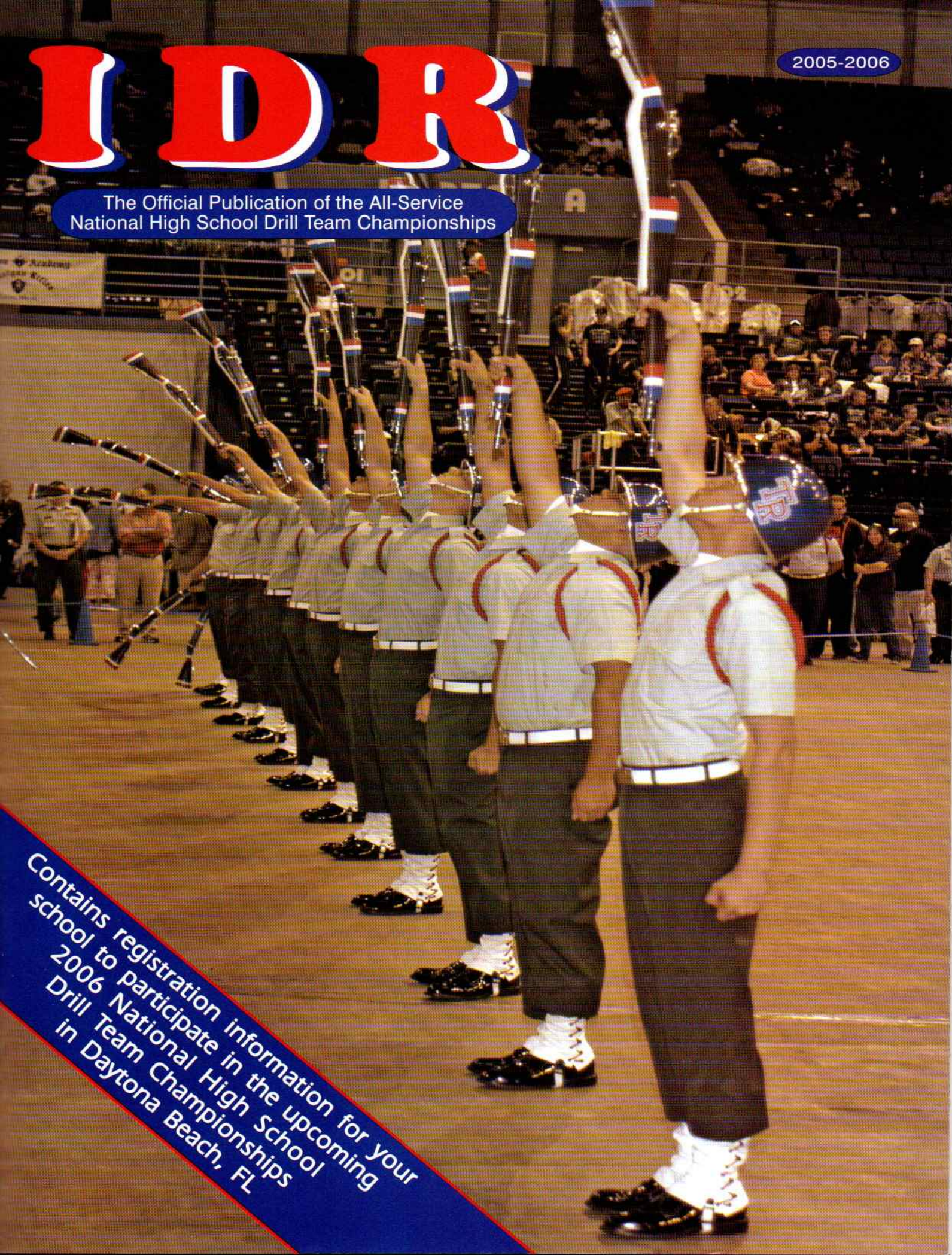


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The San Juan Guard Drill Team from Theodore Roosevelt High School in San Antonio, Texas perform a spectacular line formation slow rifle drop during their Platoon Exhibition drill routine. Onlookers were impressed by the strength, timing and coordination needed to give this move an A+ for showmanship and precision. (PHOTO CREDIT: A. AL-ROMAIZAN)

MAGAZINE DEDICATION

With troop deployments that stretch across the globe and throughout the Gulf Coast, the 2005-06 IDR Magazine is dedicated to both the active duty and reserve components of our American Armed Forces, along with the National Guard. These brave and selfless men and women continue to provide the blanket of freedom that Americans enjoy day in and day out. Thousands of cadets who previously attended the Nationals in Daytona Beach, Florida are currently serving around the globe in all branches of the armed forces, helping to protect the interests of the United States of America. The emails we get from past judges & cadets now serving around the world bring home the sacrifice put forth by these amazing individuals. SNI is honored by their commitment to duty and wish them all a safe and speedy return home when they complete their mission.

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Making Big Navy Waves on the Shores of Pensacola

The finest showing of NJROTC excellence ever assembled was on display at the 2005 NJROTC Championships, but would it be enough to topple the Flour Bluff dynasty?

Another amazing two-day display of all-around Naval excellence was put forth at the **2005 NJROTC National Academic, Athletic & Drill Championships**. The "Navy Nationals" is the supreme test of NJROTC excellence held every April. Twenty-three NJROTC units from across the United States proved to be tough as barnacles as they converged on the home of the Blue Angels, NAS Pensacola, Florida to compete for the coveted Navy National Championship.

Never in the event's history have so many schools attended with a realistic shot at wrestling the Overall Title away from eight-year champion **Flour Bluff HS** from **Corpus Christi, Texas**. So it was no surprise the 2005 "Navy Nationals" was the closest, most competitive event in the history of this elite competition.

Early school registration on Friday morning moves schools on the double into the one-two punch of the Navy Chiefs evaluating every competing cadet in Unit Personnel Inspection (UPI), followed by schools going directly before a meticulous group of Devil Dogs judging the Color Guard event.

Steely bearing & snappy responses were the order of the day as units stood the grueling test of Unit Personnel Inspection. The tight scoring for the 2005 Navy Nationals started right off the bat as **Flour Bluff HS** from **Corpus Christi, Texas** beat **Boca Raton HS** from **Boca Raton, Florida** in a tie-breaker to capture the Unit Personnel Inspection victory. Only a single point back placed tough **Serra HS** from **San Diego, California** into a strong 3rd place finish.

Quickly dropping uniforms for shorts and t-shirts, schools move on to the always-exciting athletic events. 16-member squads begin by executing correctly done, cadenced push-ups & curl-ups. Crowds of on-lookers go wild for those few cadets that "max out" their 5-minutes of 250 curl-ups before going for broke in a one-minute battle to the finish! It was **Flanagan HS** from **Pembroke Pines, Florida** that came out on top in curl-ups, followed by **Pearl River Central HS** (Carriere, MS) in 2nd place and **John Marshall HS** (San Antonio, TX) in 3rd. Hard work and sweat paid off for **Kennesaw Mountain HS** from **Kennesaw, Georgia** as only 7 push-ups gave them the victory over **Flanagan HS** in the push-ups event, with **Neshoba Central HS** (Philadelphia, MS) capturing 3rd.

Cadets then moved to the athletic track to compete in the 8x220 yd. relay. The track was rung with on-lookers brimming with encouragement, as each school worked to move the baton one mile around the oval track. With olympic speed, **Kennesaw Mountain HS** motored to first, with **Alma HS** from **Alma, Arkansas** (2nd place) and **Centennial HS** from **Las Vegas, Nevada** (3rd place) also finishing strong.

As the sun sets on the final athletic event of the day, the energetic 16 x 100 yd. relay is held. Well over one thousand parents, instructors, and team followers line the track and cheer on the cadets. In a strong upset, **Silver Bluff HS** from **Aiken, South Carolina** blazed to victory. In a tight battle, **Alma HS** just edged out **Kennesaw Mountain HS** in the battle for 2nd & 3rd place.

Teams quickly grab a bite to eat then send their brightest cadets to the pressure-packed Academic Exam. Schools form into 10-cadet academic teams, taking the 100-question test on relevant NJROTC material. In another strong upset, **Pearl River Central HS** stunned both **Flour Bluff HS** (2nd place) and **Princess Anne HS** from **Virginia Beach, Virginia** (3rd place) by answering a staggering 883 questions correct out of the 1,000 possible.

Cadets caught a few hours of sleep before marching into the drill phase of the competition. The pre-dawn wake-up and early start times didn't diminish the effort and results as **John Marshall HS** from drill mecca **San Antonio, Texas** stormed their way to the overall drill title. **Serra HS** stepped up with a strong 2nd place overall drill finish, while **Union Grove HS** from

McDonough, Georgia took 3rd place in overall drill.

The awe-inspiring **National Museum of Naval Aviation** (www.naval-air.org) played host again for the closing evening ceremony. The night kicked off with a keynote speech from special guest speaker **Rear Admiral Gary R. Jones, U.S. Navy Commander, NSTC/ Navy Region Midwest**. His speech laid the

groundwork for a special evening for the nervous cadets.

