000 cadets, parents and instructors packed the house at the Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex to see the inaugural Eastern Region Army JROTC Drill Championships. Class "A" green uniforms filled the arena as nervous cadets and instructors put together last-minute preparations in the hopes of capturing the first-ever Eastern Region Championship!

With qualified judges coming from local area military installations, as well as hundreds of miles away, schools were prepared for unparalleled scrutiny. Army units from Maine to Florida and 17 other states, along with the District of Columbia were on-hand for an exciting, amazing day of competition drill. No feeling



Eastern Division Champions with Official Party (left to right): LTC Dallas Plumley, Chief, Army H.S. Eastern Division; Armed Div. Runner-up Oak Ridge MA; Armed Division Champion Francis Lewis HS; Col. Paul Willis, Army Eastern Region Commander; CSM Major Washington, Command Sergeant Major, Army Cadet Command; Unarmed Division Champion Forestville MA; Unarmed Div. Runner-up Francis Lewis HS; and Col. Carlos Glover, Director, Cadet Command.

compares with competing against your peers and the "Army Nationals" gave every cadet the experience of having each command and every movement scrutinized not only by the scoring judges, but by everyone in the building!

ARMED DIVISION

One must go back to the mid-80's dominance of LaSalle Military Academy to find a more amazing overall drill performance than the one seen within the 2004 Armed Division of the Army Nationals Eastern Division. **Francis Lewis HS** of **Fresh Meadows, New York** simply overpowered a strong competition field, capturing 1st place in three different events (Regulation, Color Guard, Exhibition) and grabbing a 3rd place (Inspection) on their way to an awe-inspiring display of drill excellence. The **Patriot Guard** drill team has never looked better or more prepared as their cadets slammed their way to the top, earning the Overall Armed Division Eastern Championship title.

In a VERY tight race for the Overall Runner-up title, **Oak Ridge MA** from **Oak Ridge, North Carolina** returned from several years of obscurity to contend with relative newcomer **Long**

Island City HS from **Astoria, New York**. With Oak Ridge grabbing three trophy placements (4th-Regulation/Exhibition; 5th-Inspection) and Long Island City also grabbing three (2nd-Color Guard, 4th-Inspection, 5th-Exhibition), the competition was incredibly tight and in fact, ended in a placement point tie. Using the first-level tie breaker of raw score, Oak Ridge MA just nudged out the hard-charging Long Island City HS cadets to grab the Armed Division Runner-Up title.

Other schools within the Armed Division who displayed impressive performances included: Xavier HS (1st-Inspection, 2nd-Regulation); Liberty HS (2nd-Inspection, 3rd-Regulation/Color Guard); Springfield HS (2nd-Exhibition); and Airport HS (3rd-Exhibition).

UNARMED DIVISION

Another dominant performance stole the spotlight in the Unarmed side of the house with local powerhouse **Forestville MA** from **Forestville, Maryland** using a well-balanced attack to grab the Eastern Region Unarmed Championship. As the only team to trophy in every event (1st-Exhibition, 2nd-Inspection, 4th-Regulation, 5th-Color Guard), the **Silver Knights** drill team once again proved that they are a dangerous team that on any given day can put forth the skill to win at any event they enter.

Francis Lewis HS had all the pieces in place to capture the daily double, grabbing two, 1st place finishes (Inspection, Regulation) and a single, 2nd place finish (Exhibition). An uncharacteristically weak finish in the Color Guard event left the **Patriot Pride** drill team out of first-place and fighting to hold on for second with hard-charging **McNair Academic HS** from Jersey City, New Jersey closing in. With three trophies for McNair Academic (2nd-Regulation, 4th-Color Guard/Exhibition), the event also ended in a placement point tie. Raw score awarded the Unarmed Runner-up title to Francis Lewis, with 3rd place overall going to the **Unarmed Cougars** from McNair Academic.

Other top finishes in the Unarmed Division included: T.C. Williams HS (1st-Color Guard, 5th-Regulation); Pleasantville HS (2nd-Color Guard); Dan River HS (3rd-Exhibition); East Boston HS (3rd-Color Guard, 5th-Exhibition); Miami Norland HS (3rd-Regulation); and Long Island City HS (3rd-Inspection).

The rigid, cadet formation on the drill floor, along with the packed house of onlookers generated an electricity that was only intensified by the inspiring keynote words of **Colonel Paul L. Willis**, Commander, Eastern Region, U.S. Army Cadet Command. By the close of the evening, everyone in attendance was physically and emotionally charged as the drama unfolded with each passing trophy presentation.

2005 Eastern Region Championships

Saturday, March 19th - Landover, Maryland

Complete invitation and registration form for both events are found at the official home of the Army Nationals: <http://army.thenationals.net>.

COMMAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

era to showcase Army JROTC excellence! The Army Region Drill Championships of 2004 were an amazing to ride this momentum to ensure the 2005 Championships are an even greater test of overall JROTC skill.

Western Region Championships - College Station, Texas

Deep in the heart of Texas, 40 Army JROTC units traveled to Texas A&M University in March of 2004 to compete in the inaugural Army JROTC Western Region Drill championship. Without question, the 2004 Western Region event was the largest collection of single service drill talent ever assembled. Ft. Hood provided the motivated judging support and the TAMU Corps of Cadets provided tremendous logistical support for this massive undertaking, with both groups working hard to ensure that first-class treatment was the order of the day.

Texas JROTC drill competitions are widely recognized as some of the finest displays of drill excellence in the Nation. This occurs largely due to the extensive number of high caliber drill programs located just hours apart within the Lone Star state. When the U.S. Army Cadet Command decided to bring together these Army units along with a score of other exceptional drill units from throughout the Army Western Region, one amazing, memorable drill weekend was created!

ARMED DIVISION

Looking at the list of schools in this division was like reviewing a "Who's Who" of JROTC drill. The competition was fierce from the start and did not disappoint. Storming the event early was the always-tough unit from **Winston Churchill HS** in **San Antonio, Texas**. With three strong trophy placement finishes (1st-Color Guard, 3rd-Regulation, 4th-Inspection) and a solid exhibition routine, the Black Watch drill team had more than enough firepower to charge their way to the Western Region Armed Division Overall Championship.

The hunt for the Runner-up title was extremely tight between three schools. **Trevor Browne HS** from **Phoenix, Arizona** with only a 5th place finish in Color Guard, showed no weaknesses and finished very strong in 4th place Overall. Despite a disappointing finish in Regulation Drill, **Homer Hanna HS** from **Brownsville, Texas** used their impressive three trophy wins (2nd-Inspection, 3rd-Color Guard, 4th-Exhibition) to just pass the **Bruin Rifles** from Trevor Browne in garnering 3rd place Overall. The team everyone seemed to be watching, **Ronald Reagan HS** from **San Antonio, Texas**, grabbed three trophy wins as well (3rd-Inspection, 2nd-Color Guard, 3rd-Exhibition) setting themselves up for a run to the top. It was only a tough finish in Regulation Drill that kept the **Rattler Guard** from the championship, finishing instead with an impressive Armed Division Runner-up Title.

Other schools in the Armed Division whose star shown bright included: **Jefferson HS** (1st-Exhibition); **Gladys Porter HS** (1st-Regulation); **James Madison HS** (1st-Inspection, 5th-Regulation); **St. John's MS** (2nd-Exhibition); **Hubbard HS** (2nd-Regulation) and **Douglas MacArthur HS** (two trophy wins).

UNARMED DIVISION

The Army Nationals Unarmed Division started out close but but ended as a blow-out of epic proportions. National powerhouse and multi-year NHSDTC National Champion **Theodore Roosevelt HS** from **San Antonio, Texas** put forth a simply overwhelming, eye-catching effort to nail down the first-ever Western Region Unarmed Division Championship. Along with winning two of the four team events (Regulation, Exhibition), the **Riderette** drill team also was the only team to trophy in every team event, grabbing a 4th place in Inspection and Color Guard.

