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The world famous King's Guard of Honolulu, Hawaii dazzled thousands at the 25th Anniversary Masters Awards Gala. Their spectacular drill style had the audience jumping to their feet at the conclusion of this unparalleled performance. (PHOTO CREDIT-D. Michael Martinez)

MAGAZINE DEDICATION

With troop deployments that stretch across the globe, the 2007-08 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 and instructors who have attended the Nationals in the past are currently serving around the globe in all branches of the armed forces, helping to protect the interests of the United States of America. 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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 - ★ CDR Armando Solis - Flour Bluff High School
 - ★ MSG Lawrence Badia - Francis Lewis High School
 - ★ Mr. Paul Naki & Mr. Donovan White, Director & Drill Master of the King's Guard Drill Team from Honolulu, Hawaii
 - ★ 1SG Jim Tadayeski - Grant High School
 - ★ 1stSgt. Christopher Borghese - National's Inspection Judge
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There was a moment, years ago, when the thought first crossed my mind. I was standing inside the Ocean Center during Nationals, watching a group of cadets interact with members of the King's Guard. SNI had arranged for small groups of Masters cadets to have a one-hour window of time to ask questions and learn from these gods of drill. I had never before seen cadets that excited. They weren't thinking about competing, they just wanted to talk about drill. And learn!

The concept was born of pure simplicity. The best cadets in the country pass through our doors each year, and then leave. They go back to their hometowns and have no greater outlet to experiment than their own imagination. I realized in that moment that the world of drill needed a think tank. A place where cadets and instructors that eat, sleep, drink, walk and talk drill could be together day after day. No pressure of competition, no school responsibilities. And so the Nationals Drill Camp took its first breath.

All of us at Sports Network were both anxious and excited as July, 2007 grew closer and the cadets started registering. We spent hours on the phone with parents and cadets alike as we guided them through the registration process and travel arrangements.

The concept behind the NDC was fundamentally a leap of faith. I believed that if you got the very best instructors in the world, and paired them with dozens of cadets that loved drill more than anything in the world, that magic would happen. In my wildest dreams I could never have predicted what came to pass during those seven days.

Camp began simply enough. We had the good fortune of working with a spectacular group of cadet counselors

2007 NATIONALS DRILL CAMP

Memories from a Dream Realized

from Flour Bluff High School. They were polished, capable and eager to meet the cadets that they would guide for a week. As the cadets arrived, we began matching faces with the names we had known for months.

Slowly, on that first night, I started to see the exchange take place. Cadets found camaraderie and companionship with other cadets that shared

Many cadets had their first experience with 1stSgt. Christopher Borghese who led the Inspection portion of the NDC. Each afternoon, two platoons were handed over to the hard-charging Marine to mold and shape into better prepared Inspection cadets. Some were shaken, others were jazzed, but everyone walked away loving the experience.

Evenings were highlighted by different excursions. Twice the cadets had the choice of exploring the TAMU recreation complex or staying near the dorm for some "freestyle exhibition" practice where the cadets hung out and showed off their prowess or learned from other cadets. Or both!

The camp experience intensified as the days progressed. The movement of the troops became more serious and showed off some fantastic jodies, highlighted by the phenomenal abilities of Cadet Amanda May of Somerset HS. Bed checks went from relaxed to "at attention" opportunities for 1stSgt. Borghese to reinforce his leadership style.

The cadets were primed and ready when a quantum shift took place on Wednesday with the arrival of Paul Naki and Donovan White of the King's Guard and Constantine Wilson of New Guard America.

Their vastly different styles were both devoured by the cadets. The showmanship of Wilson was contrasted by the zen-like quality of Naki. Cadets were mesmerized as they learned the fundamentals of creativity from Naki and were awed as they watched White display with utter simplicity how they could be one with their rifle.

Through each instructor's lifetime of experience, the Nationals Drill Camp succeeded at training, guiding, drilling and inspiring each cadet to heartily embrace their own unique ability to master the art of drill.



the same passion of drill. Cadets began to develop pride in their assigned company and started to show off a little more of their knowledge and skills.

When the basic classes began, these seasoned instructors, with dozens of championships under their belts, embarked on the adventure of taking cadets they had never met and imparting years of experience into only a few hours. The fundamentals of leadership, discipline and a commitment to excellence were established. The basics of Regulation and Color Guard were discussed and practiced.



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SCORES OF HIGH-FLYING BLUE-SHIRT DRILLERS STORMED THE FLOOR IN 2007. TALENTED COMPETITION DRILLERS FROM THE JROTC MECCA OF TEXAS CAME LOCKED AND LOADED BUT SEVERAL DOZEN OF THE STRONGEST DRILL PROGRAMS ACROSS THE EASTERN UNITED STATES FROM MASSACHUSETTS TO FLORIDA WERE READY FOR THEM. THROW IN A FEW ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS LOOKING TO SNEAK UP ON THE TITLE FROM MICHIGAN AND COLORADO AND THEN ADD A DASH OF KICK-BUTT COLOR GUARD FROM THE HARD-CHARGERS AT **JENKS HS** IN OKLAHOMA, AND YOU HAVE ALL THE EARMARKS FOR AN AMAZING COMPETITION. AND OF COURSE, THE 2007 EVENT DID NOT DISAPPOINT AS TALENTED, DEDICATED CADETS WERE EVERYWHERE!



Inspection competition judges look for the smallest of details to allow them to separate the best teams for trophy placement.

THE BIGGEST STORY AT THE 2007 EVENT REVOLVED AROUND COMPLETE TEXAS DOMINATION OF THE EVENT ON THE ARMED SIDE OF THE HOUSE, ALONG WITH FLORIDA STRENGTH POWERING TO THE TOP OF THE UNARMED SIDE.

THOMAS C. CLARK HS BUILT ON THEIR STRONG FINISH IN 2006 BY GRABBING TROPHIES IN EVERY TEAM EVENT, TO INCLUDE THREE FIRST PLACE EVENT FINISHES. THE CENTURION GUARD DRILL TEAM FROM SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS WAS UNSTOPPABLE IN GRABBING THEIR FIRST OVERALL Air Force Nationals title. Just behind in the ARMED RUNNER-UP slot, **Oak Ridge HS** FROM CONROE, TEXAS PUT TOGETHER AN EXTREMELY SOLID PERFORMANCE. THE OVERALL STRENGTH OF THE **MAD DOGS** DRILL TEAM SNAGGED THREE 2nd PLACE EVENT FINISHES TO GREATLY DISTANCE THEMSELVES FROM THE REST OF THE TOUGH ARMED COMPETITION FIELD.



Fired-up Drill Cadets Aim Higher AT THE "Air Force Nationals"

The Air Force National Invitational Drill Classic gave the Nation's Capital a memorable clap of talented Air Force Blue drill thunder.



THE UNARMED DIVISION CHAMPION REPEATED FROM 2006 AS **SANDALWOOD HS** AGAIN POWERED THEIR WAY TO THE PODIUM TO TAKE HOME THE BIGGEST HARDWARE. GRABBING TWO 1st PLACE TROPHIES AND A 2nd PLACE TROPHY, THE **SILVER EAGLES** FROM **JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA** WERE NOT SERIOUSLY CHALLENGED FOR THEIR TITLE, MAKING THEIR 700-MILE POST-EVENT BUS RIDE HOME FAR MORE RAUCOUS!

A TREMENDOUS BATTLE ENSUED FOR THE UNARMED RUNNER-UP TITLE. THE **CENTURIONS** FROM **AIR ACADEMY HS** IN THE SHADOWS OF THE Air Force Academy IN COLORADO WENT AFTER THE LONG-TIME UNARMED DRILL POWERHOUSE FROM **HIALEAH HS** IN **HIALEAH, FLORIDA**. IN THIS CROSS-COUNTRY SHOWDOWN, Air Academy HS PARLAYED THREE STRONG TROPHY FINISHES (2nd-Color Guard, 3rd-Regulation, 4th-Inspection) AND A SOLID FINISH IN EXHIBITION TO BARELY EAK OUT A TIGHT VICTORY OVER THE STRONG FINISHING **RAIDERS** DRILL TEAM FROM **HIALEAH HS** (2nd-Inspection, 3rd-Exhibition).

AMAZING FINISHES WERE EVERYWHERE WITH EIGHT COMPETITION AREAS OCCURRING SIMULTANEOUSLY IN THIS COLOSSAL DRILL FACILITY. WITH EVERY HEAD TURN, A TEAM WAS DAZZLING A JUDGE SOMEWHERE IN THE BUILDING THROUGHOUT THE DAY!