Every school was MORE TENSE than usual this year as the wide diversity of schools walking to the podium accepting awards throughout the evening left everyone on the edge of their seats wondering if this was the year that a new champion would be crowned.

As the evening wore on and the presentation of trophies continued, it appeared that the reign of **Flour Bluff HS** was over as they only won a single 1st place trophy (UPI) during the event. However, their trademark strength in all areas is the item that makes them so tough to beat and by a razor-thin margin, the legends from **Corpus Christi, Texas** took home their 9th consecutive Overall Navy Nationals Championship Title, leaving nearly a half-dozen schools in their wake to ponder, "if we had only done a little better in..."

Grabbing the Navy National Runner-up title was **Flanagan HS**, who just edged out **Union Grove HS** who finished in 3rd place overall. Schools looking for complete, top-to-bottom scoring in all events should go to the official home of the Navy Nationals on the web at: <http://navy.thenationals.net>.

NAS Pensacola is an unparalleled host. No words can express what they do for so many NJROTC cadets and their families. From the Marines, to the Navy Chiefs, to the OCS personnel, everyone works to ensure the cadets are treated in a first-class manner.

We at SNI look forward to the 2006 Navy Nationals, with all units again gearing up to see who could forever be remembered as the school that dethroned the Flour Bluff dynasty!



Flour Bluff HS was proud and a bit in shock as they pose with Rear Admiral Gary R. Jones, U.S. Navy Commander, NSTC/ Navy Region Midwest, who congratulated them on their unparalleled 9th consecutive Navy Nationals Overall Championship.

THE 5th ANNUAL **NATIONAL CAPITAL INVITATIONAL DRILL CLASSIC** BROUGHT TOGETHER ANOTHER OUTSTANDING GROUP OF AIR FORCE JUNIOR ROTC UNITS FROM ALL CORNERS OF THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM 15 STATES AS FAR AWAY AS COLORADO, MICHIGAN, TEXAS, FLORIDA & NEW HAMPSHIRE. THE TREMENDOUS DIVERSITY IN GEOGRAPHY WAS IN STARK CONTRAST TO THE AMAZING UNIFORMITY ON THE DRILL FLOOR AS CADETS DISPLAYED LASER-GUIDED FOCUS ON THE GOAL OF A STRONG FINISH AT THE EVENT THAT HAS GROWN TO BE KNOWN AS THE "AIR FORCE NATIONALS." FRESH FACES MARCHED INTO COMPETITION AREAS TO SHOW HOW THOUSANDS OF HOURS OF TRAINING HAVE TRANSFORMED THESE PREMIERE AFJROTC CADETS INTO LEAN, MEAN DRILLING MACHINES! WITHOUT QUESTION, THE NCIDC REMAINS THE LARGEST AND FINEST AFJROTC-ONLY NATIONAL DRILL COMPETITION HELD ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

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ARMED DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

MIDWESTERN POWERHOUSE **BELLEVUE WEST HS** FROM **BELLEVUE, NEBRASKA** DISPLAYED THE TYPE OF FLAIR AND SHOWMANSHIP THAT HAD GIVEN THEM THE REPUTATION AS THE TEAM TO BEAT AT THE 2005 COMPETITION. AS THE SCORES CAME IN, THEY DID NOT FAIL TO DISAPPOINT. THE **LADY SILENT SENTRY** DRILL UNIT PUT UP IMPRESSIVE FINISHES IN ALL FOUR TEAM EVENTS, WITH AN ESPECIALLY EYE-POPPING 1st PLACE FINISH IN EXHIBITION DRILL WHICH HELPED THEM TO THEIR RUNNER-UP FINISH. HOWEVER, WITH NEAR FLAWLESS PRECISION ON THE REGULATION SIDE, **COVENTRY HS** FROM **COVENTRY, RHODE ISLAND** POWERED THEIR WAY TO A THIRD CONSECUTIVE ARMED DIVISION CROWN. BRUTE STRENGTH WAS THE DECIDING FACTOR AS THE **FALCONS** DRILL TEAM GARNERED 1st PLACE FINISHES IN INSPECTION, REGULATION & COLOR GUARD EVENTS. A 4th PLACE FINISH IN EXHIBITION GAVE THIS OCEAN STATE DYNASTY ALL THE QUALITY POINTS THEY NEEDED TO WRAP UP THEIR VICTORY HANDILY.

A LOG JAM OF SCHOOLS VIED FOR 3rd PLACE WITH FLASHY **SPRING VALLEY HS** FROM **COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA** GRABBING THIRD. THE **VIKINGS** DRILL TEAM WERE PACED BY STRONG 3rd PLACE SHOWINGS IN BOTH REGULATION & EXHIBITION EVENTS, ALLOWING THEM TO EKE OUT THE TIGHT VICTORY OVER 4th PLACE OVERALL FINISHER **FRANKLIN K. LANE**

A BLAZE of Glory at the "AIR FORCE NATIONALS"

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HS FROM **BROOKLYN, NEW YORK** (2nd-REGULATION AND 4th-INSPECTION). JUST MISSING IN 5th PLACE OVERALL WAS **E.E. SMITH HS** FROM **FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA** DESPITE TROPHY PLACEMENTS WITHIN INSPECTION, COLOR GUARD AND EXHIBITION.

OTHER SOLID ARMED DIVISION FINISHES INCLUDED: **WARREN HS** (2nd-INSPECTION); **SPRINGFIELD CENTRAL HS** (2nd-EXHIBITION); **BURNCOAT HS** (3rd-COLOR GUARD); **NORTH QUINCY HS** (5th-COLOR GUARD); **OXON HILL HS** (5th-REGULATION) AND **LACKEY HS** (5th-INSPECTION).

UNARMED DIVISION

THE 2005 UNARMED DIVISION COMPETITION IS ALWAYS A DOGFIGHT BUT THIS YEAR, EVEN MORE STRONG TEAMS WERE PART OF THE MIX, MAKING THE FINAL OUTCOME TRULY UP FOR GRABS BETWEEN A HALF-DOZEN IMPRESSIVE PROGRAMS.

2003 OVERALL UNARMED CHAMPION **SOUTHERN REGIONAL HS** FROM **MANAHAWKIN, NEW JERSEY** VOWED TO RETURN TO EXCELLENCE IN 2005 AND THEY DID. USING THEIR PATENTED STYLE OF POUNDING THE "BASIC" EVENTS FOR ALL THEY ARE WORTH AND THEN HANGING ON IN EXHIBITION DRILL, THE **BLUE KNIGHTS** DRILL TEAM GRABBED 1st PLACE FINISHES IN BOTH INSPECTION & COLOR GUARD, A STRONG 3rd PLACE REGULATION FINISH, AND THEN HELD ON WITH AN 8th PLACE FINISH IN EXHIBITION DRILL TO BRING HOME THE TITLE. WITH THE RECENT DEPARTURE OF DRILL ZEN MASTER MSgt. LEE MESSINA, SOUTHERN REGIONAL HS WILL NEED TO WORK EXTRA HARD TO MAINTAIN THE STRONG PROGRAM THEY HAVE CREATED.

WITH AN EERILY SIMILAR QUALITY TO THE 2004 COMPETITION, **SANDALWOOD HS** FROM **JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA** GAVE IT EVERYTHING THEY HAD BUT AGAIN CAME UP JUST SHORT BY CAPTURING THE UNARMED OVERALL RUNNER-UP TITLE. THE **SILVER EAGLES** DRILL TEAM EARNED THREE TROPHIES WITH ONLY AN UNUSUALLY SOFT 6th PLACE EXHIBITION FINISH KEEPING THE TEAM FROM MAKING UP THE SINGLE QUALITY POINT THEY NEEDED TO CLOSE THE GAP AND CLAIM OVERALL VICTORY.

ANOTHER TIGHT FINISHER WAS THE ALWAYS-TOUGH **OXON HILL HS** FROM JUST DOWN THE ROAD IN **OXON HILL, MARYLAND**. WITH THREE AWESOME TROPHY FINISHES (2nd-REGULATION, 3rd-COLOR GUARD & EX), ONLY A HARD LUCK 9th PLACE IN INSPECTION KEPT THE **BLUE GUARD** DRILL TEAM FROM GAINING THE TITLE AND FORCED THEM TO SETTLE FOR A 3rd PLACE OVERALL FINISH.

FLASHY **BELLEVUE WEST HS** CAPTIVATED THE CROWD AS NO TEAM HAS EVER DONE BEFORE WITH ARGUABLY THE FINEST UNARMED EXHIBITION ROUTINE EVER WITNESSED! THIS IMPRESSIVE 1st PLACE FINISH IN EXHIBITION DRILL PACED AN OVERALL STRONG PERFORMANCE AND GAVE THIS WELL-ROUNDED PROGRAM A 4th PLACE OVERALL FINISH. **LACKEY HS** FROM **INDIAN HEAD, MARYLAND** ALSO BUILT ON THEIR STRONG 2nd PLACE EXHIBITION TO GAIN 5th PLACE OVERALL IN THE UNARMED DIVISION.