Douglas MacArthur HS from **San Antonio, Texas** clearly separated themselves from the pack earning the Unarmed Division Runner-Up crown. The **Blue Angels** drill team pulled three trophies (1st-Inspection, 2nd-Regulation, 3rd-Color Guard) but a poor placement in Exhibition drill cost the unit a run at the title. **Winston Churchill HS** also grabbed three trophies (5th-Inspection, 4th-Regulation, 2nd-Exhibition), but again, a single poor placement (Color Guard) left the Queen's Guard with a 3rd place Overall finish.

Other top finishes in the Unarmed Division included: **Henry Kaiser HS** (1st-Color Guard); **Ronald Reagan HS** (2nd-Inspection); **Alamo Heights HS** (2nd-Color Guard); **Homer Hanna HS** (3rd-Regulation/ Exhibition); **Skyline HS** (3rd-Inspection); and **Jefferson HS** (4th-Exhibition).

Tension was high as U.S. Army Western Region Commander **Colonel Steven R. Corbett** and Texas A&M University Commandant of Cadets **Lt.Gen. John VanAlstyn** provided stirring words to the throng assembled to kick off the closing-night Western Region Army Nationals Awards Ceremony. Emotional cadets, beaming parents and proud Army Instructors were everywhere as the trophies and individual awards were distributed to those judged as "the best." A "Mega-Hooah" goes out to all of those who attended and put it on the line at the first annual Army National Championships.



Western Division Overall Champions with the Official Party: (Left to right), LTC Greg Hightower, Chief, Army Western Region High School Division; Armed Division Runner-up Ronald Reagan HS; Armed Division Champion Winston Churchill HS; Lt.Gen. John VanAlstyn, Texas A&M Commandant of Cadets; Unarmed Division Champion Theodore Roosevelt HS; Unarmed Division Runner-up Douglas MacArthur HS; and Col. Steven R. Corbett, Army Western Region Commander.

2005 Western Region Championships

Saturday, March 5th - College Station, Texas

Initial school contact suggests both events will maintain very full competition fields. Interested Army JROTC schools are encouraged to register ASAP!

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

2005 National High School

Introduction

Sports Network International is pleased to provide this invitation to all precision drill units to attend the 23rd 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

In Armed Divisions where their manual is not specific, U.S. Army FM 3-21.5 is used. In the Unarmed Division, U.S. Air Force FM 36-2203 (1996) is used. However, all units should use the regs of their own service to best compete at the NHSBTC. 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 and posted on the website. Schools having specific questions regarding the event should contact SNI before applying for entry.

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** event 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. All schools are also encouraged to consider entering "stand-alone" Color Guards into the exciting Open Level Color Guard competition also held on Friday during the Challenge Level event.

The **Masters Level** event 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 in this event.

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 ample bus parking. All cadets and instructors who attend the Nationals will attest that the Ocean Center Complex 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, April 29th**, with the two-day Masters Level competition held on **Saturday & Sunday, April 30th-May 1st**. 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 features unparalleled 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 trophied in 1st-5th place. All schools competing for a Championship (schools entering every team event in a division) will receive a personalized NHSDTC 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
- ❖ NHSDTC bronze medallion on a chest ribbon
- ❖ NHSDTC collared sports-shirt for adults or NHSDTC t-shirt for cadets, both ordered to size
- ❖ Swiss-embroidered four-inch patch designed exclusively for the NHSDTC 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 ASAP or check the website for those upgraded rates. **All participants (cadets, chaperones & instructors) are required to attend the NHSDTC 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 **Friday, December 3rd, 2004**. 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.

To Register for the NHSDTC

To register your school for the Nationals, please complete the enclosed **NHSDTC 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 3rd, 2004. 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 returning schools to the Nationals register within weeks of receiving this invitation, a few schools wait. Schools who register after the December 3rd review deadline will have only a small chance of getting into the Nationals. The event will be full on December 3rd, 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 Tuesday, December 7th. Any school not accepted into the NHSDTC 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 or submitted via our state-of-the-art website.

In Closing

We invite all teams, **especially those who have considered attending in the past**, to look at attending the 2005 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 is 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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Challenge Level Competition Continues to Amaze!

As competition drill gains in popularity at more and more JROTC units around the nation, greater numbers of programs are displaying amazing skill and proficiency, thereby raising the bar of excellence and narrowing the gap between the lofty Masters Level competition and the gritty Challenge Level event. Many old-timers remember the Challenge Level as the home for new programs just getting their start. Those days are gone now as 50 top-quality units annually vie in both the Armed & Unarmed Divisions to bring home a Challenge Level National Title.

Much like the 2003 competition, Marine JROTC drill units were strong, gaining multiple trophies in all events. But other service programs had worked hard all year to ensure the "Dress Blue Domination" of the past would not repeat in 2004.

ARMED DIVISION

The Armed Division competition was a dog-fight from the first step-off in the morning until the last cadet left the drill deck in the evening. Five schools were in the hunt throughout the day and three actually took it down to the wire with **MONTGOMERY CENTRAL HS** from **CUNNINGHAM, TENNESSEE** having enough to hold off the strong competition field. Using their solid knowledge and execution of Army FM3-21.5, the **Chief's Guard** drill team grabbed three trophies on the "basic" side of the house (1st-Inspection, 2nd-Regulation, 4th-Color Guard) and had just enough flash in Exhibition drill to capture their first-ever Armed Division Challenge Level National title.

LEATHERNECKS **Mt. Juliet HS** (Mt. Juliet, Tennessee) and **Lynn English HS** (Lynn, Massachusetts) fought hard for the Runner-up title. Both schools showed no weaknesses with the Mt. Juliet **Tank Wagons** gaining three trophies to the Lynn English **Bulldogs'** two. When the day ended, the schools were in a placement point tie. Raw score settled the deadlock with Mt. Juliet winning the Runner-up title and Lynn English grabbing the 3rd place overall finish.

Other Armed finishes included: **Northeast HS** (1st-Color Guard/Exhibition); **Gloucester HS** (1st-Regulation, 2nd-Inspection); **Central Crossing HS** (2nd-Color Guard, 3rd-Inspection, 5th-Regulation); **Missouri Military** (3rd-Exhibition) and **Oxon Hill HS** (2nd-Exhibition).

UNARMED DIVISION

A deep talent pool pushed four unarmed teams into the final mix for a champion. When the event was complete, the **Daughters of Liberty** from **Long Island City HS** captured the Unarmed Division Challenge Level National Championship. Judges were impressed as the **Astoria, New York** drill team earned 1st place finishes in both Inspection and Color Guard and had enough overall strength to win the Unarmed Division Challenge title by a comfortable margin.

The always-tough MCJROTC **Jesuit HS** from **New Orleans, Louisiana** needed everything they had to fight off the hard-chargers of **East Henderson HS**. Jesuit's **Fighting Jays** drill team took home



Challenge Level Awards Ceremony (from left to right): Armed Division Runner-up Mt. Juliet HS, Armed Champion Montgomery Central HS, BG Abraham J. Turner, Commanding General, U.S. Army Training Ctr., Ft. Jackson, S. Carolina, Unarmed Champion Long Island City HS, and Unarmed Runner-up Jesuit HS.

OPEN LEVEL COLOR GUARD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Open Level Color Guard event has become an institution of excellence at the Nationals! Forty color guard units from across the United States are annually accepted to attend. Their efforts in 2004 left the judges with slack jaws and wide eyes as these pride-filled color guard units displayed the colors with glory.

With over a dozen schools scoring near the top, the competition was fierce. But two schools clearly separated themselves from the field, as **Henry J. Kaiser HS** from **Fontana, California** came off an impressive Army Nationals Color Guard win to also capture the Open Level Color Guard Championship. The cross-country trip didn't stop the Katamont Battalion as they beat the best of the best in two locations with two sets of judges! Just missing by a mere 11 points out of 1,200 was event Runner-Up **Lancaster HS** from **Lancaster, Texas**. Even more impressive than the single runner-up finish by the **Black Guard** was an additional trophy finish by a SECOND color guard unit from Lancaster, the **Orange Guard**! The **Lady Chargers** from **Memorial HS** in **Tulsa, Oklahoma** needed every earned point in capturing 4th place by just a single point over the always strong **Mules** from **Alamo Heights HS** in drill mecca **San Antonio, Texas**.