HIGHLIGHTED TOP EVENT FINISHES WITHIN THE ARMED DIVISION INCLUDED **Spring Valley HS** FROM **COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA** GRABBING TWO 3rd PLACE FINISHES (Regulation & Exhibition); **Salem HS** IN **SALEM, NEW HAMPSHIRE** TAKING HOME TWO 3rd PLACE FINISHES AS WELL (Inspection & Color Guard); AND **Franklin K. Lane HS** IN **BROOKLYN, NEW YORK** NABBING A 2nd PLACE FINISH IN REGULATION DRILL.

THE UNARMED DIVISION WAS JUST AS DEEP WITH TALENT AS **Franklin K. Lane HS** (Regulation), AND **THOMAS C. Clark HS** (Exhibition) EACH GRABBED EYE-POPPING 1st PLACE EVENT FINISHES, ALONG WITH **DeWitt Clinton HS** FROM **BRONX, NEW YORK** GRABBING BOTH A 2nd PLACE (Color Guard) AND 4th PLACE (Regulation) EVENT FINISH.

THIS YEAR, BASE RE-ALIGNMENT GREATLY EXPANDED THE SOLID ANDREWS AFB JUDGING SUPPORT TO ENCOMPASS THE ENTIRE 316th Air Wing IN THE GREATER WASHINGTON, DC AREA! THIS MASSIVE POOL OF COMMUNITY-MINDED JUDGES WITH SOLID BACKGROUNDS IN DRILL GAVE THE EVENT A HUGE POSITIVE FEEL FROM THE BEGINNING.

The "Air Force Nationals" will undergo a massive revision in 2008 when Air Force JROTC HQ comes on board to support an Eastern & Western Championship in Georgia & Texas!

A FEW OF THE EVENT JUDGES WERE IMPRESSED THAT THESE HIGH SCHOOL CADETS COULD PRESENT THEMSELVES WITH BEARING & POISE RIVALING MANY YOUNG ACTIVE-DUTY AIRMEN! CONGRATULATIONS GO OUT TO ALL Air Force Nationals COMPETITORS WHO MADE THE EVENT SO VERY MEMORABLE!

THE "Air Force Nationals" WILL UNDERGO THE LARGEST REVISION IN ITS STELLAR HISTORY IN 2008 WHEN THE Air Force JROTC HQ WILL COME ON BOARD AS AN OFFICIAL SUPPORTER. WITH THIS SUPPORT, SNI WILL BE EXPANDING THE COMPETITION TO MAINTAIN BOTH AN EASTERN (Macon, Georgia) & WESTERN (College Station, Texas) Championship closely paralleling the successful Army Nationals. Specific dates, locations, and all information AND ENTRY MATERIAL HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE ON THE OFFICIAL Air Force Nationals website.

SEE ALL THE EVENT SCORING DETAILS!

<http://af.thenationals.net>



Event Keynote Speaker Col. Michael Phillips of AFJROTC HQ looks on as (L to R) Unarmed Division event Runner-up Air Academy HS, Unarmed Champion Sandalwood HS, Armed Champion Thomas C. Clark HS and Armed Runner-up Oak Ridge HS receive their awards.



NJROTC CADETS STEAMING All Ahead Full AT THE "NAVY NATIONALS"

The Navy Nationals Academic, Athletic & Drill Championship puts a shot across the bow of every cadet at this grueling, two-day event.



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at the Navy Nationals Academic, Athletic and Drill Championships is always an amazing, yet surreal experience. So many dedicated cadets from all walks of life gather together competing in so many diverse events in such a short timeframe that the weekend can become a blur. Cadets from across the United States looked to become the overall NJROTC champion; to be the team that knocked the big dog off the porch – and that big dog named Flour Bluff HS wasn't going to roll over for anybody in 2007!

As the competition pushed forward, it was obvious that the field of 23 schools would quickly be separated with a solid group of five long-time attendees all vying to take home the big hardware and even bigger bragging rights. Leading the pack was the odds-on favorite **Flour Bluff HS** from **Corpus Christi, Texas**. Sporting an unprecedented, decade-plus run of consecutive Navy Nationals Championships and several concurrent all-service drill-only championships, Flour Bluff was primed to add another notch on their belt in 2007.



Precision and adherence to the many event regulations are paramount for success in the Navy Nationals competition.

Shawnee Mission HS posted their flag early, with an extremely strong finish in Color Guard. The cadets from **Overland Park, Kansas** knew they were set-up well for an overall championship run.

Always-tough **Union Grove HS** made a brute force statement early as well, as they nearly swept the 1,000 point athletic competition. The **McDonough, Georgia** cadets grabbed 1st place in three different athletic events.

Boca Raton HS from **Boca Raton, Florida** looked to add to their overfilled trophy case with an overall victory after 2005 & 2006 near-misses. Using their trademark strength in all areas, Boca trophied in multiple events – but would they have enough this year?

Like a circling pack of hungry wolves, many schools began to sense that a change at the top could be at hand.

Flanagan HS from **Pembroke Pines, Florida** is a relatively young program and had been hanging around the top end of the leader board at the Navy Nationals every year since they first attended. Getting good quickly is a testament to the overall strength of this unit.

When the competition sweating finally ended, the Awards Ceremony at the **National Museum of Naval Aviation** began as it had so many times before. The overfilled capacity of proud parents, the nervous tension from excited cadets hanging in the air, the Navy band playing the National Anthem, and the stirring speech by **RADM Gary R. Jones, USN Commander, NSTC/Navy Region Midwest** all combined to give the evening its unique flair. And when the Navy League of the United States trophies began flying off the tables, the ceremony took on an aura of hope for every school dreaming of a Navy Championship.

Centennial HS from **Las Vegas, Nevada** took the coveted Unit Personnel Inspection championship trophy to kick off the event. Then the schools in the hunt began stockpiling hardware. Trophy after trophy fell and schools could see who still had visions of grandeur! Then a buzz began to emanate from the crowd that Flour Bluff may not have the numbers to repeat in 2007.

Like a circling pack of hungry wolves, many schools began to sense that a change at the top could be at hand for the first time since some of these cadets were in pre-school!

Calling out the 5th place overall trophy, **Shawnee Mission HS** erupted with joy gaining their first top five finish in their history, paced by an Overall Drill Championship trophy. In 4th place, **Flour Bluff HS** put on a brave face taking home their solid trophy as the crowd was electrified knowing that a new king would rule the Navy kingdom for at least one year. In 3rd place, **Union Grove HS** powered their way to their highest finish ever. Maintaining the Navy Nationals Runner-up trophy was **Boca Raton HS** (for the third year in a row!). And sealing the overall Navy Nationals title were the new kids in town from **Flanagan HS**.

Flanagan won the event with strength in many areas, but sealing the victory was the never-before-seen academic team scores the unit comprised. The hard chargers beat their nearest competitor by a staggering 158 points. With a more difficult test in use for 2007, this was hard for many to believe! And with the top four schools all finishing within just 211 total points away, every point was crucial. Flanagan ripped through the test placing nine cadets of its 15-member team in the top ten individual placements.

To quote a famous phrase, "Life hits you hard; but it isn't about how hard you get hit, but how hard you get hit and keep going forward." Know that Flour Bluff was dealt a body blow in 2007 but they will be re-loaded in 2008. Flanagan will be a fortress and looking to hold onto the title. A score of other Navy Area top finishers will not be satisfied with the crumbs – they will want the whole pie – at the 2008 Navy National Championships!

SEE ALL THE EVENT SCORING DETAILS!

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Flanagan HS posed for this impromptu team photo at the National Museum of Naval Aviation immediately after learning they had shocked the world by capturing the Navy Nationals Overall Championship in an outstanding field of 23 NJROTC units from throughout the United States.

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LEVEL II

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III

LEVEL III - THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

This year's Nationals were held at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. and included teams from NY to HI. Teams advancing to the National Academic Competition will compete against the top teams from all over the United States as well as Department of Defense school teams located worldwide. National Finalists will receive software, books, scholarships and professional coaching concerning advanced education. Up to \$50,000 in scholarships and prizes and travel support will be presented to the winners of the national level competition.

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Army Green proved to be Good as Gold in this Army Eastern Championships

Eastern Championships - Washington, DC

Just a few miles north of the often referred to "Shining City on the Hill," over 40 Army Junior ROTC programs descended on Landover, Maryland to participate in the largest single-day, Army-only championship competition in the world. Schools from Rhode Island to Florida and all points in between put months of training



Members of the Stratford Knights drill team from Stratford HS in Goose Creek, South Carolina scope out the the Armed Exhibition drill area before they dazzled the judges and took home a well-deserved 3rd place trophy.

and preparation on the line to gain bragging rights for a year and positive memories to last a lifetime! The schools all looked to capture the U.S. Army Cadet Command Eastern Academic & Drill Championship.

With the dominance in recent years in both the Armed & Unarmed divisions coming from the New York/New Jersey area, dozens of other schools

headed to the Nation's Capital with the hopes of telling these high flying drillers to "fugget-about-it!"

