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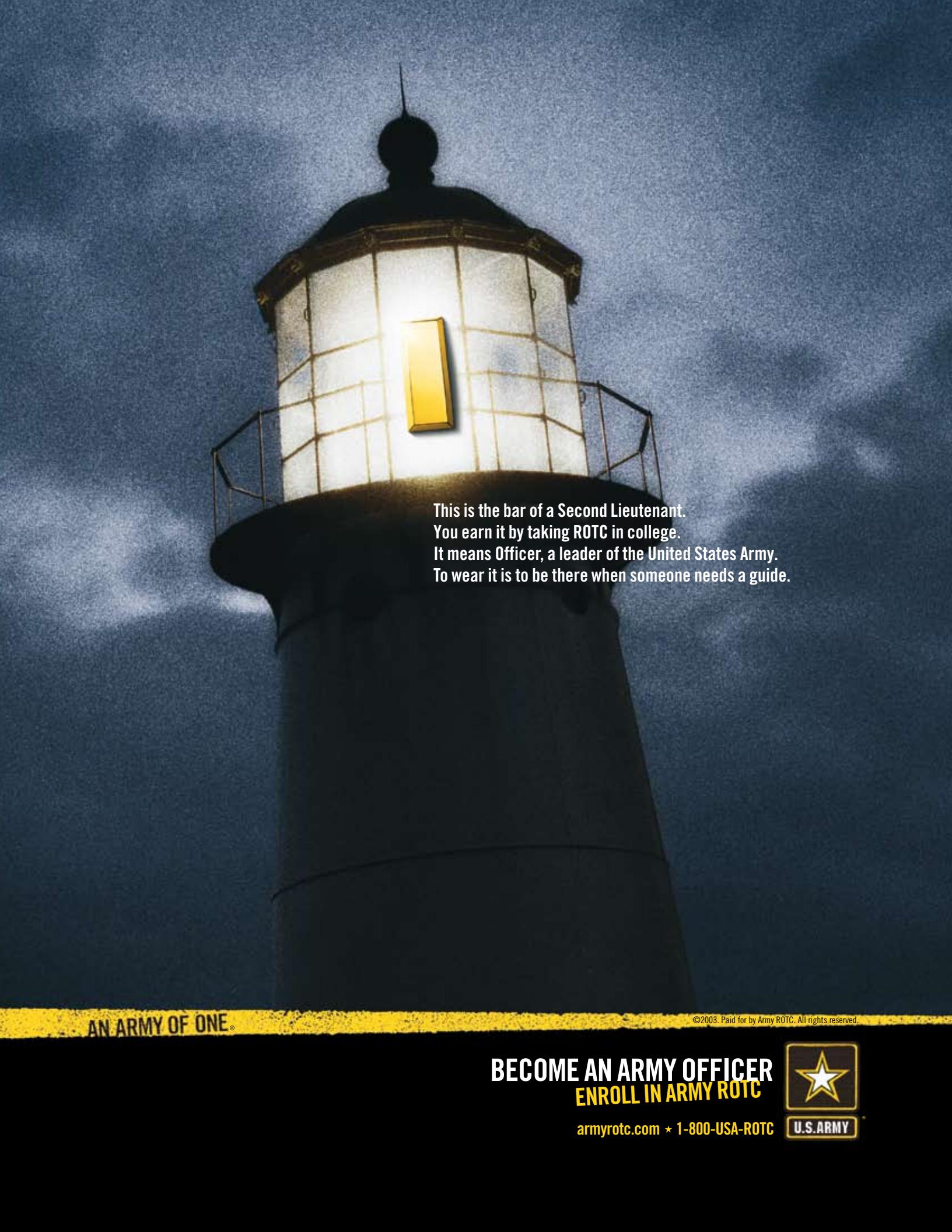
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The year 2008 ushered in a major change for Air Force cadets across the nation. The Air Force JROTC HQ joined forces with SNI as an official supporter of this legendary blue shirt drill event to produce the expanded U.S. Air Force National JROTC Drill Championships. With so much drill talent nationally within AFJROTC, the "Air Force Nationals" was split between two cities, with the Western Championships being held in historic College Station, Texas.

## ARMED DIVISION

One team stormed the doors and proved "large and in charge" the entire day. The **Silver Eagles** from **John Jay HS** (San Antonio, Texas) showed no mercy as they captured first place in all four team events. Their unprecedeted sweep of the entire division left the competition shooting for a Runner-Up trophy early and gave departing drill icon MSgt. Ken Madden a wonderful send-off!