To see top-to-bottom scoring in all events of the 2004 NHS DTC, go to the official event website and click on the "Scoring Results" link. Sports Network salutes every color guard who was accepted and competed with honor in the Open Level Color Guard event. Entry spaces are limited to 40 schools, therefore any school looking to enter the upcoming 2005 event should plan to apply BEFORE the early December deadline. Our best to all color guards who proudly protect & display our national emblem!

three trophies (2nd-Regulation, 3rd-Exhibition, 5th-Inspection) and held on against East Henderson's **Strike Eagles** two trophies (4th-Inspection, 5th-Regulation). **West Anchorage HS** from **Anchorage, Alaska** gave a strong fourth place overall finish as well, with the **Eagles** drill team grabbing a stirring 1st place Exhibition finish and an exceptional 2nd place Color Guard routine.

The Division had other remarkable performances, including: **Lynn English HS** (1st-Regulation, 2nd-Inspection); **Carver HS** (2nd-Exhibition, 3rd-Inspection, 4th-Regulation); **T.C. Williams HS** (3rd-Color Guard) and **Hialeah-Miami Lakes HS** (3rd-Regulation).

The awards ceremony was the finest ever held at the Challenge level largely due to the exciting additions of the impressive **Rossview HS JROTC Band**, the reflective "Historic Salute to the Armed Forces" presentation performed by the dedicated cadets of **Lakewood HS JROTC** in **Lakewood, New Jersey**, as well as the motivational message put forth by dynamic keynote speaker **BG Abraham J. Turner, Commanding General, U.S. Army Training Center, Ft. Jackson, South Carolina**. Emotions were high as pent up energy bubbled to the surface during this tense and sometimes raucous awards ceremony.

The Challenge Level event has grown to become the largest competition field at the NHS DTC! All four team events in both divisions are intensely competitive. Schools who "put it on the line" in the Challenge Level event deserve a hearty congratulations for their efforts and sacrifice to attain excellence.



2004 National High School Drill Team Championships

Challenge Level Attendees & Event Standings



Armed Division

Inspection

Montgomery Central HS	<i>Chief's Guard</i>	890
Gloucester HS	<i>Fighting Fishermen</i>	853
Central Crossing HS	<i>Comets</i>	830
Gulfport HS	<i>Commandant's Choice</i>	823
Mt. Juliet HS	<i>Tank Wagons</i>	822

Regulation

Gloucester HS	<i>Fighting Fishermen</i>	838
Montgomery Central HS	<i>Chief's Guard</i>	829
Lynn English HS	<i>Bulldogs</i>	816
Mt. Juliet HS	<i>Tank Wagons</i>	786
Central Crossing HS	<i>Comets</i>	768

Color Guard

Northeast HS	<i>Long Rifles</i>	1045
Central Crossing HS	<i>Comets</i>	1021
Lynn English HS	<i>Bulldogs</i>	1018
Montgomery Central HS	<i>Chief's Guard</i>	1017
Passaic HS	<i>Indian Pride Red</i>	1003

Team Exhibition

Northeast HS	<i>Long Rifles</i>	986
Oxon Hill HS	<i>Lords of Discipline</i>	965
Missouri MA	<i>Fusiliers</i>	964
Hialeah-Miami Lks HS	<i>Imperial Trojans</i>	945
Mt. Juliet HS	<i>Tank Wagons</i>	929

Overall Armed Champion

Montgomery Central HS - *Chief's Guard*

Overall Armed Runner-up

Mt. Juliet HS - *Tank Wagons*

Bainbridge HS
Air Force JROTC
Bainbridge, Georgia

Boqalusa HS
Army JROTC
Boqalusa, Louisiana

Carver HS
Army JROTC
Winston-Salem, NC

Cedar Shoals HS
Army JROTC
Athens, Georgia

Central Crossing HS
Navy JROTC
Grove City, Ohio

Chantilly Academy
Air Force JROTC
Chantilly, Virginia

Chester HS
Army JROTC
Chester, South Carolina

Chicago Voc. HS
Army JROTC
Chicago, Illinois

Colonel White HS
Army JROTC
Dayton, Ohio

Delta HS
Army JROTC
Mer Rouge, Louisiana

Denbigh HS
Army JROTC
Newport News, Virginia

Dr. Pila HS
Air Force JROTC
Ponce, Puerto Rico

East Columbus HS
Army JROTC
Lake Waccamaw, NC

East Henderson HS
Air Force JROTC
East Flat Rock, N.Carolina

Englewood HS
Army JROTC
Jacksonville, Florida

Enka HS
Air Force JROTC
Candler, North Carolina

Evans HS
Army JROTC
Evans, Georgia

Fairmont HS
Army JROTC
Fairmont, N.Carolina

Forest HS
Air Force JROTC
Ocala, Florida

Forest Park HS
Air Force JROTC
Forest Park, Georgia

Forestville MA
Army JROTC
Forestville, Maryland

Fort Campbell HS
Army JROTC
Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Unarmed Division

Inspection

Long Island City HS	<i>Daughters of Liberty</i>	1019
Lynn English HS	<i>Lady Bulldogs</i>	980
Carver HS	<i>Carver Gold</i>	965
East Henderson HS	<i>Strike Eagles</i>	910
Jesuit HS	<i>Fighting Jays</i>	898

Regulation

Lynn English HS	<i>Lady Bulldogs</i>	868
Jesuit HS	<i>Fighting Jays</i>	858
Hialeah-Miami Lks HS	<i>Royal Trojans</i>	854
Carver HS	<i>Carver Gold</i>	825
East Henderson HS	<i>Strike Eagles</i>	812

Color Guard

Long Island City HS	<i>Daughters of Liberty</i>	1008
West Anchorage HS	<i>Eagles</i>	957
T.C. Williams HS	<i>Armageddon</i>	951
Bainbridge HS	<i>Wings of Blue</i>	950
Plainfield HS	<i>Red Cardinal Guard</i>	948

Team Exhibition

West Anchorage HS	<i>Eagles</i>	943
Carver HS	<i>Carver Gold</i>	892
Jesuit HS	<i>Fighting Jays</i>	876
Irrington HS	<i>Blue Crusaders</i>	833
Passaic HS	<i>Indian Pride Blue</i>	818

Overall Unarmed Champion

Long Island City HS - *Daughters of Liberty*

Overall Unarmed Runner-up

Jesuit HS - *Fighting Jays*

Gateway HS
Air Force JROTC
Aurora, Colorado

Gilbert HS
Air Force JROTC
Gilbert, Arizona

Gloucester HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Gloucester, MA

Gulfport HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Gulfport, Mississippi

Harrison HS
Air Force JROTC
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Hialeah-Miami Lakes HS
Army JROTC
Hialeah, Florida

Hubbard HS
Army JROTC
Chicago, Illinois

Irrington HS
Army JROTC
Irrington, New Jersey

Jesuit HS
Marine Corps JROTC
New Orleans, LA

Kenwood HS
Army JROTC
Clarksville, Tennessee

La Salle Institute
Army JROTC
Troy, New York

Lackey HS
Air Force JROTC
Indian Head, Maryland

Lakewood HS
Army JROTC
Lakewood, New Jersey

Leesville HS
Army JROTC
Leesville, Louisiana

Long Island City HS
Army JROTC
Astoria, New York

Lynn English HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Lynn, Massachusetts

McLaurin HS
Army JROTC
Florence, Mississippi

Missouri MA
Army JROTC
Mexico, Missouri

Mitchell HS
Air Force JROTC
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Montgomery Cent. HS
Army JROTC
Cunningham, Tennessee

Mount Dora HS
Air Force JROTC
Mount Dora, Florida

Mt. Juliet HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Mt. Juliet, Tennessee