OTHER UNARMED DIVISION FINISHES INCLUDED: **SPRINGFIELD CENTRAL HS** (2nd-COLOR GUARD); **EAST HENDERSON HS** (4th-INSPECTION, 5th-EXHIBITION); **BURNCOAT HS** (4th-COLOR GUARD); **PLAINFIELD HS** (4th-EXHIBITION); **SURRATTSVILLE HS** (4th-REGULATION) AND **E.E. SMITH HS** (5th-REGULATION).

THE "AIR FORCE NATIONALS" WILL TAKE A ONE-YEAR HIATUS FROM THE NATION'S CAPITAL IN 2006 TO MOVE SOUTH, ALLOWING AFJROTC SCHOOLS IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE UNITED STATES THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AMAZING COMPETITION. **MACON, GEORGIA** WILL BE THE HOST CITY FOR THE 2006 NATIONAL CAPITAL INVITATIONAL DRILL CLASSIC. THIS DRILL WEEKEND WILL ALSO COINCIDE WITH MACON'S **INTERNATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL!** SCHOOLS FROM ACROSS THE UNITED STATES INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE UPCOMING 2006 COMPETITION SHOULD CHECK OUT THE OFFICIAL EVENT WEBSITE AT: <http://af.thenationals.net>. ON THE WEBSITE, SCHOOLS CAN DOWNLOAD THE EVENT SOP, SCORE SHEETS, OFFICIAL INVITATION & MOST IMPORTANT, SCHOOLS CAN DOWNLOAD THE EVENT REGISTRATION FORM, COMPLETE IT, AND BE CONSIDERED FOR ACCEPTANCE INTO THE EVENT.

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Eastern Region Championships - Landover, Maryland

The day following the "Air Force Nationals" drill competition, 2,000 cadets, parents and instructors filled the Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex with spotless Class "A" uniforms for the **U.S. Army Cadet Command Championships**. Focused and eager cadets filled the venue as the championship was in sight for 49 Army Junior ROTC units from throughout the Eastern Region. These well-prepared schools came to battle in the hopes of gaining bragging rights by capturing the Eastern Region Army JROTC Championship!

With scores of qualified judges brought in by the Eastern Region HQ, the tension was high! No feeling compares with competing against your peers and the "Army Nationals" continues to give every cadet the unique experience of having every command and movement scrutinized not only by the scoring judges, but by everyone in the building!



Eastern Division Army Nationals top finishers with Official Party (left to right): McNair Academic HS (Unarmed Division Runner-up), Francis Lewis HS (Unarmed Division Champion); Col. Robert Frusha, U.S. Army Eastern Region Commander; CSM Michael Peters, CSM, U.S. Army Eastern Region Cadet Command; Xavier HS (Armed Division Champion); Carver HS (Armed Division Runner-Up).

ARMED DIVISION

A huge field of exceptional drill talent made for an exciting, wide-open Armed Division competition. With the unknown factor of the academic exam inclusion this year, few schools could predict the outcome. That said, the big chase came down to just two schools. **Xavier HS** from **New York, New York** guaranteed victory in advance of the event on the Army Nationals Yahoo! chat room and they backed up their talk with a convincing victory! The **X-Squad** showed great all-around strength, gaining no 1st place finishes but earning numerous trophies, finishing no lower than 6th in any event to win the overall Armed Championship.

Just missing the championship title was **Carver HS** from **Winston-Salem, North Carolina**. Capturing 1st place in all three basic drill events (Inspection, Regulation & Color Guard), along with grabbing a 2nd place finish in Exhibition, the victory was in sight! But a tough 16th place finish in the Academic Exam competition cost the **Blue Jackets** drill team the overall title. No doubt the team will be back stronger than ever as the grit they showed will have them even more ready in 2006!

The 3rd place Overall Armed Division title was taken by the well-rounded unit from **Francis Lewis HS**. The **Patriot Guard** from **Fresh Meadows, New York** earned trophy finishes within Academics (2nd), Exhibition & Color Guard (4th), and Regulation (5th) to easily surpass their nearest competitors.

Other schools within the Armed Division who put forth impressive performances included: **McNair Academic HS** (1st-Academics); **Cranston HS East** (1st-Exhibition, 3rd-Inspection); **Oak Ridge MA** (2nd-Color Guard, 3rd-Regulation); **Liberty HS** (2nd-Inspection, 5th-Academics); **East Gadsden HS** (3rd-Color Guard), **Thomas Stone HS** (3rd-Academics), **Kenwood HS** (4th-Regulation) and **Long Island City HS** (5th-Inspection & Exhibition).

UNARMED DIVISION

A blow-out of epic proportions took control of the Unarmed Division early on, making the real competition for Division Runner-up as **Francis Lewis HS** from **Fresh Meadows, New York** improved on their Runner-up finish in 2004 to dominate the division in 2005. The **Patriot Pride** drill team captured every competition event with the exception of a 2nd place finish in Academics. It was, to date, the most dominant team performance ever witnessed at an Army Nationals Championship event.

A cluster of strong teams remained in the hunt as the scores were being tallied, but a 1st place finish in Academics helped to power **McNair Academic HS** from **Jersey City, New Jersey** into the Overall Runner-up finish. Combined with a pair of 2nd place finishes, the **Tanko-Woosas** drill team had enough overall strength to take home the Division Runner-Up trophy.

The 3rd place Overall Unarmed Division placement belonged to the hard-chargers from **Carver HS**. The **Gold Jackets** drill team earned trophy finishes within Exhibition (2nd), Inspection (3rd) and Color Guard (4th) to put distance between their unit and the rest of the strong field.

Other outstanding finishes in the Unarmed Division included: **Long Island City HS** (3rd-Exhibition & Academics, 4th-Inspection); **T.C. Williams HS** (3rd-Regulation, 5th-Inspection & Color Guard); **Forestville MA** (2nd-Inspection, 4th-Regulation); and **East Boston HS** (3rd-Color Guard, 5th-Regulation).

After an exciting Armed & Unarmed Knockout competition, a packed formation of cadets on the drill floor flanked by instructors & parents in the bleachers were eager to wrap this long day of competition. Spirited keynote words by **Colonel Robert J. Frusha**, Commander, Eastern Region, U.S. Army Cadet Command, gave everyone a sense of pride that someone in such an important position would take the time to be on hand! When all of the trophies were presented, everyone in attendance had the feeling of a job well done! Congratulations go to all of the schools competing at the Eastern Division of the Army Nationals!

2006 Eastern Region Championships
Saturday, March 25th - Macon, Georgia

The Eastern Region event heads to the South for one year in 2006. Demand is expected to be high so register quickly to lock up your competition space.

JROTC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Coming from throughout the US, many of the finest Army JROTC units put their best efforts on the line and came away thousands of cadets the opportunity to compete against the best of the best! We salute these outstanding programs!

Western Region Championships - College Station, Texas

With the unparalleled hospitality of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets as a backdrop, 34 Army JROTC units traveled to College Station in March of 2005 to compete with honor at the **U.S. Army Cadet Command Championships**. Without question, Texas remains the home to the vast majority of the nation's finest Junior ROTC drill units, therefore the competition field at this Western Region Championship is always a distinguished roster of military drill excellence.

Judging strength was boldly increased this year with the help of both U.S. Army Western Region Cadet Command and the U.S. Army 12th Brigade. The knowledge and dedication of the judges were exceptional and their efforts added to the prestige of this exciting competition.

With over half of the competition field capable of winning the Overall Championship on any given day, an air of excitement hung throughout the venue when word emerged that event favorite Winston Churchill HS requested to have all of their event starts as early as possible in order to attend an evening school engagement in San Antonio. This major disadvantage would make it extremely difficult for the world famous Black Watch drill team to repeat as champions in 2005.

ARMED DIVISION

All the schools kept their eye on the San Antonio drill units with their reputation for excellence, but deciphering which will have "their day" is always the trick! Early on, no clear favorite jumped to the front. But as the day wore on, it was apparent that **Ronald Reagan HS** from **San Antonio, Texas** had the strength and consistency to grab the Armed Division Overall title. With three 2nd place finishes (Inspection, Regulation & Exhibition) the Rattler Guard drill team had more than enough firepower to veto the hard charge from the rest of the competition field.

The hunt for the Overall Runner-up title was extremely tight between two more powerhouse San Antonio programs. **Douglas MacArthur HS** captured 1st place finishes in both Inspection and Regulation, along with a solid 5th place finish in the Academic Exam. The **Blue Guard** drill unit held together just enough points in the other events to ward off the assault from always-tough **Theodore Roosevelt HS**. Their Color Guard garnered a 1st place finish, along with a 3rd place finish in Exhibition and a 4th place in Inspection. Ironically, both teams maintained 8th place finishes in every other event, leaving the **San Juan Guard** drill team a single quality point shy in 3rd place.