The Runner Up fight was very close between the **Centurion Guard** from **Thomas C. Clark HS** (San Antonio, Texas) and the **Flying Tigers** from **Klein Collins HS** (Spring, Texas). Both teams were exceptionally strong, trophying in all four team events. When the scores were in, it was a tie! However, raw point totals gave the tie-breaker nod to the dedicated cadets from Clark HS as they carried home the Runner-Up title of the first ever Air Force Nationals Western Championships.

## Eastern Championships - Macon Centreplex - Macon, Georgia

The Eastern Air Force Championships were held in Macon, Georgia at the expansive Macon Centreplex. This venue is centrally located to numerous strong Air Force drill units and they came out in force. Unfortunately for them, most of the hardware seemed to migrate north! Over 850 cadets came with hopes of taking trophies and bragging rights back to their hometown.

## ARMED DIVISION

The Armed Division had many talented teams but only one contender rocketed to the front early to capture the championship. The **Falcons** from **Coventry HS** (Coventry, Rhode Island) came ready to leave their mark on history as they were the only team to trophy in all four team events. They placed first in Inspection and Color Guard, second in Regulation, and fourth in Exhibition leaving their competitors wondering what energy drink they found and where to get some!

The race for the Runner-Up title was very tight between two very familiar teams, the **Black Knights** from **Franklin K. Lane HS** (Brooklyn, NY) and the **Ruff Ryders** from **Lackey HS** (Indian Head, MD). The Black Knights came out fighting with two first places in Regulation and Exhibition but fell

# 2008 Air Force Nationals The Best of the Best in Blue

With the added support of AFJROTC HQ, the Air Force Nationals hosted both an Eastern & Western Championship for Air Force JROTC cadets to shine.



## Western Championships - Texas A&M University - College Station, Texas

### UNARMED DIVISION

**John Jay HS** was not going to take no for an answer as their **Snap II** unarmed team took two first place trophies (Regulation & Color Guard), one second place (Inspection), and one third place trophy (Exhibition). They completely dominated the drill floor and walked away with the Unarmed Division Western Championship title.



AFJROTC Deputy Director Mr. Greg Winn (L) and Event Keynote Speaker Buster Horlen, National Director of the AFA (R) stand proudly with (L to R) Armed Division Runner-up Thomas C. Clark HS, Armed Champion John Jay HS, Unarmed Champion John Jay HS, and Unarmed Runner-up Klein Collins HS.

As in the Armed Division, the race for the Runner-Up title came down to the same two schools, the **Lady Flying Tigers** from **Klein Collins HS** and **Silver Valor** from **Thomas C. Clark HS**. Both teams showed strength in all four events but a disappointing seventh place in Inspection for Clark HS allowed the Lady Flying Tigers to inch ahead by one quality point to take home the Unarmed Division Runner-Up trophy.

The Air Force Nationals will experience a dramatic change in 2009 when the event moves to **San Antonio, Texas** where a sea of blue will fill the magnificent **Alamodome** on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Many teams have already expressed an interest in competing in this impressive drill facility to give these 2008 top finishers a run for their money!

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just short of trophying in Inspection and Color Guard. The Ruff Ryders trophyed in three team events (2<sup>nd</sup> in Inspection and Color Guard, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Exhibition) but left the door wide open with their 11<sup>th</sup> place finish in Regulation. But it was the Black Knights who earned the Runner-Up trophy by only one quality point.

### UNARMED DIVISION

Packed full of talented teams, **Tift County HS** rose victorious from the Unarmed field as they trophyed in all four team events (1<sup>st</sup> Exhibition, 2<sup>nd</sup> Inspection, 3<sup>rd</sup> Color Guard and 5<sup>th</sup> Regulation). The **Blue Devil Honor Guard** carried the Georgia flag to victory in front of their many supporters.



Eastern drill powerhouse Tift County HS from nearby Tifton, Georgia had much to celebrate at the Air Force Eastern JROTC Drill Championships, trophying in every event en route to the Unarmed Division Championship.

Although trophies were spread among 13 different teams in the Unarmed Division, the **Ladies of Destruction** from **Lackey HS** dominated with a 1<sup>st</sup> in Regulation, a 3<sup>rd</sup> in Inspection and a 4<sup>th</sup> in Color Guard. Even their 11<sup>th</sup> place finish in Exhibition couldn't put them in reach of their nearest competitor as they comfortably claimed the Unarmed Runner-Up title.