Mt. Tabor HS
Army JROTC
Winston-Salem, N.Carolina

Murphy HS
Army JROTC
Mobile, Alabama

North Marion HS
Air Force JROTC
Citra, Florida

Northeast HS
Army JROTC
Kansas City, Missouri

Northeast HS
Army JROTC
Clarksville, Tennessee

Ooltewah Hill HS
Army JROTC
Ooltewah, Tennessee

Oxon Hill HS
Air Force JROTC
Oxon Hill, Maryland

Passaic HS
Navy JROTC
Passaic, New Jersey

Perry Co. Central HS
Army JROTC
Hazard, Kentucky

Plainfield HS
Air Force JROTC
Plainfield, New Jersey

Port Richmond HS
Army JROTC
Staten Island, NY

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

Pueblo West HS
Army JROTC
Pueblo West, Colorado

Reading Sr. HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Reading, Pennsylvania

Rossvie HS
Army JROTC
Clarksville, Tennessee

Roxborough HS
Army JROTC
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

T.C. Williams HS
Army JROTC
Alexandria, Virginia

Thomas Stone HS
Army JROTC
Waldorf, Maryland

Wash. Math & Science HS
Air Force JROTC
Washington, DC

Waukegan HS
Army JROTC
Waukegan, Illinois

West Anchorage HS
Air Force JROTC
Anchorage, Alaska

West Charlotte HS
Army JROTC
Charlotte, N.Carolina

West Orange HS
Air Force JROTC
Winter Garden, Florida

Whitehaven HS
Army JROTC
Memphis, Tennessee

Windsor Forest HS
Army JROTC
Savannah, Georgia



Abraham Clark High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Roselle, New Jersey

Bethel Regional High School
Army JROTC
Bethel, Alaska

Carroll High School
Army JROTC
Ozark, Alabama

Chester Nimitz High School
Navy JROTC
Houston, 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

East Boston High School
Army JROTC
East Boston, Massachusetts

Enterprise High School
Army JROTC
Enterprise, Alabama

Fern Creek High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Fern Creek, Kentucky

Flour Bluff High School
Navy JROTC
Corpus Christi, Texas

Forestville Military Academy
Army JROTC
Forestville, Maryland

Francis Lewis High School
Army JROTC
Fresh Meadows, New York

Green Run High School
Navy JROTC
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Hendersonville High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Hendersonville, Tennessee

Hialeah High School
Air Force JROTC
Hialeah, Florida

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

★ 2004 Masters Level Participants ★ ★ Schools of Excellence ★

2004 ALL-SERVICE JUDGING CORPS



Judges listed from left to right, front row to back row:

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Navy JROTC
Aiken, South Carolina

Southeast High School
Army JROTC
Bradenton, Florida

Southern Regional High School
Air Force JROTC
Manahawkin, New Jersey

Spring Valley High School
Air Force JROTC
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Springfield High School
Army JROTC
Holland, Ohio

St. Louis High School
Army JROTC
Honolulu, Hawaii

Theodore Roosevelt HS
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United South High School
Marine Corps JROTC
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Waianae High School
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Waianae, Hawaii

Walla Walla High School
Army JROTC
Walla Walla, Washington

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Army JROTC
Waycross, Georgia

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Air Force JROTC
Jenks, Oklahoma

Jesuit High School
Marine Corps JROTC
New Orleans, Louisiana

John Jay High School
Air Force JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

John Marshall High School
Navy JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

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Marine Corps JROTC
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Leesburg, Florida

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Army JROTC
Longwood, Florida

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Aurora, Illinois

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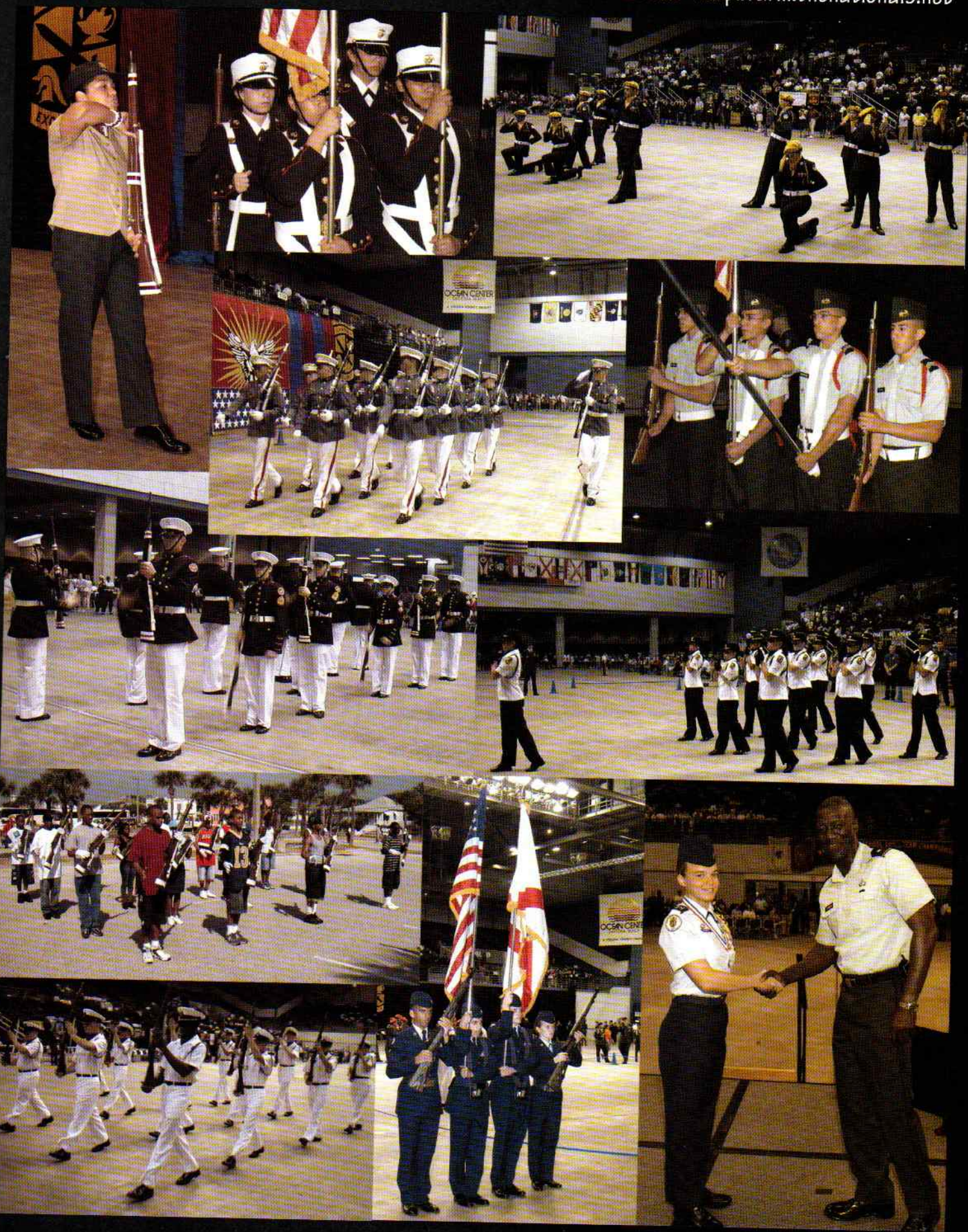
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Masters Spotlight Shines Bright on the Star Cadets of the Nationals



The 2003 Champions "reposed" for the champions photo in 2004 as they all retained their National Championship titles. Alternative Arms Champion(left) Fern Creek HS, Demilitarized Arms (top) and Unarmed Champion (right) Flour Bluff HS all came home with the big hardware again in 2004.

SHORT OF SOME IMPOSING DAILY AFTERNOON SHOWERS, THE 2004 MASTERS LEVEL COMPETITION WILL BE REMEMBERED AS THE GREATEST SINGLE WEEKEND OF ALL-SERVICE MILITARY DRILL EVER HELD. WHILE MANY FACTORS CONTRIBUTED TO THIS OVERALL ATMOSPHERE, THE MOST MEMORABLE FACTOR WAS WITHOUT QUESTION THE UNPARALLELED DRILL EXCELLENCE THAT WAS ON DISPLAY IN MULTIPLE DRILL AREAS VIEWED AT EVERY TURN OF THE HEAD!