Other schools in the Armed Division who blazed with star quality included: **Winston Churchill HS** (1st-Academics, 3rd-Inspection); **J.H. Reagan HS** (1st-Exhibition); **Henry J. Kaiser HS** (2nd-Academics); **Trevor Browne HS** (2nd-Color Guard, 3rd-Academics); **J.H. Reagan HS** (3rd-Regulation, 5th-Inspection) and **James Madison HS** (4th Academics, 5th-Regulation).

2006 Western Region Championships
Saturday, March 11th - College Station, Texas

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

UNARMED DIVISION

The Army Nationals Unarmed Division came down to the wire as only two quality points separated the top two schools. **Theodore Roosevelt HS** seemed to sew things up with a 1st place finish (Regulation) followed by three 2nd place finishes (Color Guard, Exhibition, Academics). The **Riderettes** drill team left the door ajar with a 6th place finish in Inspection, but they had just enough to ensure they continued their dominance, repeating as the Unarmed Division Overall Champion in 2005.

Douglas MacArthur HS from **San Antonio, Texas** gave Roosevelt everything they could handle, capturing two 1st place finishes (Academics & Inspection), a 2nd place (Regulation) and a 4th place (Exhibition) but a tough 7th place finish in the tough Color Guard event left the **Blue Angels** drill team in the Unarmed Runner-up position again for the 2nd consecutive year. **Ronald Reagan HS** also grabbed three trophies (2nd-Inspection, 3rd-Academics, 4th-Regulation) which pushed the **Diamondback** drill team to the 3rd place Overall Unarmed Division finish.

Other top finishes in the Unarmed Division were: **Walla Walla HS** (1st-Exhibition, 3rd-Inspection); **Henry J. Kaiser HS** (1st-Color Guard); **Robert E. Lee HS** (3rd-Regulation & Exhibition, 4th-Color Guard); **Alamo Heights HS** (5th-Color Guard & Academics); and **Kemper County HS** (3rd-Color Guard).

Two powerful members of the Army on hand (Texas A&M University Commandant of Cadets **Lt.Gen. John Van Alstyne** and U.S. Army Western Region Commander **Colonel Steven R. Corbett**) put forth strong messages to the assembled cadets, instructors and family members just prior to the trophy distribution at the closing-night Awards Ceremony. Emotions were running high and a good time was had by all. A big "Mega-Hooah" goes out to all of those who assisted in producing this effort and especially to all of the schools who attended and put it on the line at the Western Division of the "Army Nationals."



Western Division top finishers with the Official Party (left to right): Douglas MacArthur HS (Armed Division Runner-up); Ronald Reagan HS (Armed Division Champion); Lt. Gen. John Van Alstyne, Texas A&M Commandant of Cadets; COL Steven R. Corbett, Commander, U.S. Army Cadet Command, Western Region; Theodore Roosevelt HS (Unarmed Division Champion); Douglas MacArthur HS (Unarmed Division Runner-up).

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

2006 National High School

Introduction

Sports Network International is pleased to provide this invitation to all precision drill units to attend the 24th 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 units use the regulations of their own service to best compete at the NHSDTC, however 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. 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 NHSDTC maintain a strong background in military drill. Judges are fully qualified military personnel representing all four branches of the service. All judges are given extensive judging manuals in advance of the event, as well as a full on-site briefing on the eve of the competition. The Nationals' judges are extremely motivated and give a 110% effort. This remains a major reason why so many teams look to end their drill season at **"The World's Most Famous Beach."**

Competition Events

The NHSDTC maintains two competition levels. The **Challenge Level** 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 Guard units 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.

NHSDTC Event Specifics

The National High School Drill Team Championships are held at the impressive **Ocean Center Civic Arena** in Daytona Beach, Florida in late Spring every year. This state-of-the-art facility features permanent seating for over 6,000 with outstanding amenities for a drill competition the size and prestige of the Nationals. The Ocean Center also features a complete concession area and 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 **Hilton Oceanwalk Resort**. Located directly across the street from the Ocean Center, the Hilton 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 **NHSDTC Commander's Call** the evening prior to their competition. At this meeting, all teams are presented their competition schedules and receive a short briefing by NHSDTC Competition Director, Justin Gates. The Challenge & Open Level events will be held on **Friday, May 5th**, with the two-day Masters Level competition held on **Saturday & Sunday, May 6th & 7th**. 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 trophyed 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 **\$109.00 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 **\$96.00 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 Deluxe 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 plan, 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 2nd, 2005**. 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 2nd, 2005. 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 2nd review deadline will have only a small chance of getting into the Nationals. The event will be full on December 2nd, 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 6th. 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 made payable and 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 2006 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 Shines Bright in Daytona Beach!

The Challenge Level and Open Level Color Guard competitions at the Nationals continue to grow in both talent and stature. More and more JROTC programs have worked diligently to improve their competition drill teams. These stronger programs keep raising the level of excellence making many Challenge level performances just as eye-catching and exciting as their Masters Level brethren. The days of the Challenge Level being the home for new programs just getting their start are long gone. Watching the intensity and determination of the cadets in the Challenge Level events lets onlookers know right up front that you had better come on strong for this competition or stay home!

Every year makes its mark in some unique way. 2005 will be remembered as the "Year of the Long Distance Champion!"

ARMED DIVISION

The Armed Division competition thundered in with numerous awesome performances. As the day wore on, a two school runaway took hold.

First-time attendee **GRANTS HS** from **GRANTS, NEW MEXICO** made a name for themselves early, nabbing trophies in Color Guard (1st), Regulation (2nd) & Exhibition (4th). The **PIRATE DEVIL DOGS** then held on in Inspection to capture the Overall Challenge Armed Championship. With press releases, interviews and pictures flying from the arena just after concluding the event, it was safe to say that this Marine Corps JROTC unit from New Mexico turned the town on its head with their stunning victory.

Past Challenge Level Champion **MONTGOMERY CENTRAL HS** from **CUNNINGHAM, TENNESSEE** reloaded with a very young squad and battled for the Armed Division title. The **Chief's Guard** Army JROTC drill team nailed three trophies on their always strong "basic" side of the house (2nd-Inspection, 3rd-Regulation, 4th-Color Guard) but came up just short in their quest to repeat as Challenge Level champions.

Leading a pack of intense competitors in third place overall was the always formidable **Oak Ridge MA** (Oak Ridge, North Carolina). Paced by a 3rd place finish in the Exhibition competition, the Army JROTC unit continues to rebuild to the form that brought them an Alternative Arms Division National Championship nearly a decade ago.

Other solid Armed finishes included: **NORTHEAST HS** (1st-Reg, 2nd-CG); **Mt. Juliet HS** (4th-Inspection, 5th-Reg); **CENTRAL CROSSING HS** (1st-Inspection); **GULFPORT HS** (1st-Ex); **Oxon Hill HS** (2nd-Ex); **EVANS HS** (3rd-Inspection) and **Lackey HS** (3rd-CG).

UNARMED DIVISION

What was expected to be a battle between 6 to 8 talented schools turned into a runaway victory for a school that nobody felt would be "in the hunt" this year. Internal issues and the impending departure of Tundra drill wizardress MSgt. Barbara Wright from **Bethel Regional HS** was expected to keep this **Bethel, Alaska** unit out of contention this year. But the indomitable spirit of these Native people carried them to capture 1st Inspection, 2nd Color Guard & 3rd place Exhibition finishes which was plenty for this Army JROTC unit to win the title.



Challenge Level Awards Ceremony (from left to right): Unarmed Division Runner-up Plainfield HS, Unarmed Division Champion Bethel Regional HS, NNSDTC Head Judge 1stSgt. Christopher Borghese, Armed Division Champion Grants HS, and Armed Division Runner-up Montgomery Central HS.

Another school coming from seemingly nowhere into a National Championship Runner-up position was **Plainfield HS**. This AFJROTC program put up a solid but unspectacular 13th place finish overall at the Air Force Nationals event just 6 weeks prior. But the **Cardinal Guard** drill team from **Plainfield, New Jersey** put all of the pieces together for a supreme effort in Daytona Beach, buoyed by a 2nd place in Regulation and a 4th place in Exhibition.

Earning a 3rd place finish was **EAST COLUMBUS HS**. Despite a strong 2nd place in Inspection and Exhibition and 5th in Regulation, a disastrous 23rd place finish within the Color Guard competition left this fine North Carolina Army JROTC drill program mere steps from the top.

OPEN LEVEL COLOR GUARD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Open Level Color Guard event annually features many of the finest color guards in the nation. It remains an honor to watch this competition each year! Many schools who are too small to field competitive drill teams or find the financial burden too great to attend the Nationals often do so with just a color guard unit. The intense pride one feels while watching these units is a testament to the cadets & instructors who annually prepare for this event. With the competition limited to just 32 schools in 2005, the competition was even more intense. When the dust had settled, a few familiar faces emerged in the top spots.