ARMED DIVISION

In the rich history of the Eastern Championships, no school has so thoroughly dominated a competition division as **Francis Lewis HS** from **Fresh Meadows, New York** did in 2007. Their intense, unyielding preparation style and their overall commitment to excellence left no doubt as to who the most powerful Army drill team in the Eastern United States was going to be on this day. Only a 2-point defeat in Exhibition Drill kept the **Patriot Guard** drill team from sweeping 1st place finishes in all FIVE team events. Their amazing domination against a field of tough drill programs put the world on notice that Francis Lewis was MORE THAN ready to carry the Army flag in the all-service championship in Daytona just a few weeks away (complete story page, page 23).

Left in the wake of the champion's juggernaut, two schools fought hard to take home the Armed Runner-up title. **McNair Academic HS** from **Jersey City, New Jersey** came out very strong to defend their Runner-up title from 2006, nailing three, 2nd place finishes (Inspection, Regulation and Academics) but the **Brothers-in-Arms** drill team left the door open a hair too much with a 20th place Exhibition drill finish. **Carver HS** from **Winston-Salem, North Carolina** finished immediately behind McNair in both Inspection & Regulation, and they added a 3rd place finish within the brutally tough Color Guard event. But the **Carver Blue** drill team had slightly better placements in their two remaining events to nudge ahead in the Armed Division Runner-up title race.

With the bulk of the trophies taken home by the three schools above, other noteworthy trophy performances were from **Xavier HS** (1st-Exhibition); **South Rowan HS** (2nd-Color Guard); **Stratford HS** (3rd-Exhibition); **Long Island City HS** (3rd-Academics); **Cranston East HS** (4th-Inspection & Color Guard, 5th-Regulation) and **Washingtonville HS** (4th-Regulation & Academics).

UNARMED DIVISION

As solid as the domination was in the Armed Division, the Unarmed Division was the exclamation mark on the weekend for the Empire State powerhouse. Sweeping every team event with convincing totals, the overwhelming performance from the **Patriot Pride** drill team of **Francis Lewis HS** gave the weekend a dream-like quality. Several staff members have now been a part of over 75 drill meets and none had ever seen a beat-down of this caliber. The finish this team produced is a testament to the amazing cadets and the dedicated instructors who give these cadets the focus to shine year after year.

The battle for Division Runner-up honors was a three horse race that came down to the wire. **McNair Academic HS** from **Jersey City, New Jersey** looked very strong. When the dust settled, the **Tanko-Woosas** drill team experienced a deja vu finish by repeating their 2006 Division Runner-up placement by AGAIN gaining four trophy finishes with a single 6th place finish (this time in Exhibition) just as they had done the previous year! They needed every point as both **T.C. Williams HS** from **Alexandria, Virginia** and **Long Island City HS** from **Long Island City, New York** were in hot pursuit, with both teams earning four team trophies in their own right to clean up virtually all of the top finishing trophies between them!



U.S. Army Cadet Command Eastern Division Armed & Unarmed Champion Francis Lewis HS from Fresh Meadows, New York stand behind the fortress of trophies earned at the event. Their margin of victory was unprecedented with so many good schools attending.

After two floor-filling, Armed & Unarmed Knockout events, cadets assembled on the floor with spectators on the edges of their seats in the massive Sports & Learning Complex as the trophy hardware was brought center stage. A memorable message was delivered by the long-time event supporter, **Colonel Robert J. Frusha, Commander, Eastern Region, U.S. Army Cadet Command**. His support means a great deal to all of the families on hand.

With a handful of schools hoarding the vast majority of the hardware, many schools who watched the trophy parade are re-evaluating, re-loading and looking forward to a rematch in 2008! The upcoming event will be moving South of the Border to Macon, Georgia so look for a new crop of hungry drill masters to put pressure on the historic standard bearers for drill excellence. Can the Francis Lewis freight train continue to roll? Only time will tell...

**2008 Eastern Region Championships
Saturday, March 29th - Macon, Georgia**

Heading to the Peach State in 2008 will make for a very full competition field - lock up your event space today!

JROTC CHAMPIONSHIPS

These Stars were BRIGHT Deep in the Heart of the Army Western Championships

Western Championships - College Station, Texas



One of the most impressive college campuses in the United States (Texas A&M University), and one of the most impressive indoor drill facilities on the planet (the 15,000-seat Reed Arena) plays host to the most top-to-bottom talent-laden, single-service drill competition held anywhere in the United States. The **U.S. Army Cadet Command Western Championships** annually brings together over half of the finest competition drill teams in the country all under one roof. This amazing concentration of nationally-recognized drill units make this Lone Star State drill off a head turning extravaganza for parents, instructors & cadets alike.

ARMED DIVISION

At the Western Army Nationals, most of the watchful eyes looking for teams migrating to the top of the leaderboard throughout the day tend to follow the steely-eyed units from San Antonio, Texas. Winning every event championship since the inception of the competition, these teams were left wondering, "who are they?" when **Grant HS** from **Dry Prong, Louisiana** walked to the podium amid shocked peer expressions to collect their Armed Division Championship trophy.

Winning the Inspection & Regulation events were no great surprise as the unit performed well in these basic events in 2006. But upgrading their exhibition routine and grabbing a 3rd place finish in the tough Academic competition brought the **Maroon & Golden Knights** their amazing victory.

The 2005 and 2006 Armed Division champions from **Ronald Reagan HS** in **San Antonio, Texas** just missed in their bid to repeat for an unprecedented 3rd consecutive championship. The **Rattler Guard** drill team powered ahead with a typical 1st place Exhibition finish combined with a strong 2nd place Regulation finish. However two uncharacteristically soft placements in both Inspection & Academics pushed the hard chargers just out of reach for a repeat championship.

Three more premiere San Antonio drill teams followed in the overall standings with **Douglas MacArthur** (1st-Color Guard, 5th-Regulation) nabbing 3rd place overall solidly over resurgent **Central Catholic HS** (2nd-Academic). **James Madison HS** just missed leapfrogging into the mix by a single quality point by finishing in 5th place overall, led by three trophy finishes (Inspection, Regulation, & Exhibition).

UNARMED DIVISION

A talented field of weaponless warriors took to the arena floor to battle for top honors. So many talented drill teams soon dwindled to a two-horse championship match race. Looking to place a 2007 championship trophy next to the 2005 model in their bulging trophy case, **Theodore Roosevelt HS** from **San Antonio, Texas** powered to the top by grabbing trophies in every team event. The **Riderettes** drill team was flat out amazing, led by 1st place finishes in both the Inspection and Regulation competitions.

Five other San Antonio legends chased the Unarmed champs, but just like in the Armed Division, sneaking out of nowhere came a little known spoiler to rain on the parade of their better-known bretheren. **Lancaster HS** from **Lancaster, Texas** in suburban Dallas backed down to no one as they too trophied in every single team event paced by winning the exciting Exhibition event. However the **Orange Crush** drill team's 5th place finishes in both Regulation and Color Guard left them just short of the Championship, yielding an impressive Overall Unarmed Runner-up finish.

Three familiar Alamo foes faced each other in the pack and as usual, it came down to the final events to determine a winner. The **Queen's Guard** drill team from venerable **Winston Churchill HS** put together well-earned 2nd place finishes in both Exhibition and Academics to just nudge the **Mighty Blue Angels** from **Douglas MacArthur HS**, despite their three trophy finishes (3rd-Inspection, Color Guard and 4th-Regulation). Grabbing 5th place overall were the **Diamondbacks** drillers from **Ronald Reagan HS**.

The awards ceremony was tremendous with the last minute inclusion of TAMU grad **Brigadier General Joe E. Ramirez, Deputy Commander, US Army Training & Doctrine Command**. As a former member of JROTC, BG Ramirez provided a profound personal message to the assembled cadets, instructors and family members that hit home and set a great tone for this event's concluding ceremony.

The involvement of the U.S. Army 12th Brigade under the leadership of **Colonel James House** gave the event the fantastic judges and overall support structure that continues to make the Western Championships so special. With nearly three dozen "hats" judging, the tension among the competitors was high and that always plays well at an event of this caliber.

Work continues on next year's event, which should be another showing of many of the nation's best drill teams. US Army Cadet Command's work on this valuable event continues and the 2008 event may have a big surprises in store - Stay tuned!



Cadet Joshua Bullock from Caddo Parish Magnet HS in Shreveport, Louisiana stands tall along with 500 other cadets performing during the tense Armed Division Knockout Drill competition.



Western overall top division finishers included (left to right): Ronald Reagan HS (Armed Runner-up); Grant HS (Armed Champion); Army Brigadier General Joe E. Ramirez, Deputy Commander, Combined Arms Center for Training; Theodore Roosevelt HS (Unarmed Champion); and Lancaster HS (Unarmed Runner-up).

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Sandy Creek Park - Athens, Georgia
Saturday, November 3rd

"This event is the most extreme, all-service Junior ROTC competition that pushes cadets to their mental and physical limits - it's amazing!"