NEARLY ONE HUNDRED DRILL TEAMS FROM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WERE CHASING THE THREE RETURNING CHAMPIONS, DETERMINED TO CHANGE TO COURSE OF THE PAST AND BRING GLORY AND NOTARIETY TO THEIR PROGRAMS IN VICTORY.

ALTERNATIVE ARMS DIVISION

COULD FOUR CONSECUTIVE YEAR CHAMPION FERN CREEK HS FROM FERN CREEK, KENTUCKY MAKE IT FIVE YEARS IN A ROW? THE LADY LEATHERNECKS CHARGED OUT QUICKLY, GRABBING THREE FIRST PLACE FINISHES (INSPECTION, REGULATION, PLATOON EX) BUT NON-TROPHY FINISHES IN THE OTHER TWO EVENTS LEFT THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A CHALLENGE ON THE TABLE. DEERFIELD BEACH HS FROM DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA HELD NOTHING BACK, GRABBING TROPHIES IN FOUR OF THE FIVE EVENTS BUT THE GOLDEN BUCKS CAME UP JUST SHORT AS THE LADIES FROM KENTUCKY SQUEEKED BY WITH THEIR 5th CONSECUTIVE ALTERNATIVE ARMS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. THESE TWO MARINE CORPS SCHOOLS PUT TOGETHER A SPIRITED AND COMPETITIVE FIGHT FOR A TITLE AT THE NHSBTC. THEY SET A HIGH STANDARD AND WILL LOOK TO DO SO AGAIN AS THEY BOTH BATTLE FOR THE 2005 TITLE IN THE ALTERNATIVE ARMS DIVISION AT THE NATIONALS.

IN A VERY TIGHT RACE FOR THIRD PLACE OVERALL, THE ARMY JROTC UNIT FROM WINTER SPRINGS HS IN WINTER SPRINGS, FLORIDA GRABBED 2nd PLACE IN BOTH INSPECTION AND COLOR GUARD FOR THE 2nd CONSECUTIVE YEAR, POWERING THE GOLDEN BEARS TO A NARROW DEFEAT OF THE GRENADIERS DRILL TEAM FROM ALWAYS-TOUGH SPRINGFIELD HS IN HOLLAND, OHIO WHO FINISHED IN 4th PLACE OVERALL.

THE ALTERNATIVE ARMS DIVISION HAD OTHER EXCITING FINISHES INCLUDING: J.H. REAGAN HS (1st-Squad Ex., 3rd-Inspection, 5th-Platoon Ex.); MIAMI CORAL PARK HS (1st-Color Guard); SOUTHEAST HS (3rd-Regulation, 5th-Inspection, Squad Ex.); SPRING VALLEY HS (3rd-Color Guard, Platoon Ex.) and ENTERPRISE HS (4th-Regulation, Platoon Ex.)

UNARMED DIVISION

IT WAS A TEXAS SHOOTOUT IN THE UNARMED DIVISION AS SIX SCHOOLS FROM THE LONE STAR STATE ALL TUSSELED AT THE TOP FOR THE BIG TROPHIES. WITH A DOMINATING PERFORMANCE, THE SEA HAWKS DRILL UNIT FROM FLOUR BLUFF HS SCORED A CONVINCING WIN, CAPTURING TWO 1st PLACE FINISHES (COLOR GUARD, FLIGHT EX), A 2nd PLACE (ELEMENT EX.), AND A 3rd PLACE (INSPECTION). THIS NJROTC UNIT FROM CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS DESTROYED THE COMPETITION IN GAINING THEIR 2nd CONSECUTIVE UNARMED DIVISION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND NOW HAVE LEFT MANY TO WONDER WHO CAN STOP THEIR DRILL DOMINATION?

A TIGHT BATTLE DEVELOPED FOR OVERALL RUNNER-UP CROWN AS THE BLUE ANGELS FROM DOUGLAS MACARTHUR HS IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS FINISHED SOLID IN EVERY EVENT, YET TROPHIED ONLY IN INSPECTION (1st PLACE) AND COLOR GUARD (5th PLACE). CROSS-TOWN RIVAL JOHN JAY HS GRABBED THREE TROPHIES (1st-ELEMENT EX., 2nd-INSPECTION, 3rd REGULATION), BUT A DISASTEROUS 20th PLACE FINISH IN COLOR GUARD BY THE SNAP II DRILL TEAM ALLOWED THE RUNNER-UP TITLE TO GO TO MACARTHUR.

THE UNARMED DIVISION ALSO PRODUCED OTHER GREAT EFFORTS, INCLUDING: UNITED SOUTH HS (2nd-REGULATION, 3rd-ELEMENT EX., 5th-INSPECTION); JOHN MARSHALL HS (1st-REGULATION, 3rd-FLIGHT EX.); WINSTON CHURCHILL HS (2nd-FLIGHT EX., 3rd-COLOR GUARD) AND BETHEL REGIONAL HS (2nd-COLOR GUARD).

DEMILITARIZED ARMS DIVISION

THE MOST TALENT-LADEN DIVISION AT THE NHSBTC DID NOT DISAPPOINT IN 2004. UNLIKE 2003 WHERE THE OUTCOME WAS NOT DECIDED UNTIL THE LAST TEAM LEFT THE FLOOR, THIS ONE WAS SETTLED EARLY AS FLOUR BLUFF HS PULLED OFF THE DAILY DOUBLE, CAPTURING BOTH THE DEMILITARIZED ARMS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TO GO WITH THEIR UNARMED DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP. FLOUR BLUFF HS BECAME ONLY THE SECOND SCHOOL IN THE HISTORY OF THE NATIONALS TO EVER WIN TWO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN CONSECUTIVE YEARS (FOLLOWING THEODORE ROOSEVELT HS IN 1997/98)! THE TEAM PULLED EVERYTHING TOGETHER IN DAYTONA, EARNING THREE, 1st PLACE FINISHES (REGULATION, COLOR GUARD, PLATOON EX.) AND TWO, 4th PLACE SHOWINGS (INSPECTION, SQUAD EX.). THE SEA DEVILS WERE THE ONLY DEMILITARIZED TEAM TO TROPHY IN ALL FIVE EVENTS OF THIS BRUTALLY TOUGH COMPETITION DIVISION.

THE FIGHT FOR THE RUNNER-UP TITLE WAS TIGHT BUT THE BLACK WATCH DRILL TEAM FROM WINSTON CHURCHILL HS IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS RETAINED THEIR RUNNER-UP TITLE, SOLIDLY DEFEATING THE SCHOOL EVERYBODY WAS WHISPERING ABOUT ALL WEEKEND, PAST CHALLENGE LEVEL ARMED CHAMPION KUBASAKI HS FROM OKINAWA, JAPAN. CHURCHILL

GRABBED THREE TROPHIES (SQUAD EX.-2nd, INSPECTION-3rd, REGULATION-5th), WHILE THE DRAGONS (WHO TRAVELED OVER 9,000 MILES TO ATTEND) TOOK HOME TWO (REGULATION-4th AND COLOR GUARD-5th).

OTHER TOP PERFORMANCES WERE: SPRINGFIELD HS (1st-SQUAD EX.); ABRAHAM CLARK HS (1st-INSPECTION); FRANCIS LEWIS HS (2nd-COLOR GUARD & REGULATION, 5th-INSPECTION); RONALD REAGAN HS (2nd-PLATOON EX. & 4th-COLOR GUARD); THEODORE ROOSEVELT HS (2nd-INSPECTION); RAHWAY HS (3rd-REGULATION); JOHN MARSHALL HS (3rd-COLOR GUARD); JAMES MADISON HS (3rd-PLATOON EX.) AND JOHN JAY HS (3rd-SQUAD EX. & 4th-PLATOON EX.)