Capturing the Championship in the OLCG event was **Coventry HS** from **Coventry, Rhode Island**. Coming off an impressive Air Force Nationals Armed Division Championship, the rebuilding **Falcons** drill team added an Open Level Color Guard Championship to their list of 2004-2005 school year accomplishments.

Just missing by 12 & 22 points out of 1,200 was event Runner-Up and 3rd place finisher **Alamo Heights HS** from **San Antonio, Texas**. Legendary color guard excellence is almost expected from this Army JROTC program annually and in 2005 they did not disappoint with their two units just missing the top prize!

The Bulldogs from **Lynn English HS** MCJROTC nabbed a strong 4th place finish, while the always tough **Northeast HS** Army JROTC foursome brought home the 5th place finish. Our best to all color guards who proudly display our national emblem!

To see top-to-bottom scoring in all events of the 2005 NNSDTC, go to the official event website and click on the "Scoring Results" link. Sports Network salutes every color guard who competed with honor in the Open Level Color Guard event. Entry spaces are limited to roughly 35 units, so **apply early!**

The division had other strong finishes, including: **EAST HENDERSON HS** (1st-CG, 4th-Regulation); **LYNN ENGLISH HS** (1st-Regulation); **GILBERT HS** (1st-Exhibition); **GLOUCESTER HS** (3rd-Inspection, 5th-CG); **HIALEAH-MIAMI LAKES HS** (3rd-Regulation & CG) and **GREEN RUN HS** (4th-CG).

Highly impressive knockout drills immediately led into the Challenge Level Awards Ceremony. Clitz and polish are ever present, thanks largely to the amazing inclusion of the **Rossvue HS JROTC Band** as well as the "Historic Salute to the Armed Forces" presentation by **Lakewood HS JROTC**. Emotions are always high as tremendous pent up energy boils to the surface during this tense and spirited trophy presentation.

The Challenge Level event has grown to become the largest and most diverse competition field at the NNSDTC! All four team events in both the Armed & Unarmed Divisions are filled with dozens of intensely competitive schools whose desire to win is no less strong than any Masters Level school.

Schools who "put it on the line" at the Challenge Level deserve a hearty congratulations for their efforts and sacrifice to attain excellence.



2005 National High School Drill Team Championships

Challenge Level Attendees & Event Standings



Armed Division

Inspection

Central Crossing HS	<i>Comets</i>	983
Montgomery Central HS	<i>Chief's Guard</i>	932
Evans HS	<i>Knights</i>	900
Mt. Juliet HS	<i>Teufelhunden</i>	888
Ooltewah HS	<i>The Owl Battalion</i>	882

Regulation

Northeast HS	<i>Claws of the Eagle</i>	716
Grants HS	<i>Pirate Devil Dogs</i>	670
Montgomery Central HS	<i>Chief's Guard</i>	664
Holmes HS	<i>Marching Bulldogs</i>	656
Mt. Juliet HS	<i>Teufelhunden</i>	654

Color Guard

Grants HS	<i>Pirate Devil Dogs</i>	878
Northeast HS	<i>Claws of the Eagle</i>	874
Lackey HS	<i>Ruff Ryders</i>	865
Montgomery Central HS	<i>Chief's Guard</i>	859
E.E. Smith HS	<i>Golden Knights</i>	853

Team Exhibition

Gulfport HS	<i>Commandant's Choice</i>	1127
Oxon Hill HS	<i>Lords of Discipline</i>	1101
Oak Ridge MA	<i>Fighting Cadets</i>	1046
Grants HS	<i>Pirate Devil Dogs</i>	1011
United South HS	<i>South Panther Rifles</i>	989

Overall Armed Champion

Grants HS - *Pirate Devil Dogs*

Overall Armed Runner-up

Montgomery Central HS - *Chief's Guard*

Air Academy HS
Air Force JROTC
USAF, Colorado

Airport HS
Army JROTC
West Columbia, S. Carolina

Bainbridge HS
Air Force JROTC
Bainbridge, Georgia

Baldwin HS
Navy JROTC
Milledgeville, Georgia

Bethel Regional HS
Army JROTC
Bethel, Alaska

Bloomington HS
Air Force JROTC
Valrico, Florida

Cass Technical HS
Army JROTC
Detroit, Michigan

Cedar Shoals HS
Army JROTC
Athens, Georgia

Central Crossing HS
Navy JROTC
Grove City, Ohio

Chantilly Academy
Air Force JROTC
Chantilly, Virginia

Chicago Vocational HS
Army JROTC
Chicago, Illinois

Colonel White HS
Army JROTC
Dayton, Ohio

Delta HS
Army JROTC
Mer Rouge, Louisiana

E.E. Smith HS
Air Force JROTC
Fayetteville, N. Carolina

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

Essex HS
Air Force JROTC
Essex Junction, Vermont

Evans HS
Army JROTC
Evans, Georgia

F.W. Springstead HS
Air Force JROTC
Spring Hill, Florida

Fairmont HS
Army JROTC
Fairmont, N. Carolina

Unarmed Division

Inspection

Bethel Regional HS	<i>Warriors</i>	1168
East Columbus HS	<i>Ladies/Men of America</i>	1027
Gloucester HS	<i>Scarlett Thunder</i>	967
Bainbridge HS	<i>Wings of Blue</i>	939
Franklin Parrish HS	<i>Lady Patriots</i>	867

Regulation

Lynn English HS	<i>Lady Bulldogs</i>	1018
Plainfield HS	<i>Cardinal Guard</i>	1014
Hialeah-Miami Lks HS	<i>Royal Trojans</i>	972
East Henderson HS	<i>Strike Eagles</i>	959
East Columbus HS	<i>Ladies/Men of America</i>	952

Color Guard

East Henderson HS	<i>Strike Eagles</i>	916
Bethel Regional HS	<i>Warriors</i>	846
Hialeah-Miami Lks HS	<i>Royal Trojans</i>	840
Green Run HS	<i>Green Run Stallions</i>	814
Gloucester HS	<i>Scarlett Thunder</i>	802

Team Exhibition

Gilbert HS	<i>Gilbert Tigers</i>	970
East Columbus HS	<i>Ladies/Men of America</i>	931
Bethel Regional HS	<i>Warriors</i>	930
Plainfield HS	<i>Cardinal Guard</i>	915
Franklin Parrish HS	<i>Lady Patriots</i>	903

Overall Unarmed Champion

Bethel Regional HS - *Warriors*

Overall Unarmed Runner-up

Plainfield HS - *Cardinal Guard*

Florida Air Academy
Air Force JROTC
Melbourne, Florida

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Air Force JROTC
Ocala, Florida

Forestville MA
Army JROTC
Forestville, Maryland

Franklin Parrish HS
Army JROTC
Winnsboro, Louisiana

Gaithersburg HS
Navy JROTC
Gaithersburg, Maryland

Gilbert HS
Air Force JROTC
Gilbert, Arizona

Gloucester HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Gloucester, MA

Grants HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Grants, New Mexico

Green Run HS
Navy JROTC
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Gulfport HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Gulfport, Mississippi

Harrison HS
Air Force JROTC
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Hayes HS
Army JROTC
Birmingham, Alabama

Hendersonville HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Hendersonville, Tennessee

Hialeah-Miami Lakes HS
Army JROTC
Hialeah, Florida

Holmes HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Covington, Kentucky

Hubbard HS
Army JROTC
Chicago, Illinois

Irvington HS
Army JROTC
Irvington, New Jersey

James O'Neill HS
Army JROTC
Highland Falls, New York

Kenwood HS
Army JROTC
Clarksville, Tennessee

La Salle Institute
Army JROTC
Troy, New York

Lackey HS
Air Force JROTC
Indian Head, Maryland

Lakeside HS
Army JROTC
Evans, Georgia

Lakewood HS
Army JROTC
Lakewood, New Jersey

Leesville HS
Army JROTC
Leesville, Louisiana

Lynn English HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Lynn, Massachusetts

Malcolm X. Shabazz HS
Army JROTC
Newark, New Jersey

Missouri MA
Army JROTC
Mexico, Missouri

Montgomery Central HS
Army JROTC
Cunningham, Tennessee

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

North Clayton HS
Air Force JROTC
College Park, Georgia

North Marion HS
Air Force JROTC
Citra, Florida

Northeast HS
Army JROTC
Clarksville, Tennessee

Northview HS
Army JROTC
Duluth, Georgia

Northwest HS
Army JROTC
Clarksville, Tennessee

Oak Ridge MA
Army JROTC
Oak Ridge, North Carolina

Ooltewah Hill HS
Army JROTC
Ooltewah, Tennessee

Oxon Hill HS
Air Force JROTC
Oxon Hill, Maryland

Passaic HS
Navy JROTC
Passaic, New Jersey

Perry County Central HS
Army JROTC
Hazard, Kentucky

Plainfield HS
Air Force JROTC
Plainfield, New Jersey

Prince George HS
Army JROTC
Prince George, Virginia

T.C. Williams HS
Army JROTC
Alexandria, Virginia

Thomas Stone HS
Army JROTC
Waldorf, Maryland

United South HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Laredo, Texas

Upson-Lee HS
Navy JROTC
Thomaston, Georgia

Uvalde HS
Navy JROTC
Uvalde, Texas

Waukegan HS
Army JROTC
Waukegan, Illinois

West Orange HS
Air Force JROTC
Winter Garden, Florida

Abraham Clark High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Roselle, New Jersey