- Justin Gates, SNI Competition Director

On a crisp Fall weekend in 2006, dozens of all-service JROTC units headed to a roomy, pristine state park in Athens, Georgia just North of Atlanta. These units were drawn together for one of the most grueling, hard-fought JROTC competitions ever designed. Invited to attend the event by one of the competition teams, I was compelled to witness first-hand what I was told was **one of the fastest growing competitions within all of Junior ROTC.**

Scores of 10-person battle groups slogged through waist-deep water, braved 55° temperatures and combated the tenacious Georgia clay over, under, around and through obstacles in what looked like something most high schools students couldn't be made to do at gunpoint. The only thing that I saw more of than dirty, muddy, chilly cadets, were broad smiles and hearty back-slaps. These cadets were having a blast!

Patterned after the Army ROTC Ranger Challenge events, the high school Raider competitions vary in exact layout and logistics from state to state but one thing remains constant - they are a real test of physical strength, overall endurance and the ability to work as a team. Raider competitions generally maintain three distinct divisions of competition: male, female and mixed - and every one of them is equally intense!

Walking around during the day, I asked virtually every cadet why they would join a group that takes this type of punishing physical abuse, and they all stated there was nothing in Junior ROTC more fun than Raider. "No offense to the football team, but they couldn't do what we do," stated one mud-covered, wiry cadet fresh off a mountain relay event running through the woods carrying hundreds of pounds of gear with his equally exhausted teammates. "Those guys all think we're nuts - and maybe they're right," he said with a weary smile. A female team member who may have been even more covered in mud piped up saying, "I wasn't cut-out to be a cheerleader - it just wasn't my thing. But these competitions (Raider) make you feel like you are really testing yourself, and I love it!"

As an outsider used to the immaculate surroundings involved in our typical indoor drill & ceremony competitions, I was concerned that the conditions may be a bit too demanding. "The muddier and wetter it gets, the more the cadets love it!" exclaimed **SFC Ed Fincher** who assists in training the nationally-recognized Raider program at **Cedar Shoals High School**. "These kids work very hard to be this good, and I'm very proud of all of them."

Watching the events on this drizzly day and seeing first-hand the heart and dedication it takes to be one of the top programs in the country, I was hooked. Sports Network International made the decision on the spot to attempt to give the Raider cadets the same type of well-organized, professional competition we have become known for within the drill community. Soon after the 2006 event completed, SNI, in partnership with the Raider kingpins from Cedar Shoals High School, combined our strengths to coordinate the first-ever, all-service **National Raider Challenge Championships** in early November, 2007 at Sandy Creek Park in Athens, Georgia. Advanced notice to all schools filtered out and already the mailman is busy with schools looking to gain a spot in this intense test of physical and mental JROTC toughness.

Event pictures, complete team scoring results, and even a few video clips of the past Raider Invitational event can be found at the new Raider Nationals official homepage: <http://raider.thenationals.net>

Because the event management is so streamlined for the Raider Nationals with no hotels in use, the deadline to enter is much later than a typical competition. However because the demand is so high for competition slots on this one-day event, the Raider Nationals is certain to be filled soon after you read about this event within this magazine. Any schools wishing to attend to

compete or just to come as spectators this year to learn more about the Raider Nationals event should contact Sports Network as soon as possible to make this happen.

Sports Network says "Hats Off" to the hearty cadets who competed in the 2006 Raider Invitational event last year - an event that will forever be recognized as the event that paved the way for the National Raider Challenge Championships.



Raider competitors seem to relish in the inclement weather conditions and the overwhelming obstacles they face in every event that is a part of any good Raider competition!

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2008 NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Introduction

Sports Network International is pleased to provide this invitation to all precision drill units to attend the 26th 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 drill & ceremony competition, referred to worldwide as simply "**The Nationals.**" Schools will never experience a more spectacular event than this.

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 may use their own service regulations to compete at the NHSDTC. Armed Divisions where their manual is not specific, US Army FM 3-21.5 is used while the Unarmed Division uses US Air Force FM 36-2203 (1996). The variety of services that gain 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. 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**. Those teams competing without weapons enter the **Unarmed Division**. The **Alternative Arms Division** is for teams using lightweight, fac-simile 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 instructors and cadets 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 2nd**, with the two-day Masters Level competition held on **Saturday & Sunday, May 3rd & 4th**. Both competition levels feature Knockout Drills at the conclusion of the judging and an Awards Ceremony in the evening following the competition.

Awards and Trophies

The Nationals 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-5th 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 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 **\$119.00 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 **\$104.00 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 event Registration Fee is completely refundable** if requested before **Friday, December 7th, 2007**. It is non-refundable once a school has been accepted for entry into the Nationals. This ensures that only those 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 7th, 2007.* 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 the IDR and this invitation, a few schools wait. Historically, demand to enter the Nationals cause the event to be overwhelmingly full. Schools registering after the December 7th review deadline will have only a small chance of getting into the Nationals. The event will be full on December 7th, with only a rarely used "standby slot" available after this date.

Additional Registration Info

Schools accepted for entry will be mailed confirmations and listed on the SNI website by Tuesday, December 11th. Any school not accepted will have their Entry Fee refunded within 10 business days.

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 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 2008 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 is 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 this May at "The Nationals"!**

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Challenge Level Competition Was Strong - **ARMY STRONG!**

The Challenge Level competition at the Nationals always produces a tremendously diverse field of performers and 2007 was no exception. Smaller schools from mostly towns and cities you've never heard of tend to populate the Challenge Level events, peppered with a few big-city schools with programs where drill is a small piece of the puzzle rather than the puzzle itself. This eclectic mix of rural, suburban, and urban schools gives the entire Challenge Level competition a huge geographic diversity unlike any other drill competition in the world. But regardless of where the schools are from, virtually every cadet competing in the Challenge Level maintains a wide-mouth stare the first time they step foot into the drill cathedral that is the Ocean Center Arena.

Every year it seems the Challenge Level at the Nationals takes on a differing theme. In 2006, several Marine Corps schools pounded the competition in both the Armed & Unarmed divisions. This year, despite many solid performances from other service drill units, the theme was the "Army kept rolling along" with a slew of top finishes by the cadets in green in nearly every event within the Challenge Level competition.

With so many talented schools in every event, to capture an overall title in the Challenge Level schools need to ensure they have no serious weakness. A bad placement in one event can send a team hurtling down the overall standings. Preparing the cadets to give a solid performance in EVERY area is far more important than stressing a single or even multiple STELLAR finishes with a complete meltdown in another.

ARMED DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

Consistency has always been the key to the annual high finishes maintained by **Northeast HS**. The **Claws of the Eagle** drill team prepare for the Nationals by meticulously "sweating the details" and it shows in every one of their performances. Always strongest in the Basic drill side of the house, the Army JROTC pride of Clarksville, Tennessee garnered a 2nd place (Color Guard) and a 3rd place (Inspection) finish while keeping their placement in the other events competitive to handily win the Armed Division Overall title.

A four team gaggle fought for the Challenge Armed Division Runner-up title. Three Army programs (**Hubbard HS** from Chicago, Illinois, **Long Island City HS** from Long Island City, New York and **Campbell County HS** from Jacksboro, Tennessee) butted heads throughout the day, each grabbing solid event finishes. But jockeying out of nowhere came long-time Nationals attendee **Lackey HS** from Indian Head, Maryland to steal away the Armed Runner-up title from the armada of Army challengers. The AFJROTC **Ruff Ryders** team performed against historical norms, gaining solid finishes in the Basic events paced by a 2nd place Inspection finish to capture their highest team finish ever at the Nationals.

Several other schools gained notoriety by winning tough single events including **Central Crossing HS** from Grove City, Ohio (Inspection), **Englewood HS** from Jacksonville, Florida (Regulation), **Passaic HS** from Passaic, New Jersey (Color Guard) and **Lakeside HS** from Evans, Georgia (Exhibition).

UNARMED DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

Much like the Armed Division, a single team took no prisoners as they left the other competitors in the dust! **Coffee HS** from Douglas, Georgia put together solid performances in every team event to win the overall Unarmed Division Championship. Paced by an event 1st place (Color Guard), 4th place (Regulation) and a trophy near miss 6th place finish (Exhibition), the **Trojan Elites** drill team did the Navy proud as they took home their first ever Nationals Challenge Level Unarmed title.



Challenge Division winners take home the big hardware. Pictured left to right: Unarmed Division Runner-up **T.C. Williams HS**; Keynote Speaker Col. Carlos Glover, Army JROTC Director, USACC; Unarmed Division Champion **Coffee HS**; CSM Hershel Turner, Command Sergeant Major, USACC; Armed Division Champion **Northeast HS**; Mr. Leon McMullen, Army JROTC Deputy Director, USACC; and Armed Division Runner-up **Lackey HS**.