Rigid perfection turned heads as the Dragons from Kubasaki HS in Okinawa, Japan moved from 2003 Challenge Level Champions to 2004

Masters Level Powerhouse

THE LEVEL OF DEDICATION AND EXCELLENCE ON DISPLAY THROUGHOUT THE MASTERS LEVEL WILL LIVE ON IN THE MINDS OF THE SPECTATORS FOR YEARS TO COME! SPORTS NETWORK SALUTES EVERY CADET WHO MADE THEMSELVES A PART OF THE MASTERS LEVEL COMPETITION AT THE 2004 NATIONALS!



NATIONAL High School Drill Team Championships



Masters Level Event Standings

ALL TOTALS ARE BASED ON A MAXIMUM 1200 POINTS PER EVENT

Demilitarized Arms Inspection

Abraham Clark HS	<i>The Few, The Proud</i>	929
Theodore Roosevelt HS	<i>San Juan Guard</i>	912
Winston Churchill HS	<i>Black Watch</i>	906
Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Devils</i>	902
Francis Lewis HS	<i>Patriot Guard</i>	887

Regulation

Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Devils</i>	876
Francis Lewis HS	<i>Patriot Guard</i>	834
Rahway HS	<i>Devil Pups</i>	816
Kubasaki HS	<i>Dragons</i>	815
Winston Churchill HS	<i>Black Watch</i>	809

Color Guard

Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Devils</i>	979
Francis Lewis HS	<i>Patriot Guard</i>	922
John Marshall HS	<i>Schreiber's Rifles</i>	911
Ronald Reagan HS	<i>Rattler Guard</i>	898
Kubasaki HS	<i>Dragons</i>	888

Squad Exhibition

Springfield HS	<i>Emerald Guard</i>	1063
Winston Churchill HS	<i>Black Watch</i>	1043
John Jay HS	<i>Silver Eagles</i>	1038
Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Devils</i>	1034
Marmion Academy	<i>Flannigan Rifles</i>	1015

Platoon Exhibition

Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Devils</i>	1128
Ronald Reagan HS	<i>Rattler Guard</i>	1051
James Madison HS	<i>Maverick Guard</i>	1037
John Jay HS	<i>Silver Eagles</i>	1029
Deerfield Beach HS	<i>Scarlet Bucks</i>	1012

Unarmed

Inspection

Douglas MacArthur HS	<i>Blue Angels</i>	964
John Jay HS	<i>Snap II</i>	955
Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Hawks</i>	954
Murphy HS	<i>Lady Golden Panthers</i>	939
United South HS	<i>So. Lady Panthers</i>	937

Regulation

John Marshall HS	<i>Bandoleers</i>	933
United South HS	<i>So. Lady Panthers</i>	930
John Jay HS	<i>Snap II</i>	920
Southern Regional HS	<i>Blue Knights</i>	899
Francis Lewis HS	<i>Patriot Pride</i>	894

Color Guard

Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Hawks</i>	1007
Bethel Regional HS	<i>Warriors</i>	974
Winston Churchill HS	<i>Queen's Guard</i>	961
Theodore Roosevelt HS	<i>Riderettes</i>	914
Douglas MacArthur HS	<i>Blue Angels</i>	910

Element Exhibition

John Jay HS	<i>Snap II</i>	945
Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Hawks</i>	939
United South HS	<i>So. Lady Panthers</i>	932
Rahway HS	<i>Lady Devil Pups</i>	925
Walla Walla HS	<i>Sponsors</i>	916

Flight Exhibition

Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Hawks</i>	1049
Winston Churchill HS	<i>Queen's Guard</i>	993
John Marshall HS	<i>Bandoleers</i>	977
Forestville MA	<i>Silver Knights</i>	963
Leavenworth HS	<i>Yellow Ribbons/Cavalry</i>	961

Alternative Arms

Inspection

Fern Creek HS	<i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	953
Winter Springs HS	<i>Golden Bears</i>	890
J.H. Reagan HS	<i>Reagan Riflettes</i>	882
Deerfield Beach HS	<i>Golden Bucks</i>	880
Southeast HS	<i>Lady Noles</i>	875

Regulation

Fern Creek HS	<i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	954
Deerfield Beach HS	<i>Golden Bucks</i>	921
Southeast HS	<i>Lady Noles</i>	912
Enterprise HS	<i>Belles of the Blue Knights</i>	905
Seneca HS	<i>Lady Red Hawks</i>	891

Color Guard

Miami Coral Park HS	<i>Hurricanes</i>	899
Winter Springs HS	<i>Golden Bears</i>	893
Spring Valley HS	<i>Vikings</i>	875
Deerfield Beach HS	<i>Golden Bucks</i>	836
Springfield HS	<i>Grenadiers</i>	815

Squad Exhibition

J.H. Reagan HS	<i>Reagan Riflettes</i>	1083
Deerfield Beach HS	<i>Golden Bucks</i>	1050
Springfield HS	<i>Grenadiers</i>	1034
Palm Bay HS	<i>Lady Pirates</i>	998
Southeast HS	<i>Lady Noles</i>	992

Platoon Exhibition

Fern Creek HS	<i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	1009
Springfield HS	<i>Grenadiers</i>	991
Spring Valley HS	<i>Vikings</i>	964
Enterprise HS	<i>Belles of the Blue Knights</i>	947
J.H. Reagan HS	<i>Reagan Riflettes</i>	946

Demilitarized Arms Champions

Champion: Flour Bluff HS - *Sea Devils*
Runner-up: Winston Churchill HS - *Black Watch*

Solo Exhibition

1st: Cadet Howard - Colonel White HS
2nd: Cadet Boyd - Moanalua HS
3rd: Cadet Arce - J.H. Reagan HS

Dual Exhibition

1st: Nalsco & Murgia - J.H. Reagan HS
2nd: Mark & Co - St. Louis HS
3rd: Steiner & Whitacre - Springfield HS

2004 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Unarmed Champions

Champion: Flour Bluff HS - *Sea Hawks*
Runner-up: Douglas MacArthur HS - *Blue Angels*

Dual Exhibition

1st: Grullon & Low - Francis Lewis HS
2nd: Rodriguez & Spencer - Hialeah HS
3rd: Dudit & Sottilo - Winston Churchill HS

Alternative Arms Champions

Champion: Fern Creek HS - *Lady Leathernecks*
Runner-up: Deerfield Beach HS - *Golden Bucks*

Solo Exhibition

1st: Cadet Dent - Ware County HS
2nd: Cadet Ortega - Deerfield Beach HS
3rd: Cadet Romanowski - Winter Springs HS

Dual Exhibition

1st: Brewer & Oliver - Leesburg HS
2nd: Flores & Fondacaro - Spring Valley HS
3rd: Pohlman & Pohlman - Springfield HS

Pairing Monuments to Greatness

TWO GLARING OMISSIONS WITHIN THE MONUMENT FABRIC OF OUR NATION'S CAPITAL HAVE BEEN WOVEN. THE STIRRING WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL WAS DEDICATED ON MAY 29TH, 2004, AND THE AIR FORCE MEMORIAL BROKE GROUND FOR CONSTRUCTION ON SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2004. THESE MONUMENTS SERVE AS AWE-INSPIRING REMINDERS TO CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF THE HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE THEY REPRESENT. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THEY AFFORD ALL PATRIOTIC AMERICANS WITH A COLLECTIVE SENSE OF PRIDE FOR THE EFFORTS AND SOUL OF GOODNESS THAT ARE AT THE HEART OF EVERY AMERICAN MONUMENT.

THE AIR FORCE MEMORIAL

The Air Force Memorial expresses an awe-inspiring, limitless expanse of power and glory. This Memorial will do many things, including recognizing the aviation pioneers of yesterday, serve as a tribute and source of pride for those serving their Country today, and help to inspire future generations to serve the nation proudly in the Air Force "blue." It will also ensure that the air power lessons of the 20th Century and beyond are not soon forgotten.