Campbell High School
Navy JROTC
Ewa Beach, Hawaii

Carroll High School
Army JROTC
Ozark, Alabama

Carver High School
Army JROTC
Winston-Salem, N.Carolina

Cedar Shoals High School
Army JROTC
Athens, Georgia

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

Farrington High School
Army JROTC
Honolulu, Hawaii

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

Henry J. Kaiser High School
Army JROTC
Fontana, California

Hubbard High School
Army JROTC
Chicago, Illinois

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

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Jenks High School
Air Force JROTC
Jenks, Oklahoma

John Jay High School
Air Force JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

John Marshall High School
Navy JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Kailua High School
Air Force JROTC
Kailua, Hawaii

Lackey High School
Air Force JROTC
Indian Head, Maryland

Lakewood Ranch High School
Army JROTC
Bradenton, Florida

Leavenworth High School
Army JROTC
Leavenworth, Kansas

Leesburg High School
Air Force JROTC
Leesburg, Florida

Long Island City High School
Army JROTC
Long Island City, New York

Marmion Academy
Army JROTC
Aurora, Illinois

Mattoon High School
Army JROTC
Mattoon, Illinois

McNair Academic High School
Army JROTC
Jersey City, New Jersey

Miami Springs High School
Army JROTC
Miami Springs, Florida

Moanalua High School
Air Force JROTC
Honolulu, Hawaii

Mt. Juliet High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Mt. Juliet, Tennessee

Murphy High School
Army JROTC
Mobile, Alabama

Myrtle Beach High School
Navy JROTC
Myrtle Beach, S.Carolina

Newburgh Free Academy
Air Force JROTC
Newburgh, New York

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Army JROTC
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Oxon Hill High School
Air Force JROTC
Oxon Hill, Maryland

Palm Bay High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Palm Bay, Florida

Pine Ridge High School
Air Force JROTC
Deltona, Florida

Rahway High School
Marine Corps JROTC
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Southeast High School
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Spring Valley High School
Air Force JROTC
Columbia, South Carolina

Springfield High School
Army JROTC
Holland, Ohio

St. John's Military School
Army JROTC
Salina, Kansas

St. Louis High School
Army JROTC
Honolulu, Hawaii

Taft High School
Air Force JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

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

Upson-Lee High School
Navy JROTC
Thomaston, Georgia

Walla Walla High School
Army JROTC
Walla Walla, Washington

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These Schools Are Truly the Masters of All They Survey!



For the third consecutive year, Navy JROTC unit Flour Bluff HS from Corpus Christi, Texas (top & left) captured the Demilitarized Division and Unarmed Divisions, while five time returning champion Fern Creek HS from Fern Creek, Kentucky (right) nailed down the Alternative Arms crown.

THE DYNASTIES CONTINUE...

SCORES OF SCHOOLS FROM ACROSS THE UNITED STATES MADE THEIR ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE EPICENTER OF DRILL & CEREMONY EXCELLENCE, THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DRILL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS. DIVERSE PROGRAMS FROM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WERE CHASING THE THREE, BACK-TO-BACK-TO-BACK RETURNING CHAMPIONS IN THE MASTERS LEVEL COMPETITION. DETERMINED TO CHANGE HISTORY, ONLY TIME WOULD TELL IF A NEW CHAMPION WOULD STEP TO THE FOREFRONT IN 2005.

ALTERNATIVE ARMS DIVISION

COULD FIVE-YEAR CHAMPION FERN CREEK HS FROM FERN CREEK, KENTUCKY HAVE THEIR DOMINANCE SHATTERED THIS YEAR? IN A PHRASE, NO CHANCE! THE LADY LEATHERNECKS LEFT NO DOUBT THEY ARE THE BEST OF THE BEST AS THEY COMMANDED TOP THREE FINISHES IN ALL FIVE TEAM EVENTS, HIGHLIGHTED BY VICTORIES WITHIN INSPECTION AND PLATOON EXHIBITION COMPETITION. THESE MARINES HAVE LANDED AND WERE NEVER SERIOUSLY CHALLENGED. SEVERAL SCHOOLS HAVE ALREADY CONTACTED SNI ABOUT INCLUSION IN THE EVENT SO THE COMPETITION SHOULD BE STEEP IN 2006 BUT THESE HARD-CHARGERS WILL BE UP FOR THE TASK.

THE REAL COMPETITION FILTERED DOWN TO A RUNNER-UP FIGHT BETWEEN FOUR DIFFERENT SCHOOLS. WHEN THE SCORING WAS SETTLED, PALM BAY HS FROM PALM BAY, FLORIDA HAD JUST ENOUGH TO EKE OUT THE VICTORY. BARELY ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT DUE TO THE KNOCKOUT BLOW THREE HURRICANES SERVED UP TO THEIR COMMUNITY IN LATE 2004, THE LADY PIRATES PARLAYED A 1st PLACE FINISH (REGULATION) AND TWO 4th PLACE FINISHES (SQUAD & PLATOON EXHIBITION) INTO AN OVERALL ALT RUNNER-UP TITLE FOR THIS MCJROTC PROGRAM.

A PACK OF SCHOOLS ALL SEPARATED BY A SINGLE QUALITY POINT MADE FOR HIGH DRAMA AS THE ARMY JROTC UNIT FROM WINTER SPRINGS HS IN WINTER SPRINGS, FLORIDA HAD JUST ENOUGH FIREPOWER TO GRAB 3rd PLACE OVERALL FOR THE 3rd CONSECUTIVE YEAR. THE GOLDEN BEARS WON THE BRUTAL COLOR GUARD COMPETITION AND PLACED 3rd IN SQUAD EX TO NARROWLY DEFEAT A PACK OF TOUGH CHALLENGERS.

THE ALTERNATIVE ARMS DIVISION HAD OTHER TOP FINISHES INCLUDING: DEERFIELD BEACH HS (1st-SQUAD EX, 2nd-REGULATION); LEESBURG HS (2nd-INSPECTION, 3rd-COLOR GUARD, 5th-PLATOON EX); J.H. REAGAN HS (2nd-PLATOON EX, 5th-COLOR GUARD) AND SPRING VALLEY HS (3rd-PLATOON EX).



Long-time Nationals attendee Xavier HS from New York City, New York epitomizes the type of flash and excitement that is produced by dozens of schools throughout the exhibition phases of the Masters Level competition.

UNARMED DIVISION

ONCE AGAIN, A SIX-TEAM STRIKE FORCE WAS SET TO SHOOT DOWN THE REIGNING KING BUT IT WASN'T GOING TO HAPPEN THIS YEAR. A DOMINANT PERFORMANCE BY THE SEA HAWKS DRILL UNIT FROM FLOUR BLUFF HS PUMMELED THE COMPETITION INTO SUBMISSION, CAPTURING THREE 1st PLACE FINISHES (INSPECTION, REGULATION & FLIGHT EX), A 2nd PLACE (ELEMENT EX), AND A 4th PLACE (COLOR GUARD). THIS NJROTC UNIT FROM CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS DESTROYED THE COMPETITION IN GAINING THEIR 3rd CONSECUTIVE UNARMED DIVISION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

A PACK OF HUNGRY WOLVES WERE LEFT IN THE WAKE AND TOP DOG FOR THE OVERALL RUNNER-UP CROWN WAS THE RIDERETTES FROM THEODORE ROOSEVELT HS IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. DESPITE AN UNCHARACTERISTICALLY SOFT INSPECTION SCORE, THE ARMY CADETS CHARGED FORWARD WITH STRONG 3rd PLACE FINISHES IN BOTH REGULATION AND FLIGHT EX TO EARN THE RUNNER-UP CROWN. ARMY EASTERN REGION CHAMPION FRANCIS LEWIS HS FROM FRESH MEADOWS, NEW YORK GRABBED TWO 3rd PLACE TROPHIES (INSPECTION & COLOR GUARD) AND A 5th PLACE (FLIGHT EX) BUT A DISASTROUS 15th PLACE FINISH IN ELEMENT EXHIBITION PUT THE PATRIOT PRIDE DRILL TEAM BACK INTO 3rd PLACE OVERALL.

THE UNARMED DIVISION ALSO DISPLAYED OTHER GREAT PERFORMANCES, INCLUDING: DOUGLAS MACARTHUR HS (1st-COLOR GUARD, 2nd-INSPECTION, 5th-ELEMENT EX); JOHN JAY HS (2nd-FLIGHT EX, 3rd-ELEMENT EX); ABRAHAM CLARK HS (2nd-REGULATION & COLOR GUARD, 4th INSPECTION) AND WINSTON CHURCHILL HS (1st-ELEMENT EX).