With a six-pack of hungry Army units in hot pursuit of the Runner-up title, you knew it was likely to be a green finish. When the dust settled, a blast from the past returned to former glory as **T.C. Williams HS** from Alexandria, Virginia strode to the podium to collect their Unarmed Runner-Up trophy. Grabbing two 4th place finishes in both Inspection and Color Guard, only a tough placement in Regulation drill kept the **Armageddon** drill team from taking home the biggest hardware.

Showing amazing depth, annual Air Force powerhouse **Sandalwood HS** from Jacksonville, Florida brought their JV team into the Nationals Challenge Level in 2007 and finished a very respectable 3rd place overall. Sneaking in front of the mass of Army JROTC chargers, the **Blue Eagles** soared to their impressive finish by winning the Unarmed Regulation Drill competition.

Several other schools gained notoriety by winning individual events including an Inspection 1st place for **Lynn English HS** from Lynn, Massachusetts and a 1st place Exhibition finish for **East Columbus HS** from Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina.

Congratulations to the thousands of Challenge Level cadets who sacrificed months to plan, prepare and excel at the Nationals. It was a distinct pleasure to watch you perform!

Sports Network remains excited about the future of the Challenge Level competition as the overall talent on display in this division continues to get better every year. **Over two dozen schools were "shut-out" from the competition field in 2007** so schools planning to attend should ensure they meet the early December deadline for entry submission to have the best chance of being a part of the National High School Drill Team Championships competition field in 2008!

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2007 OPEN LEVEL COLOR GUARD COMPETITION

The Open Level Color Guard event provided another fierce competition at the Nationals with some of the finest color guard units in the country. Often, schools too small to field full competitive drill teams or find the financial burden too great to travel and compete in all Nationals events attend with only a color guard unit. This laser-focus on one event produces amazing results as team after team proudly display our National Colors with eye-popping precision. With the competition expanded to 42 units in 2007, the event was never more hotly contested!

The Texas flag that flies high through the Nationals competition did so mightily during OLCG as **Alamo Heights HS** from San Antonio, Texas put forth an overwhelming victory. Judges found the Army JROTC **Golden Mules** unison march & riflework, along with their majestic casing procedures, to be poetry in motion!

Single-digit scoring differences with 1,200-point scoring totals settled tight placements throughout the rest of the trophy winners. The **Blue Guard** Army JROTC unit from **Copperas Cove HS** in Copperas Cove, Texas had just enough to wrestle the OLCG Runner-up title away from the Army JROTC **Maroons** from always-tough **Pulaski County HS** in Somerset, Kentucky. Just behind in 4th place, state brethren **Hopkins County Central HS** from the Air Force JROTC unit in Madison, Kentucky edged out the charging **Lady Leopards** from the Air Force JROTC program of **Hernando HS** in Brooksville, Florida. Their strong 5th place overall finish was well-earned as they also finished in the same position in the 2006 OLCG competition!

A hearty congratulations go out to all the OLCG cadets who competed with pride in this amazing display of our National Colors. It remains an honor and privilege to watch and recognize the winners of this stirring competition each year!

As with all Nationals drill events, competition spaces are often very limited. If you are considering bringing a color guard in 2008, please apply early to ensure your program can be a part of the exciting Open Level Color Guard event.



2007 National High School Drill Team Championships

Challenge Level Attendees & Event Standings



Armed Division

Inspection

Central Crossing HS	<i>Comets</i>	685
Lackey HS	<i>Ruff Ryders</i>	650
Northeast HS	<i>Claws of the Eagle</i>	641
Long Island City HS	<i>Sons of Liberty</i>	640
Leesville HS	<i>Golden Knights</i>	637

Regulation

Englewood HS	<i>Golden Snipers</i>	790
Central Crossing HS	<i>Comets</i>	778
Mexico HS	<i>Tigers</i>	761
Passaic HS	<i>Omega Red</i>	757
Gloucester HS	<i>Gold Lightning</i>	753

Color Guard

Passaic HS	<i>Omega Red</i>	799
Northeast HS	<i>Claws of the Eagle</i>	714
Northview HS	<i>Titan Guards</i>	683
Campbell County HS	<i>Cougars</i>	660
Long Island City HS	<i>Sons of Liberty</i>	653

Team Exhibition

Lakeside HS	<i>Legion Drill Team</i>	837
La Salle Institute	<i>O'Donovan Rifles</i>	835
Forestville Military	<i>Black Knights</i>	818
Hubbard HS	<i>H-Squad</i>	800
Evans HS	<i>Knights</i>	798

Overall Armed Champion

Northeast HS - *Claws of the Eagle*

Overall Armed Runner-up

Lackey HS - *Ruff Ryders*

ABRAHAM LINCOLN HS
Air Force JROTC
Council Bluffs, Iowa

Bainbridge HS
Air Force JROTC
Bainbridge, Georgia

BARTRAM TRAIL HS
Air Force JROTC
Jacksonville, FL

Bay HS
Air Force JROTC
PANAMA City, Florida

Bayside HS
Navy JROTC
Palm Bay, Florida

Bloomington HS
Air Force JROTC
Valrico, Florida

C.H. FLOWERS HS
Air Force JROTC
Springdale, Maryland

Callaway HS
Army JROTC
Jackson, Mississippi

Campbell County HS
Army JROTC
Jacksboro, Tennessee

Campbell HS
Army JROTC
SMYRNA, Georgia

Cedar Shoals HS
Army JROTC
ATHENS, Georgia

CENTRAL CROSSING HS
Navy JROTC
GROVE City, Ohio

Coffee HS
Navy JROTC
Douglas, Georgia

Colonel White HS
Army JROTC
Dayton, Ohio

Dutchtown HS
Air Force JROTC
Hampton, Georgia

E.E. Smith HS
Air Force JROTC
FAYETTEVILLE, N.CAROLINA

EAST COLUMBUS HS
Army JROTC
LAKE WACCAMAW, N.CAROLINA

EAST HENDERSON HS
Air Force JROTC
E.FLAT Rock, N.CAROLINA

Englewood HS
Army JROTC
Jacksonville, Florida

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

Lynn English HS	<i>Lady Bulldogs</i>	753
United South HS	<i>South Lady Panthers</i>	734
East Columbus HS	<i>Ladies & Gentlemen of America</i>	652
T.C. Williams HS	<i>Armageddon</i>	643
Grants HS	<i>Leathernecks</i>	641

Regulation

Sandalwood HS	<i>Blue Eagles</i>	907
Colonel White HS	<i>Black Knights of Dayton</i>	883
Lynn English HS	<i>Lady Bulldogs</i>	852
Coffee HS	<i>Trojan Elites</i>	846
Lancaster HS	<i>Orange Crush</i>	840

Color Guard

Coffee HS	<i>Trojan Elites</i>	907
Myrtle Beach HS	<i>Lady Seahawks</i>	871
East Columbus HS	<i>Ladies & Gentlemen of America</i>	869
T.C. Williams HS	<i>Armageddon</i>	851
Lancaster HS	<i>Orange Crush</i>	836

Team Exhibition

East Columbus HS	<i>Ladies & Gentlemen of America</i>	1127
Trevor Browne HS	<i>Lady Bruins</i>	1023
Plainfield HS	<i>Red Cardinal Guard</i>	1023
Sandalwood HS	<i>Blue Eagles</i>	1017
Northeast HS	<i>Taylor Elite</i>	1007

Overall Unarmed Champion

Coffee HS - *Trojan Elites*

Overall Unarmed Runner-up

T.C. Williams HS - *Armageddon*

FLINT CENTRAL HS
Navy JROTC
Flint, Michigan

HAYES HS
Army JROTC
BIRMINGHAM, Alabama

LAKEWOOD HS
Army JROTC
LAKEWOOD, New Jersey

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

Oak Ridge MA
Army JROTC
Oak Ridge, N.CAROLINA

SPARKMAN HS
Army JROTC
HARVEST, Alabama

FLORIDA AIR ACADEMY
Air Force JROTC
Melbourne, Florida

HIALEAH-MIAMI LAKES HS
Army JROTC
HIALEAH, Florida

LANCASTER HS
Army JROTC
LANCASTER, Texas

MYRTLE BEACH HS
Navy JROTC
Myrtle Beach, S.CAROLINA

OOLTAWAH HS
Army JROTC
OOLTAWAH, Tennessee

T.C. WILLIAMS HS
Army JROTC
ALEXANDRIA, Virginia

FOREST PARK HS
Army JROTC
BALTIMORE, Maryland

HOPKINS COUNTY HS
Air Force JROTC
Madisonville, Kentucky

LEESVILLE HS
Army JROTC
LEESVILLE, Louisiana

NEVADA HS
Air Force JROTC
NEVADA, Missouri

PASSAIC HS
Navy JROTC
PASSAIC, New Jersey

Taylor County HS
Army JROTC
Perry, Florida

FORESTVILLE MILITARY
Army JROTC
Forestville, Maryland

HUBBARD HS
Army JROTC
Chicago, Illinois

LONG ISLAND CITY HS
Army JROTC
Long Island City, NY

NEWMAN HS
Air Force JROTC
NEWMAN, Georgia

PERRY COUNTY CENTRAL HS
Army JROTC
HAZARD, Kentucky

TREVOR G. BROWNE HS
Army JROTC
Phoenix, Arizona

GLOUCESTER HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Gloucester, MA

KENWOOD HS
Army JROTC
Clarksville, Tennessee

LYNN ENGLISH HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Lynn, Massachusetts