"By its very design, the Air Force Memorial expresses the fundamental aspirations, spirit and accomplishments of the Air Force as a source of glory," stated Ross Perot Jr., Air Force Memorial Foundation chairman.

Perot said the memorial also honors the groups that came before the Air Force and the superior technological achievements that have made and continue to make American air power the most formidable on Earth.

The memorial is both bold and graceful and is expected to take roughly two years to construct. The focal point of the monument will maintain three stainless steel spires above a granite-paved plateau on a promontory overlooking the Pentagon and monumental Washington. The highest expanse will stretch a staggering 270 feet into the air. The foundation has raised \$38.5 million of the memorial's estimated \$41.7 million cost and fully expect to raise the balance of funds for this worthy project.

The three spires capture the subtle grace and boldness of a space launch or bomb-burst maneuver of the Air Force Thunderbirds, the USAF aerial acrobatic team. The three spires also represent the branch's three core values: Integrity First, Service before Self, Excellence in all we do. In addition to the three towering spires, the three-acre memorial will display a sharp image from the air — its layout of roads and granite pathways will look like a small airport, with the five-point Air Force star as a focal point.

Visitors will be offered several monument experiences. In addition to views of the pylons' upward thrust, visitors to the triangular support pedestals will be able to read inscriptions on three curving, translucent glass walls. Like much else about this memorial design, the combination of translucent wall and open distant view renders a clean, sleek image that evokes stylish strength of the Air Force.

Additionally, one end of a runwaylike strip of granite will be an Honor Guard of four bronze figures. At the other end of the granite will be a "contemplation chamber" framed by translucent glass panels and shielded by a grove of trees.

The memorial will be visible from the Washington Mall and the Capitol across the Potomac River. Despite its impressive visibility, the site will not be as easy to get to as other monuments found on the Mall. Currently, the Air Force Memorial will only be accessible by car and only from Columbia Pike. Studies are currently underway to improve access by foot and bicycle.

In less than 100 years, air and space power has changed the face of the world. And since the Gulf War, air power has changed the way the world views the very nature of war.

The Air Force is the only branch of the service that doesn't maintain a memorial around the nation's capital. We hope that all Americans who have the opportunity will come to Washington and take a moment to see this reflective, impressive monument and thank those that have and will continue to keep our country free through the use of overwhelming air superiority in the United States Air Force.



Sweeping stainless steel curves reaching to the heavens will be the signature mark of this exciting Air Force Memorial.

"That first [test] flight demonstrated [to the Army] by the Wright Brothers took off right over there on the ridge at Fort Myer, and they flew around a pylon ... and returned," General Jumper said, gesturing to the Army installation a few hundred feet to his right. "It was a demonstration of the most meager capability, but it turned into what we have today that we're most proud of, as we went higher, faster and farther through the decades that have intervened".

- General John P. Jumper, Secretary of the USAF at the Air Force Memorial Dedication.

The Air Force Memorial Foundation has worked tirelessly to ensure this memorial could come to fruition. They are currently seeking ideas for inscriptions to be placed at the new memorial site upon completion. Suggestions for inscriptions can be e-mailed to the inscription committee at afmf@airforcememorial.org. Also, those wishing to contribute tax-exempt donations to help construct this monument can send these to: Air Force Memorial Foundation, 1501 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22209.

WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

The World War II Memorial honors the 16 million individuals who served in the armed forces of the U.S., the more than 400,000 who died, and all who supported the war effort from home. For many veterans, working to ensure this monument went from the planning stage to completion was "their last battle."

Made from mostly bronze and granite, the construction took three years to complete. The memorial is designed with a ceremonial entrance at 17th Street. A Memorial Plaza and Rainbow Pool dominate the layout. Elegant ramps lead to the lower plaza, and the entrance is flanked by 24 bronze bas relief panels paying homage to America's WWII experience. Surrounding the plaza are 56 seventeen-foot pillars, each symbolizing the states and U.S. territories that worked together during that era. Two grand arches, representing the Atlantic and Pacific theaters of battle, mark the north and south ends of the plaza.

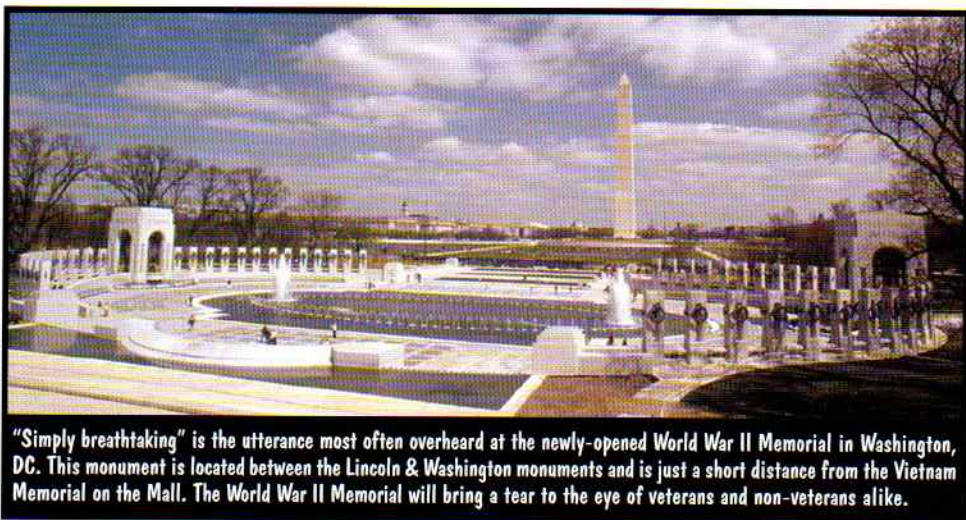
"At this Memorial, we acknowledge a debt of long-standing to an entire generation of Americans: those who died; those who fought and worked and grieved and went on. They saved our country, and thereby saved the liberty of mankind."

- George W. Bush, President, United States of America
at the World War II Memorial Dedication.

At the western side of the memorial, the Freedom Wall — a field of 4,000 sculpted gold stars — remembers the more than 400,000 Americans who gave their lives (during WWII, the gold star symbolized family sacrifice). The Rainbow Pool, originally a 1912 vintage Mall feature, was refurbished and returned to its original design, becoming an integral part of the memorial with seating about its circumference. Other fountains "balance" the design and lend their serene sound to the somber memorial.

The National World War II Memorial has assumed its central place among Washington's defining landmarks after nearly two decades of debate and anticipation. Its prominent location, directly between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument on the Washington Mall, virtually ensures that it will be among the city's most visited monument attractions. Planners were guided by the idea that just as the Washington Monument represented the 18th century and the Lincoln Memorial the 19th, the World War II project belonged on the Mall's central axis as the symbol of the defining event of 20th-century America.

Architect Friedrich St. Florian designed the new monument. He says it's not strictly about memorializing a war, as some critics have charged. "This is about an entire nation, a generation of Americans, that at one



"Simply breathtaking" is the utterance most often overheard at the newly-opened World War II Memorial in Washington, DC. This monument is located between the Lincoln & Washington monuments and is just a short distance from the Vietnam Memorial on the Mall. The World War II Memorial will bring a tear to the eye of veterans and non-veterans alike.

moment stood up on a global scale to defend our principles and ideals and in so doing actually changed the course of history," he says.

WWII veteran and retired U.S. Senator Bob Dole said it most eloquently during the official dedication ceremony stating, *"What we dedicate today is not a memorial to war, rather it's a tribute to the physical and moral courage that makes heroes out of farm and city boys, and inspires Americans in every generation to lay down their lives for people that they will never meet, for ideals that make life itself worth living."*

On Thursday, April 29, 2004, the site was first opened to the public. Months prior, it was clear that demand from WWII veterans to personally witness this moving monument would be staggering. This demand was indeed overwhelming and encouraged officials to open the monument approximately one month prior to the official dedication opening held during the Memorial Day Weekend. Officials said they wanted to open the memorial before the dedication to allow as many visits as possible by WWII veterans who are dying at a rate of about 1,000 a day.