DEMILITARIZED ARMS DIVISION

THE MOST WATCHED AND COPIED DIVISION AT THE NHS DTC WAS ANOTHER SHOWCASE IN 2005. WHILE NOT THE BLOWOUT WITNESSED WITHIN THE OTHER TWO COMPETITION DIVISIONS, FLOUR BLUFF HS FROM CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS AGAIN SUBDUED ANY THOUGHT OF A LET DOWN AND EASILY CAPTURED THE DEMILITARIZED ARMS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TO GO WITH THEIR UNARMED DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP. IN 2005, FLOUR BLUFF HS BECAME THE ONLY SCHOOL IN THE HISTORY OF THE NATIONALS TO WIN TWO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS PER YEAR FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS! THE TEAM WAS LOCKED ON, GAINING 1st PLACE FINISHES WITHIN REGULATION, COLOR GUARD AND PLATOON EX, AS WELL AS A 2nd PLACE INSPECTION AND 5th PLACE SQUAD EX. THE SEA DEVILS WERE THE ONLY DEMILITARIZED TEAM TO WIN MORE THAN THREE TROPHIES IN THE EXTREMELY COMPETITIVE DEMILITARIZED ARMS DIVISION.

THE FIGHT FOR THE RUNNER-UP TITLE SAW A DARK HORSE SNEAK TO THE FRONT. BRINGING BACK VISIONS OF YESTERYEAR, PAST TOP FINISHER RAHWAY HS FROM RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY SHOCKED MANY WITH 2nd PLACE FINISHES IN BOTH REGULATION AND PLATOON EX TO PACE THEIR VERY STRONG OVERALL PERFORMANCE. THE DEVIL PUPS OVERALL STRENGTH BEAT BACK WINSTON CHURCHILL HS, DESPITE THE BLACK WATCH TROPHY FINISHES IN INSPECTION (3rd), COLOR GUARD (2nd) AND SQUAD EX (1st).

OTHER TOP PERFORMANCES WERE: FRANCIS LEWIS HS (1st-INSPECTION, 3rd-CG); RONALD REAGAN HS (3rd-PLATOON EX, 4th-INSPECTION, 5th-CG); FERN CREEK HS (4th-PLATOON EX, 5th-INSPECTION); JOHN JAY HS (2nd-SQUAD EX); CARVER HS (3rd-SQUAD EX); JOHN MARSHALL HS (3rd-REGULATION) & DOUGLAS MACARTHUR HS (4th-OVERALL).

THE EXCELLENCE ON DISPLAY IN DAYTONA BEACH DURING THE MASTERS LEVEL HOLDS A SHINING SPOTLIGHT ON THE FUTURE LEADERS OF TOMORROW, BOTH CIVILIAN & MILITARY. SNI SALUTES EVERY CADET WHO MADE THEMSELVES A PART OF THE 2005 NATIONALS AND LOOKS FORWARD TO THE FIERCE BATTLE IN 2006 TO UNSEAT THESE AMAZING DYNASTIES.



NATIONAL High School Drill Team Championships



Masters Level Event Standings

All totals are based on a maximum 1200 points per event

Demilitarized Arms

Inspection

Francis Lewis HS	<i>Patriot Guard</i>	1042
Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Devils</i>	1025
Winston Churchill HS	<i>Black Watch</i>	1007
Ronald Reagan HS	<i>Rattler Guard</i>	994
Fern Creek HS	<i>Leathernecks</i>	974

Regulation

Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Devils</i>	801
Rahway HS	<i>Devil Pups</i>	791
John Marshall HS	<i>Schreiber's Rifles</i>	789
Marmion Academy	<i>Flannigan Rifles</i>	752
Silver Bluff HS	<i>Devil Dogs</i>	744

Color Guard

Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Devils</i>	989
Winston Churchill HS	<i>Black Watch</i>	973
Francis Lewis HS	<i>Patriot Guard</i>	972
Douglas MacArthur HS	<i>Blue Guard</i>	956
Ronald Reagan HS	<i>Rattler Guard</i>	951

Squad Exhibition

Winston Churchill HS	<i>Black Watch</i>	1130
John Jay HS	<i>Silver Eagles</i>	1099
Carver HS	<i>Jacket Battalion Blue</i>	1069
Northeast HS	<i>Long Rifles</i>	1049
Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Devils</i>	1045

Platoon Exhibition

Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Devils</i>	730
Rahway HS	<i>Devil Pups</i>	711
Ronald Reagan HS	<i>Rattler Guard</i>	698
Fern Creek HS	<i>Leathernecks</i>	698
Springfield HS	<i>Emerald Guard</i>	688

Unarmed

Inspection

Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Hawks</i>	1116
Douglas MacArthur HS	<i>Blue Angels</i>	1075
Francis Lewis HS	<i>Patriot Pride</i>	1040
Abraham Clark HS	<i>Lady Devil Dogs</i>	974
John Marshall HS	<i>Bandoleers</i>	973

Regulation

Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Hawks</i>	1045
Abraham Clark HS	<i>Lady Devil Dogs</i>	1001
Theodore Roosevelt HS	<i>Riderettes</i>	998
Southern Regional HS	<i>Blue Knights</i>	978
United South HS	<i>So. Lady Panthers</i>	975

Color Guard

Douglas MacArthur HS	<i>Blue Angels</i>	972
Abraham Clark HS	<i>Lady Devil Dogs</i>	896
Francis Lewis HS	<i>Patriot Pride</i>	878
Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Hawks</i>	867
Sandalwood HS	<i>Silver Eagles</i>	850

Element Exhibition

Winston Churchill HS	<i>Queen's Guard</i>	1052
Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Hawks</i>	1046
John Jay HS	<i>Snap II</i>	1040
Rahway HS	<i>Lady Devil Pups</i>	1038
Douglas MacArthur HS	<i>Blue Angels</i>	1022

Flight Exhibition

Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Hawks</i>	1120
John Jay HS	<i>Snap II</i>	1100
Theodore Roosevelt HS	<i>Riderettes</i>	1082
Oxon Hill HS	<i>The Untouchables</i>	1047
Francis Lewis HS	<i>Patriot Pride</i>	1040

Alternative Arms

Inspection

Fern Creek HS	<i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	933
Leesburg HS	<i>Silver Regiment</i>	917
Oak Ridge MA	<i>Lady Cadets</i>	910
Seneca HS	<i>Lady Redhawks</i>	884
Murphy HS	<i>Lady Blue Panthers</i>	853

Regulation

Palm Bay HS	<i>Lady Pirates</i>	966
Deerfield Beach HS	<i>Golden Bucks</i>	960
Fern Creek HS	<i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	960
Seneca HS	<i>Lady Redhawks</i>	901
Southeast HS	<i>Lady Noles</i>	880

Color Guard

Winter Springs HS	<i>Golden Bears</i>	849
Fern Creek HS	<i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	768
Leesburg HS	<i>Silver Regiment</i>	714
Southeast HS	<i>Lady Noles</i>	657
J.H. Reagan HS	<i>Reagan Riflettes</i>	647

Squad Exhibition

Deerfield Beach HS	<i>Golden Bucks</i>	1048
Fern Creek HS	<i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	998
Winter Springs HS	<i>Golden Bears</i>	984
Palm Bay HS	<i>Lady Pirates</i>	958
Springfield HS	<i>Grenadiers</i>	951

Platoon Exhibition

Fern Creek HS	<i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	1031
J.H. Reagan HS	<i>Reagan Riflettes</i>	1031
Spring Valley HS	<i>Vikings</i>	1001
Palm Bay HS	<i>Lady Pirates</i>	966
Leesburg HS	<i>Silver Regiment</i>	920

Demilitarized Arms Champions

Champion: Flour Bluff HS - *Sea Devils*
Runner-up: Rahway HS - *Devil Pups*

Solo Exhibition

1st: Cadet Centino - Farrington HS
2nd: Cadet Bolo - Kailua HS
3rd: Cadet Mark - St. Louis HS

Dual Exhibition

1st: Mark & Co - St. Louis HS
2nd: Delima & Mork - Moanalua HS
3rd: Steiner & Ratajczak - Springfield HS

2005 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Unarmed Champions

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

Dual Exhibition

1st: Wholley & Demery - Forestville MA
2nd: Huertas & Huertas - Rahway HS
3rd: Dorcent & Samartino - Abraham Clark HS

Alternative Arms Champions

Champion: Fern Creek HS - *Lady Leathernecks*
Runner-up: Palm Bay HS - *Lady Pirates*

Solo Exhibition

1st: Cadet Redmon - Spring Valley HS
2nd: Cadet Cine - North Miami Beach HS
3rd: Cadet Long - Springfield HS