NORTHEAST HS
Army JROTC
Kansas City, Missouri

PLAINFIELD HS
Air Force JROTC
Plainfield, New Jersey

UNITED SOUTH HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Laredo, Texas

GRANTS HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Grants, New Mexico

LA SALLE INSTITUTE
Army JROTC
Troy, New York

McLAURIN HS
Army JROTC
Florence, Mississippi

NORTHEAST HS
Army JROTC
Clarksville, Tennessee

SANDALWOOD HS
Air Force JROTC
Jacksonville, Florida

WASHINGTON HS
Air Force JROTC
Tacoma, Washington

GULFPORT HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Gulfport, Mississippi

Lackey HS
Air Force JROTC
Indian Head, Maryland

MEXICO HS
Marine Corps JROTC
Mexico, New York

NORTHUMBERLAND HS
Army JROTC
Heathsville, Virginia

SEBASTIAN RIVER HS
Navy JROTC
Sebastian River, Florida

WAUKEGAN HS
Army JROTC
Waukegan, Illinois

HARRISON HS
Air Force JROTC
Colorado Springs, CO

Lakeside HS
Army JROTC
EVANS, Georgia

MONTBELLO HS
Army JROTC
DENVER, Colorado

NORTHVIEW HS
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Hail to the Kings!

The King's Guard Drill Team - Honolulu, Hawaii

Downtown Honolulu is built around the tourist haven of Waikiki Beach, perhaps the most famous stretch of sand in the world. It is a dazzling atmosphere of towering hotels, crowded streets, ritzy shops and people from every corner of the globe. Daily, thousands of unassuming visitors pass through the nearby portal of the King's Village, unaware that they are entering the home of the finest drill team in the world.

To understand the King's Guard you must first walk among them. Every day of the year they arrive as the sun approaches night. They gather in unassuming ways, hanging out on the quiet street behind the Village. A quick game of touch football comes to life, pausing for cars that dare to invade this space that is so clearly theirs. They laugh and cut-up and play like the band of brothers that they are; full of youth and vigor, regardless of their age. Off to the side, one or two or more Guards improvise with the rifle, nailing movements that most would never attempt. The Drill Master stands by, watchful of them, waiting for the moment to draw them backstage where they enter as individuals and emerge as the King's Guard.

Those that understand what they are about to witness take gentle steps into their domain, a cobblestone plaza that is too impossibly small to contain such

greatness. The air sizzles with electricity as the streets still and the onlookers fall to a hush as the Guards march through the Hyatt Regency atrium and pass into the Village, leading a wake of tourists furiously scrambling for cameras and camcorders.

They perform on this day just like every other, effortlessly, flawlessly. Drill is so ingrained into their muscles, their brains, that performing is almost autonomic, like breathing. The audience erupts with applause. And as quickly as they came, they are gone. They withdraw once more, this time coming back together as friends, comrades in arms, as much a brotherhood as any infantry unit. Time is spent over pizza and beer or across the street in the waves, surfing or fishing by moonlight.

With a sense for who they are, one must next understand *why* they are. Looking back to the Hawaiian monarchy across generations of island pride, you can see the foundation they were built upon. But the Guards are more than a respectful nod to their ancient heritage; they are a dynasty that was built by powerful individuals determined to hone the craft of rifle drill. That decades-long process has forged a drill team legacy borne on the back of the absolute quest for sheer perfection in drill.

The King's Guard is more than a precision drill team. It is a way of life; a virtual religion. They eat, sleep and breathe drill. The structure of their drill is based on many different fundamentals. Every movement they create is built from a basic "T" form, which allows that the body must be rigid, upright, shoulders squared and from this comes their exacting level of precision.

The Director of the King's Guard is Paul Naki, a gentle, unassuming man that embodies the spirit of the Guards. His involvement for almost three decades has guided the development of drill into a true art form. It is impossible to be in Paul's presence without being overwhelmed by both his intense focus and quiet determination. He appreciates and mentors drill in all its incarnations; the novice picking up a rifle for the first time and the seasoned veteran searching for some other-worldly spin. In the Guards' world, drill is not simply defined. It cannot be written on a page or captured in a single video. It is a living, breathing expression of their artistic quest.



In other professional drill teams, the routine itself must be mastered. That is the goal. In the King's Guard, perfecting the routine is merely the first step. A step that is generally mastered within weeks. From there the real quest begins. After years of dedicated service to the Guards, and only when Paul feels the Guardsman is ready, the time will come for that individual to seek out their own signature drill style. They become an apprentice to Paul's master craftsmanship. This quest is not done to benefit the unit, for it is a personal effort, meant to elevate both the individual and the art form.

Each Guardsman has his own unique style, adding flavor and depth to the brotherhood. A counterpoint to Paul's zen mastery is Donovan White, Drill Master of the King's Guard. Perhaps the most intense and impressive driller in the world, Donovan is power personified. His presence is a study in contrasts as his quiet demeanor is balanced by a breathtaking physicality. If drill were a martial art, Donovan would be a 9th degree black-belt. His rifle comes to life as an extension of his body, moving as if weightless. Such spectacular skill could easily come at the price of a bloated ego, but Donovan, along with all the Guards, embodies a graceful humility that appears strangely unaware of its own brilliance.

Within this higher calling to the gods of drill, the King's Guard made an unforgettable 4700-mile pilgrimage to the 2007 Nationals. Their on-stage performance at the Masters Awards Gala will be spoken of for decades. In the youth-driven culture of the drill world, the King's Guard are rock stars. That night, no single star shined more brightly than Paul Naki, who unbeknownst to anyone outside the Guards, had practiced for months to be there among them, performing with his men for the first time in over 16 years. There could be no greater gift to everyone at the Nationals than the gift of his performance.

The greatest force in the Hawaiian culture is the love of family or "ohana". In that one moment, before thousands of mesmerized cadets, instructors, parents, judges and guests, the King's Guard made everyone in the Ocean Center an honorary member of their "ohana", joined together in a timeless devotion to the art of drill.



After years of divisional dynasties, 2007 saw two runaway victories and one narrow defeat which left the crowd to exclaim...

And Then There Were TWO!



For the fifth consecutive year, Navy JROTC unit Flour Bluff HS (bottom left) dominated the Unarmed Division and Fern Creek HS (bottom right) powered to their seventh consecutive Alternative Arms Division Championship. But the revered Demilitarized Arms Division was dazzled by first-time National Champion Francis Lewis HS (top).

Schools come to the National High School Drill Team Championships for different reasons. Most come to put together all of their training and hard work into a single weekend of laser-focused drill excellence. They want to remember their weekend for what will likely be their last competition of the year or for seniors, their last one ever. That sense of finality, mixed with extreme preparation, combined with the outrageous extravagance of the 25th anniversary ECHO Awards Ceremony made the Masters Level competition at the 2007 National High School Drill Team Championships something never to forget.

For the upper echelon of drill, their goal at the Nationals is simple - to be the recipient of one of the three, huge National Championship trophies awarded at the end of the evening! And this year, two teams made that oft-repeated walk uninterrupted by serious competition but one school got their chance to enter the promiscland of drill for the first time ever, taking home the 6-foot plus symbol of military drill supremacy.

Those who have been to a National's Masters Awards Ceremony understand there are simply no words to accurately describe this night. In many cases, the young warriors enter the arena sleep-deprived and exhausted with emotions running high as their adrenaline surges in anticipation. This lofty finale's atmosphere is unparalleled in the world of JROTC drill. The cadets and parents relished every moment of the lavish evening provided by ECHO benefactor and former National's competitor Abdul Al-Romaizan; resulting in an Academy Awards-like experience.

ALTERNATIVE ARMS DIVISION

With several new hardened challengers traveling to face the **Lady Leathernecks** of **Fern Creek HS**, their run of consecutive championships was put in question. Those questions were quickly answered as the steely-eyed ladies from **Fern Creek, Kentucky** had plenty of juice to repeat as champions, extending their unprecedented run of championships to seven straight years! Several Marine units were in hot pursuit of the title but clearly dominant among them was resurgent **Deerfield Beach HS** from **Deerfield Beach, Florida** in garnering the Runner-up title. Just a few quality points back was 2005 & 2006 Division Runner-up **Palm Bay HS** from **Palm Bay, Florida**. The always strong **Lady Pirates** nabbed three trophy finishes for a division 3rd place, but a 9th place finish by BOTH trailing schools cost them each a possible run to the top.