With a unique design that catches the attention of young and old, there is something magical about this monument. Hard to pinpoint, it is best described as the incredible spirit of the Greatest Generation that is captured in its strength and beauty. It does promote the reflection and appreciation for those soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coast Guard personnel that have left this Earth as well as those that are still among us.

The builders of the memorial have also opened a national WWII Registry for the public to register the names of those who helped win the war, in uniform or on the home front. More than 1.3 million names have already been registered. The National Archives have already entered in the registry the names of those killed in service and those who are still listed as missing in action. Registration is: www.wwiimemorial.com; then click on the "WWII Registry Link" to view those listed or enter a new name. The eternal thanks of a grateful nation goes out to all veterans of WWII and their families.

MILITARY HUMOR

Anyone who has spent time around military personnel from any service will tell you they all have a deep appreciation for a good joke and most love to tell a good story. Through our 23 years of involvement, SNI has developed a sincere admiration for the good-natured ribbing the services love to inflict on each other. In these solemn and serious times of military incursions around the globe, it is important that we still maintain the ability to laugh. Enjoy!

As a group of soldiers stood in formation at an Army Base, the Drill Sergeant said, "All right! All you idiots fall out." As the rest of the squad wandered away, one soldier remained at attention.

The Drill Instructor walked over until he was eye-to-eye with him, and then raised a single eyebrow. The soldier chuckled, "Sure was a lot of 'em, huh, sir?"

Murphy's

Laws of Combat

- Friendly fire - isn't.
- Recoilless rifles - aren't.
- Interchangeable parts - aren't.
- Five-second fuses always burn three seconds.
- Never draw fire; it irritates everyone around you.
- If your attack is going really well, it's an ambush.
- If it's stupid but it works, it isn't stupid.
- The easy way out is always mined.
- When you secure an area, make sure the enemy knows it.
- If the enemy is within range, so are you.
- The one item you need is always in short supply.
- Field experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- Marching in any direction is always uphill.
- Your weapon was made by the lowest bidder.
- Never tell your Sergeant you have nothing to do

One reason the Services have trouble operating jointly is that they have very different meanings for the same terms. For example, if you told Navy personnel to "secure a building," they would turn off the lights and lock the doors. Army personnel would occupy the building so no one could enter. Marines would assault the building, capture it, and defend it with suppressive fire and close combat. The Air Force would take out a ten-year lease with an option to buy!



Party Jokes

Q: How do you know if there is a fighter pilot at your party?

A: He'll tell you.

Q: What's the difference between God and fighter pilots

A: God doesn't think He's a fighter pilot.

Q: What's the difference between a fighter pilot and a jet engine?

A: A jet engine stops whining when the plane shuts down.



A Company Commander and a 1SG were in the field. As they hit the sack for the night, the 1SG said: "Sir, look up and tell me what you see?"

The CO said "I see millions of stars."

1SG: "And what does that tell you, sir?"

CO: "Astronomically, it tells me there are millions of galaxies and billions of planets. Theologically, it tells me God is great and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it tells me we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you, Top?"

1SG: "Sir, it tells me somebody stole our tent."

Five Scariest Things Heard in the Military

- A Private saying, "I learned this in basic training..."
- A Sergeant saying, "Trust me, sir..."
- A 2nd Lieutenant saying, "Based on my experience..."
- A Captain saying, "I was just thinking..."
- A Warrant Officer chuckling, "Watch this..."



Dear Mr. Bin Laden,

We appreciate you taking such a strong interest in the American Airline Industry.

Now that you are familiar with Boeing's line of commercial aircraft, we would like to get you acquainted with Boeing's other fine products.

We look forward to demonstrating their capabilities to you in person in the very near future.

Sincerely,

The United States of America

NATIONALS

A Quick Look at the News & Events of the 2004 Nationals

Challenge Level Awards Go Bigtime

Rossvie H.S. Army JROTC from Clarksville, Tennessee graced the Challenge Level Awards Ceremony and brought their outstanding JROTC band (one of only two known JROTC bands in existence). Their inclusion added a touch of class to this spirited ceremony. Outstanding job cadets!



Drill Photographs Featured Exclusively on PhotoExpress Studio

For several years, SNI has looked for a cost-effective means to make available to our schools the HUNDREDS of professional event photos that are taken during all SNI drill competitions. Finally, **DIGITAL EXPRESS** has stepped forward to handle this task professionally and at a reasonable cost. The high resolution competition photos will be available to view and purchase on the web roughly one week after the competition and will remain posted until July 1st following the event. These pictures have become a big hit with the overwhelming response of "it's about time!".



2004 Jean Weil Scholarship Winners

Numerous 2004 NHSDTC cadets applied to earn the Jean Weil Scholarship award. Congratulations go out to Sharon Santo of Fern Creek High School and Jeffrey Davenport of Taunton High School, who were both awarded \$1000 scholarships. All registered NHSDTC schools are eligible to submit applications for up to 2 candidates. Information is mailed out in early December, with packages due to SNI by February 28th, 2005.



Spirit Award Winners Crowned at the NHSDTC

The NHSDTC Spirit Award Banner is presented to the school that defies tough odds and always holds their head high regardless of what obstacles stand in their way. In 2004, the award was very hard fought as many teams faced adversity in attending Nationals. Drill Commander Cory Whitacre (right) accepted the 2004 Spirit Awards Banner on behalf of winner Springfield HS of Holland, Ohio. The banner was presented by long-time NHSDTC benefactor, Mr. Abdul Al-Romaizan.



The Drill Jungle & Beyond

After the launch of the wildly popular and ever-expanding **The Drill Jungle** website (www.thedrilljungle.com), former Valley Forge MA Cadet Commander and long-time drill devotee Abdul Al-Romaizan has hinted that his next project, **Devoted**, will be the biggest and most dynamic yet. When pressed for details, Abdul simply stated, "To do what is not expected and what has never been done is one of the greatest joys in life." As drill jungle members can attest, Abdul has a phenomenal aesthetic approach to the art of drill, and an unquenchable thirst for new worlds to conquer. Along with stirring dedications and dazzling videos, The Drill Jungle features the most comprehensive drill message board in the world. Abdul's Isis Drill World Championships will set the standard for solo and tandem exhibition drill (www.i-w-d-c.com) and his newly revamped website, www.theblackwatchdrillteam.com website is a must-see for all drill devotees. But we all must wait to experience the unveiling of "Devoted."

DEVOTED



Tragic Loss of Drill Alumnus

The 2004 NHSDTC was rocked by the news that USN Third Class Petty Officer Laura Skinner was murdered by a shipmate after a violent struggle at her home in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Stationed on the USS Roosevelt, home of the 2004 NHSDTC Navy judging corps, Laura was also well-known as a cadet at NJROTC powerhouse Oviedo HS in Oviedo, Florida that compete at the NJROTC Nationals competition. Our prayers go out to her family, friends and shipmates.



Drill Instruction Goes Professional

Professional training in the field of Drill and Ceremonies previously began and ended with JROTC/ROTC/active duty instructors. Those days are now over! SNI has worked with two groups that have taken drill training to a new level. **New Guard America**, an organization founded by Constantine Wilson, has been training exhibition drill teams for over 24 years. He presently trains the U.S. Navy Presidential Ceremonial Honor Guard Drill team and holds four World Records in exhibition drill. **About Face Ceremonial Training & Consulting Team** provides ROTC/JROTC programs, and Police & Fire Departments planning and training for ceremonial events and competitions. Their knowledge of the military drill & ceremony regulations are unparalleled as they excel in exhibition, as well as regulation, color guard and other facets of military presentation. Both organizations can be contacted via links on our website.



MARCHING ON WITH TECHNOLOGY

As any visitor to <http://drill.thenationals.net> can attest, the Nationals webpage has undergone more major improvements. Along with posting official event invitations, registration forms, and other commonly needed paperwork, SNI now allows schools to input their rooming lists and other required event paperwork directly into forms on the website!





Over 38,000 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 23rd annual Nationals in 2005 !