Dual Exhibition

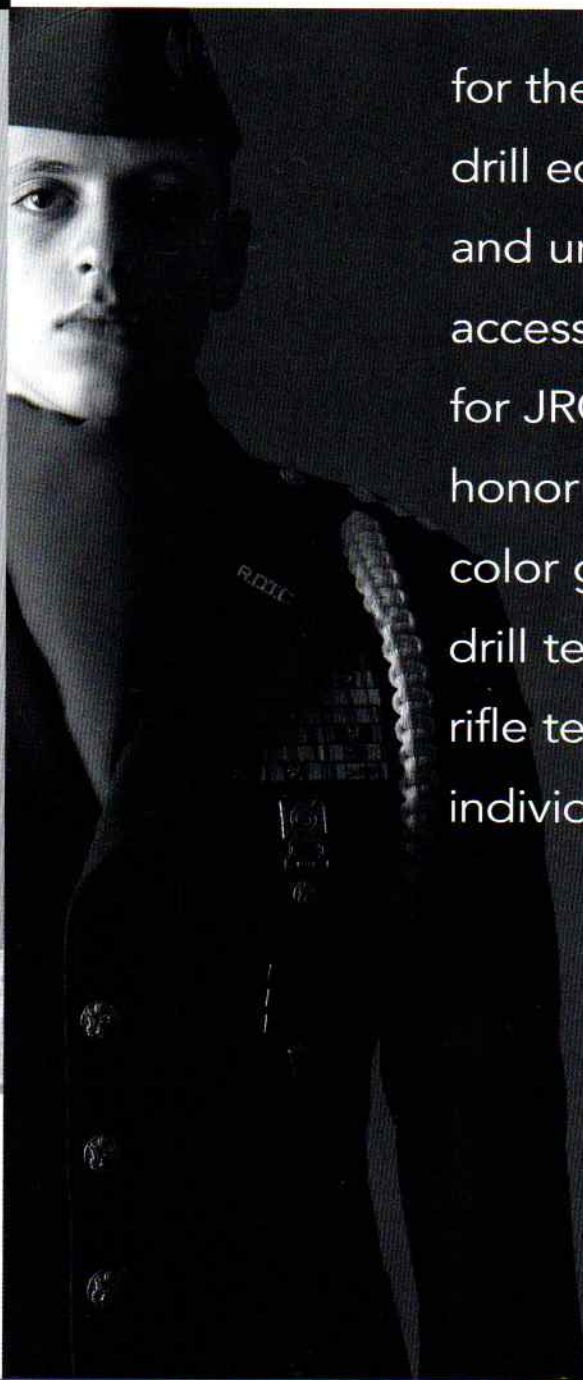
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2nd: Gomez & Thomas - Springfield HS
3rd: Hall & Rogers - Seneca HS



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Reaching Out a Helping Hand to JROTC Programs in Need

Sports Network International, based in Daytona Beach, Florida, took a glancing blow from THREE hurricanes in the late Summer/Fall of 2004. The damage and destruction was extensive throughout Central Florida. We were all feeling pretty unlucky until the events of late August filled our television screens. The images and stories that have emerged from the sheer devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina have humbled us all. The Gulf Coast states of Louisiana, Mississippi & Alabama have experienced what is likely to be classified as the worst natural disaster in this country in nearly a century. It is impossible to adequately describe in mere words the enormity and complexity of the problems our country will face as a nation, in the years to come as we work to rebuild nearly a million lives. It will be a herculean effort that may likely go on for a generation.



Hurricane Katrina is the most deadly & destructive hurricane to ever make landfall within the United States of America.

Americans have big hearts and are quick to respond to the immediacy of a quickly unfolding disaster. Unfortunately, we are not as good at maintaining the level of tenacity needed to triumph in the face of a slowly emerging situation that takes years of effort and attention to succeed. We should take our cues from the Greatest Generation which survived four long years of a world at war, complete with daily rationing and personal sacrifice. Will we be there months or a year from now when the communities in these ravaged states are ready to re-enter their homes and businesses or will this story have faded in our memories?

Numerous companies and individuals have contacted SNI to see if there was a way to directly assist the Junior ROTC programs that have been devastated by Hurricane Katrina. After speaking with JROTC Headquarters officials, there is no doubt the need is there and the assistance would be greatly welcomed. Therefore, Sports Network International has designed a clearing house for those wishing to help the Junior ROTC units affected by this calamity. Individuals, JROTCs and companies that have goods, services or cash that they wish to see go directly into the hands of deserving JROTC programs are encouraged to step forward and contact SNI. Senior Instructors and District/Area/Region HQ officials are also encouraged to contact SNI and let us know what the largest needs are and we will ensure that to the best of our ability, we will pair up those in need with those that have the means to help. Once these programs are back in their classrooms, they will need a tremendous amount of help in the form of financial and material support. Contact our office via email at: drill@thenationals.net with any needs your program may have or any help you are able to offer. When the time comes that these programs, these cadets are ready to go home and move forward with their lives, we will *not* forget and we will be there to welcome them back!

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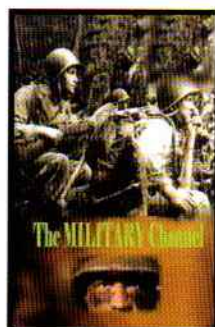
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NATIONALS

A Quick Look at the News & Events of the 2005 Nationals



Military Channel Storms the Airwaves

With the growth in popularity in all things military, Discovery Communications Int'l has "re-launched" its Discovery Wings cable channel this Spring as the **Military Channel**. Focusing on all aspects of the armed forces, military strategies & personnel throughout the ages, the channel seems like a natural fit for a 60-minute feature showing the excitement and spectacular competition at the

National High School Drill Team Championships! Keep looking in your TV Guide listing after the 2006 event this May because you just never know!

Denzel Washington Comes Through When it Counts

Messages flew around the world months ago regarding Actor Denzel Washington making a large donation to the Fisher House Foundation after visiting recovering soldiers at Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. This foundation builds low-cost hotels on the grounds of military medical centers in the U.S. and abroad to enable family members of servicemen to stay close to loved ones who are undergoing medical treatment for illness, disease, or injury. These stories took on a Paul Bunyan-esque quality after a few times around the world wide web. Our research shows that Mr. Washington IS a big military supporter and DID make a sizeable donation to this worthy charity. We applaud his efforts and love sharing these good deeds with you whenever we find them.



Spirit Award Winner Crowned at the NHSDTC

The NHSDTC Spirit Award Banner is presented to the school that makes the most of every opportunity, competes with honor and class and is generally a huge credit to Junior ROTC, regardless of any obstacles that may stand in their way. In 2005, the award was bestowed upon Marmion Academy from Aurora, Illinois. Their tremendous team spirit, their dedication to excellence, and their unyielding support of the NHSDTC remain a beacon for all schools to follow. Shown at right is c/Captain Anthony Bialas (center) accepting the 2005 Spirit Award Banner presented by Justin Gates of Sports Network (right) and long-time NHSDTC benefactor, Mr. Abdul Al-Romaizan (left).



2005 Jean Weil Scholarship Winners

Numerous 2005 NHSDTC cadets applied to earn the Jean Weil Scholarship award. Big congratulations go out to Harrison Davies of Bethel Regional HS and Megan Bess of Flour Bluff HS who were awarded \$1,000 scholarships each. All registered NHSDTC schools are eligible to submit applications for up to TWO senior cadets. Information is mailed out to registered schools in early December.



Air Force Needs JROTC Instructors

Airmen planning to retire within the next couple of years as well as Airmen who have retired within the past five years may want to look into joining a Junior ROTC before storing their uniforms! Air Force Junior ROTC is currently in a major expansion mode and will add 201 new units by Fall 2007, creating a need for at least 402 new aerospace science instructors to teach in high school classrooms worldwide. Those who are interested can download an instructor application from the official Air Force Junior ROTC website located at: <http://www.afjrota.af.mil/AFJROTC>



The Nationals - Up Close and Personal!



Cadets and instructors who have wondered what attending the Nationals must be like should take a minute to download and read the BEST post-event write-up ever penned on the Nationals. Written through the eyes of the U.S. Army Eastern Region PAO, it is interesting and informative. Dozens of

pictures & numerous stories pepper this timeless tome. To view this article, go to the website at: <http://www.thenationals.net/NHSDTC.pdf>. It takes a while to download this HUGE 3-meg file, but it is WELL worth the time!

MARCHING ON with Technology, AGAIN!

As any visitor to <http://drill.thenationals.net> can attest, the Nationals webpages are always being tweaked and improved. Now along with posting official event invitations, registration forms, and other commonly needed paperwork, SNI allows schools to input their rooming lists and other required event paperwork directly into forms on the website! Additionally, judges for all SNI drill events can log in, provide basic information, and receive all of their training materials for review on-line (to include relevant copies of all service manuals). This service has been very well received and we look forward to expanding this information distribution in the future.



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Graduating seniors are encouraged to learn about the scholarships available for Nationals attendees through the Jean Weil Scholarship Foundation .

To learn more, go to:
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