Bellevue West HS from **Bellevue, Nebraska** brought their famous exhibition thunder to the Nationals for the first time and garnered the coveted 1st place Platoon exhibition trophy to highlight the division talent.

UNARMED DIVISION

Any thoughts of an upset were dispelled within minutes of the **Sea Hawks** Unarmed drill unit from **Flour Bluff HS** stepping on the drill deck! Losing Inspection by a single point but capturing EVERY other team event took much of the drama out of the awards presentation for these **Corpus Christi, Texas** natives. Charging up from third place in 2006, the **Queen's Guard** from **Winston Churchill HS** in **San Antonio, Texas** grabbed four team trophies and just missed a fifth in solidifying the Unarmed Division Runner-

up crown. The **Patriot Pride** drill team from powerhouse **Francis Lewis HS** in **Fresh Meadows, New York** grabbed four event trophies but an uncharacteristic eleventh place finish in Inspection took them out of contention to repeat their Runner-up title from 2006.

The **Blue Angels** from **Douglas MacArthur HS** from drill mecca **San Antonio, Texas** pasted up two second place finishes in both Color Guard and Squad Exhibition to highlight other spectacular efforts.

DEMILITARIZED ARMS DIVISION

The Demilitarized Arms Division at the Nationals has become synonymous with unparalleled, high-flying, nail-biting drill excellence. The slightest slip can sabotage even the finest efforts. 2007 was certainly no exception as several schools rose to new heights they could not have imagined just one year earlier.

Five schools battled with the realistic opportunity to take home the big hardware in an unprecedented display of talented drill parity. Division favorite **Flour Bluff HS** came ready, winning the Inspection competition but the **Sea Devils** drill team could only muster two other team trophies. This left them just short in their fight to repeat as division champion for the fifth consecutive year, settling for the Division Runner-up crown. **Francis Lewis HS** grabbed four trophies and finished just high enough in Squad Exhibition for the vaulted **Patriot Guard** drill team to spring into the Nationals Championship position. Displaying tremendous strength all drill season, you could sense early on in the Nationals competition this could be their year.

The battle for division 3rd place was just as intense. **Fern Creek HS** displayed no major weaknesses and many strengths nabbing three team trophies for 3rd place overall. **Marmion Academy** from **Aurora, Illinois** buzzed the tower with their awesome Squad & Platoon Exhibition first place finishes, but a devastating 17th place finish in Inspection competition cost them a shot at the overall championship, settling for a solid 4th place finish in this brutally tough competition division.

Every spectator at the Masters Level knew 2007 was something very special. The precision and accomplishment these young cadets put forth in all divisions was almost unbelievable, making the wait to do it all over again in 2008 even more excruciating!



NATIONAL High School Drill Team Championships



Masters Level Event Standings

ALL RAW SCORE TOTALS ARE BASED ON A MAXIMUM 1200 POINTS PER EVENT

Demilitarized Arms

Inspection

Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Devils</i>	897
Rahway HS	<i>Devil Pups</i>	855
Francis Lewis HS	<i>Patriot Guard</i>	792
John Jay HS	<i>Silver Eagles</i>	762
Douglas MacArthur HS	<i>Blue Guard</i>	752

Regulation

Deerfield Beach HS	<i>Scarlet Bucks</i>	863
Francis Lewis HS	<i>Patriot Guard</i>	847
Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Devils</i>	826
Mt. Juliet HS	<i>Silent Thunder</i>	816
Marmion Academy	<i>Flannigan Rifles</i>	804

Color Guard

Theodore Roosevelt HS	<i>San Juan Guard</i>	817
John Jay HS	<i>Silver Eagles</i>	814
Fern Creek HS	<i>Leathernecks</i>	810
Francis Lewis HS	<i>Patriot Guard</i>	800
Marmion Academy	<i>Flannigan Rifles</i>	791

Squad Exhibition

Marmion Academy	<i>Flannigan Rifles</i>	1048
Ronald Reagan HS	<i>Rattler Guard</i>	1018
Rahway HS	<i>Devil Pups</i>	985
Douglas MacArthur HS	<i>Blue Guard</i>	970
Fern Creek HS	<i>Leathernecks</i>	934

Platoon Exhibition

Marmion Academy	<i>Flannigan Rifles</i>	929
Rahway HS	<i>Devil Pups</i>	864
Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Devils</i>	862
Francis Lewis HS	<i>Patriot Guard</i>	850
Fern Creek HS	<i>Leathernecks</i>	847

Unarmed

Inspection

Rahway HS	<i>Lady Devil Pups</i>	813
Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Hawks</i>	812
Winston Churchill HS	<i>Queen's Guard</i>	781
Abraham Clark HS	<i>Lady Devil Dogs</i>	770
Lynn English HS	<i>Lady Bulldogs</i>	769

Regulation

Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Hawks</i>	921
Winston Churchill HS	<i>Queen's Guard</i>	874
Francis Lewis HS	<i>Patriot Pride</i>	861
Robert E. Lee HS	<i>Stratford</i>	854
Ronald Reagan HS	<i>Diamondback</i>	852

Color Guard

Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Hawks</i>	751
Douglas MacArthur HS	<i>Blue Angels</i>	743
Theodore Roosevelt HS	<i>Riderettes</i>	739
Sandalwood HS	<i>Silver Eagles</i>	721
Francis Lewis HS	<i>Patriot Pride</i>	714

Element Exhibition

Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Hawks</i>	901
Douglas MacArthur HS	<i>Blue Angels</i>	881
Winston Churchill HS	<i>Queen's Guard</i>	874
Francis Lewis HS	<i>Patriot Pride</i>	859
N. Miami Beach Sr. HS	<i>Lady Chargers</i>	804

Flight Exhibition

Flour Bluff HS	<i>Sea Hawks</i>	1146
Bellevue West HS	<i>T-Birds</i>	1138
Francis Lewis HS	<i>Patriot Pride</i>	1074
Winston Churchill HS	<i>Queen's Guard</i>	1040
Abraham Clark HS	<i>Lady Devil Dogs</i>	1037

Alternative Arms

Inspection

Fern Creek HS	<i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	723
Deerfield Beach HS	<i>Golden Bucks</i>	638
Palm Bay HS	<i>Lady Pirates</i>	630
Airport HS	<i>Golden Talons</i>	577
Mt. Juliet HS	<i>Reigning Squad of Doom</i>	557

Regulation

Deerfield Beach HS	<i>Golden Bucks</i>	839
Fern Creek HS	<i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	831
Palm Bay HS	<i>Lady Pirates</i>	800
Winter Springs HS	<i>Golden Bears</i>	775
Miami Coral Park HS	<i>Ram Rangers</i>	749

Color Guard

Fern Creek HS	<i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	713
Palm Bay HS	<i>Lady Pirates</i>	694
Miami Coral Park HS	<i>Ram Rangers</i>	694
Winter Springs HS	<i>Golden Bears</i>	650
Cedar Shoals HS	<i>Lady Knights</i>	633

Squad Exhibition

Fern Creek HS	<i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	804
Bellevue West HS	<i>Lady Thunderbirds</i>	774
Deerfield Beach HS	<i>Golden Bucks</i>	763
Southeast HS	<i>Lady Noles</i>	756
Mt. Juliet HS	<i>Reigning Squad of Doom</i>	721

Platoon Exhibition

Bellevue West HS	<i>Lady Thunderbirds</i>	997
Deerfield Beach HS	<i>Golden Bucks</i>	971
J.H. Reagan HS	<i>Reagan Riflettes</i>	925
Fern Creek HS	<i>Lady Leathernecks</i>	897
Southeast HS	<i>Lady Noles</i>	890

Demilitarized Arms Champions

Champion: Francis Lewis HS - *Patriot Guard*

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

Solo Exhibition

- 1st: Cadet Cheng - McKinley HS
- 2nd: Cadet Pereau - Vero Beach HS
- 3rd: Cadet Bayley - Xavier HS
- 4th: Cadet Rollins - Deerfield Beach HS
- 5th: Cadet McCrocklin - Waianae HS

Dual Exhibition

- 1st: Renn & Renn - Fern Creek HS
- 2nd: Archer & Wilson - Thomas C. Clark HS
- 3rd: Sumpter & Summers - Fern Creek HS
- 4th: Craddock & Stewart - Hendersonville HS
- 5th: Daileda & Fiorito - Rahway HS

2007 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Unarmed Champions

Champion: Flour Bluff HS - *Sea Hawks*

Runner-up: Winston Churchill HS - *Queen's Guard*

Dual Exhibition

- 1st: Dorsey & Castillo - Oxon Hill HS
- 2nd: Gallopp & Jarquin - Hialeah HS
- 3rd: Almeida & Dorcent - Abraham Clark HS
- 4th: Atkinson & Aguilar - Francis Lewis HS
- 5th: Chang & Yeh - Francis Lewis HS

Alternative Arms Champions

Champion: Fern Creek HS - *Lady Leathernecks*

Runner-up: Deerfield Beach HS - *Golden Bucks*

Solo Exhibition

- 1st: Cadet Holliday - Palm Bay HS
- 2nd: Cadet Pons - Winter Springs HS
- 3rd: Cadet Arauz - Miami Coral Park HS
- 4th: Cadet Hutchinson - Airport HS
- 5th: Cadet Blaz - N. Miami Beach Sr. HS

Dual Exhibition

- 1st: Farinas & Sanchez - Miami Coral Park HS
- 2nd: Hutchinson & Jones - Airport HS
- 3rd: Matute & Garcia - J.H. Reagan HS
- 4th: Arauz & Cruz - Miami Coral Park HS
- 5th: Davenport & Durrett - Airport HS

Abraham Clark High School
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Roselle, New Jersey

Airport High School
Army JROTC
West Columbia, S.Carolina

Bellevue West High School
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Bellevue, Nebraska

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Cedar Shoals High School
Army JROTC
Athens, Georgia

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Army JROTC
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Waynesboro, Virginia

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Corpus Christi, Texas

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Fresh Meadows, New York

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Marine Corps JROTC
Woodbridge, Virginia

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Army JROTC
Dry Prong, Louisiana

Grants High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Grants, New Mexico

Hendersonville High School
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Hendersonville, Tennessee

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Hialeah, Florida

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Air Force JROTC
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Army JROTC
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Marmion Academy
Army JROTC
Aurora, Illinois

Mattoon High School
Army JROTC
Mattoon, Illinois

McKinley High School
Army JROTC
Honolulu, Hawaii

Miami Coral Park High School
Army JROTC
Miami, Florida

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

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

N.Miami Beach High School
Army JROTC
N.Miami Beach, Florida

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

Orange Park High School
Navy JROTC
Orange Park, Florida

Oxon Hill High School
Air Force JROTC
Oxon Hill, Maryland

Palm Bay High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Palm Bay, Florida

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Army JROTC
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Rahway, New Jersey

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Ronald Reagan High School
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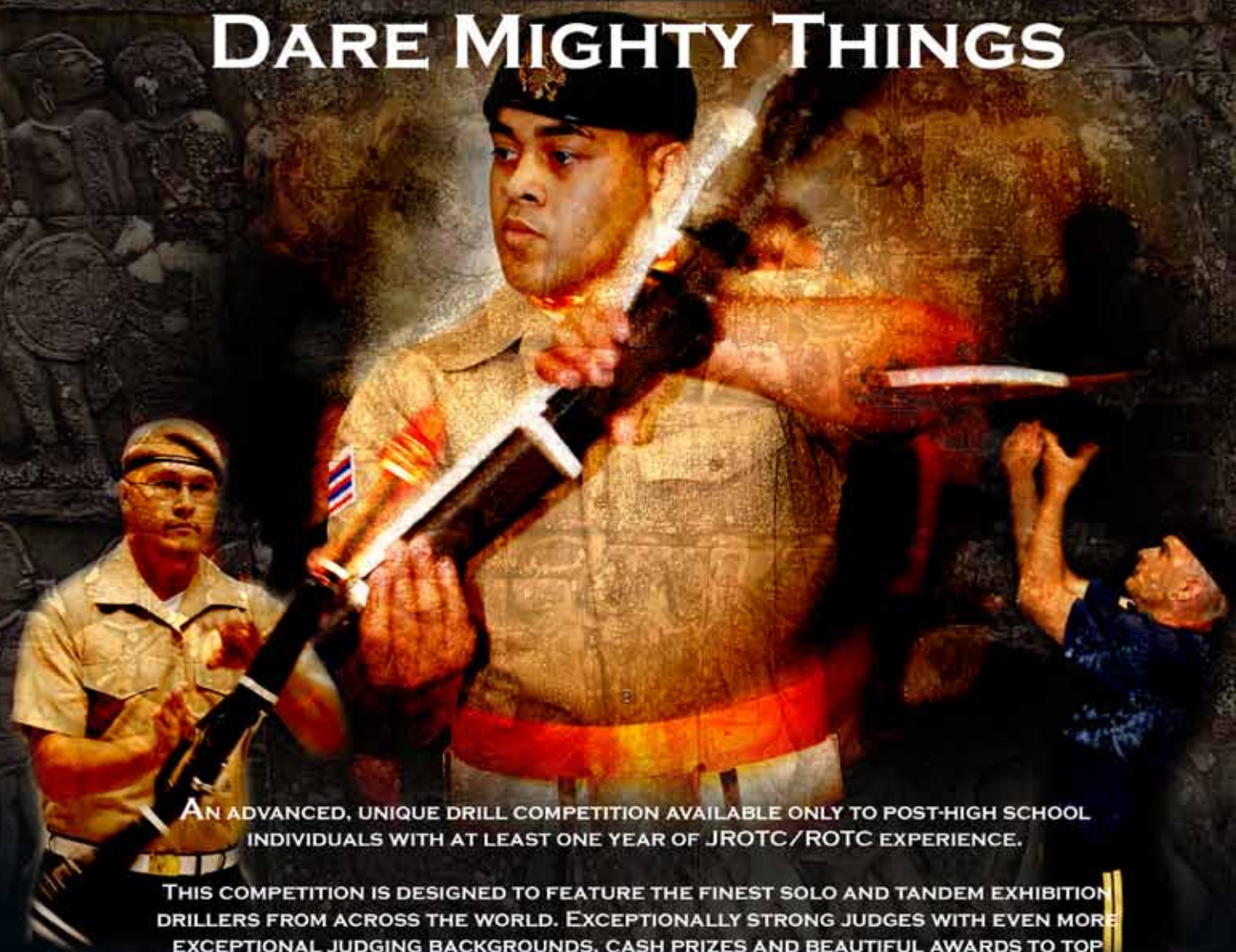
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A Quick Look Around the Nationals and the JROTC World!



Jean Weil Scholarship Winners Recognized

Numerous NHSDTC senior cadets applied for the Jean Weil Scholarship award in 2007. Named after the co-founder of the Nationals who passed away in 1999, the award recognizes the most outstanding individual cadets at the Nationals competition. This year, Christine Shim from Francis Lewis HS and Joshua Freeman from Theodore Roosevelt HS each took home \$1,000 scholarships while Mr. Justin Gates of SNI (left) and Mr. Abdul Al-Romaizan (right) congratulated the winners. All registered NHSDTC schools are eligible to submit scholarship packages with application forms mailed out to all registered schools in December.

Huge Crowds at the Nationals Raise Money for Worthy Charities

Throngs of spectators attended the 2007 NHSDTC and their admission fees helped to support several worthy charities including the **VFW Unmet Needs Program** which provides financial assistance to military family members at home facing dire situations while active-duty service members are stationed abroad. Additionally, SNI was committed to supporting the **Enterprise High School Army JROTC program** which was devastated when much of their school was lost to tornadoes that ripped through their town in March of 2007. As a long-time Nationals attendee, their hard charging program lives on as their indomitable spirit will forever be a part of the National's fabric. Sports Network International was honored to contribute in the name of the Nationals to both of these worthy programs.



Sports Network Branches Out

Sports Network International, long known within the military world exclusively as a drill competition manager, has begun to branch out in new directions in recent years. Hosting the wildly successful Nationals Drill Camp this Summer, and now working with Cedar Shoals HS to produce the first-ever Raider Nationals, SNI looks to bring the organizational talents and first-class atmosphere into related, yet new arenas. "The feedback from the drill camp cadets was overwhelmingly positive," stated SNI's CEO, Samantha Ste.Claire. "We look forward to welcoming the cadets back in 2008 and also being a part of the intense Raider Nationals competition." With the expansion of the Air Force Nationals, combined with the thousands of hours devoted to the 25th anniversary ECHO video project, this has been and will continue to be a busy year for the SNI calendar.

Spirit Award Winner Crowned at Daytona

The NHSDTC Spirit Award Banner has quickly grown to become an extremely prestigious award at the Nationals. This rotating honor annually goes to the program who best signifies the sterling conduct, steadfast determination against all obstacles, and helpful spirit that separates their program from many others. Founded by Mr. Abdul Al-Romaizan in 2002, dozens of high quality schools each year are considered for the award. In 2007, the award was presented to **Flour Bluff HS** from Corpus Christi, Texas. Their unprecedented run of competition excellence, spirited support of the drill community, overall class and impact on the history of the Nationals provides a blueprint for any other program looking to become an excellent JROTC program.



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