Change is in the air across the SNI drill landscape as the 2009 Eastern Championships also moves to a brand new facility in the historic shadows of the nation's capital. The **Show Place Arena** in **Upper Marlboro, Maryland** will be host to the best the east coast Air Force JROTC drill has to offer. We look forward to this new day in Air Force drill excellence!



# NAVY NATIONALS

## THE MORE THINGS CHANGE, THE MORE THEY STAY THE SAME!

*The Navy Nationals challenges even the most determined cadet in this exhausting 2-day event.*

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Picture it: Pensacola, Florida, April 2007. **Flour Bluff HS** cadets learn that for the first time in a decade they did not win the coveted Navy Nationals title. The disappointment of those cadets and the elation & shock of everyone in attendance was palpable as **Flanagan HS** celebrated their historic victory over such a strong and long-standing rival. This upset left every Navy school in the country realizing that they too could win the "big" trophy at the Navy Nationals. All it takes is an entire year of hard work, dedication, and commitment.

No school was more ready, willing and able to devote the blood, sweat and tears to this noble cause than **Flour Bluff HS** itself. They were dealt a hard blow in 2007 and they were determined to reclaim their title in 2008.

The two-day military event tests inspection preparedness, athletic ability, academic aptitude, NJROTC knowledge and overall strength in five drill team events. The team that wins the coveted title has to be well-rounded and completely committed.

But as **Flour Bluff** doubled their efforts, **Boca Raton HS** tripled theirs in preparation for the 2008 Navy Nationals. They had been close so many times, capturing the Runner-Up trophy for three consecutive years (2005-2007). With **Flour Bluff** unseated for the first time in over a decade, they were never in a better position to take possession of the throne!

As the Awards Ceremony commenced at the spectacular and historic National Museum of Naval Aviation, Boca's cadets were on the edge of their seats. Did they do enough to win it all this year? Stoked by an incredible speech by **Rear Admiral Cecil D. Haney**, Director, Submarine Warfare Division (N87), you could feel the tension in the room as the **Flanagan HS** cadets hoped they could hang on to the title, Boca Raton's cadets were ready to finally win the title, and **Flour Bluff** was resolutely determined to take back their place at the top.

The Awards Ceremony always begins with the awards for the athletic events and **Boca Raton HS** is known for its prowess on the athletic field, so they were hopeful as they captured 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Push-Ups and 1<sup>st</sup> place in both relay events. However, they had to be concerned as they were shadowed by last-



year's champion, **Flanagan HS** who received 2<sup>nd</sup> place in both relays, 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Curl-Ups and 5<sup>th</sup> place in Push-ups. Both teams were hopeful when **Flour Bluff** did not receive a single athletic trophy.

Then came the Academic trophies. Winning the Academic event means receiving almost 20% of the maximum points possible. It is nearly impossible to win the overall trophy if your team does not place in the top five of the Academic exam. **Flanagan** received 3<sup>rd</sup> place, **Flour Bluff** captured 2<sup>nd</sup> and **Boca Raton** took home the coveted 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy. These finishes kept all three schools in the running for the overall title.

*For the first time ever, there were six schools in reach of the Overall Navy Nationals title.*

As the drill trophies were announced, three schools heard their name several times and the big three became even more nervous. **Shawnee Mission North HS** (Overland Park, Kansas) surprised most everyone with two 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes (Armed Basic, Color Guard) and one 4<sup>th</sup> place finish (Unarmed Basic). **Centennial HS** (Las Vegas, Nevada) received one 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy (Unarmed Exhibition), one 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Color Guard) and two 5<sup>th</sup> places (Armed & Unarmed Basic). **George Bush HS** (Richmond, Texas) came from nowhere with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place Unarmed Exhibition, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Unarmed Basic, 4<sup>th</sup> place Armed Exhibition and 5<sup>th</sup> place Color Guard finish! As the dust settled, there were now a solid six schools in reach of the Overall title.

The Unit Personnel Inspection brings 25% of the total event points needed for the overall title. The crowd of cadets, instructors, parents and spectators knew that this event was crucial; a team must get a good portion of the available points in Inspection or it is over. **Boca Raton** was concerned when they received a 4<sup>th</sup> place - would that be just too great a deficit to overcome?



*Flour Bluff High School from Corpus Christi, Texas roared back with a passion to recapture the overall Navy National Championships. The school is pictured here with Joseph Daigneault Jr. (far left), National Director from the Clearwater, Florida Council.*

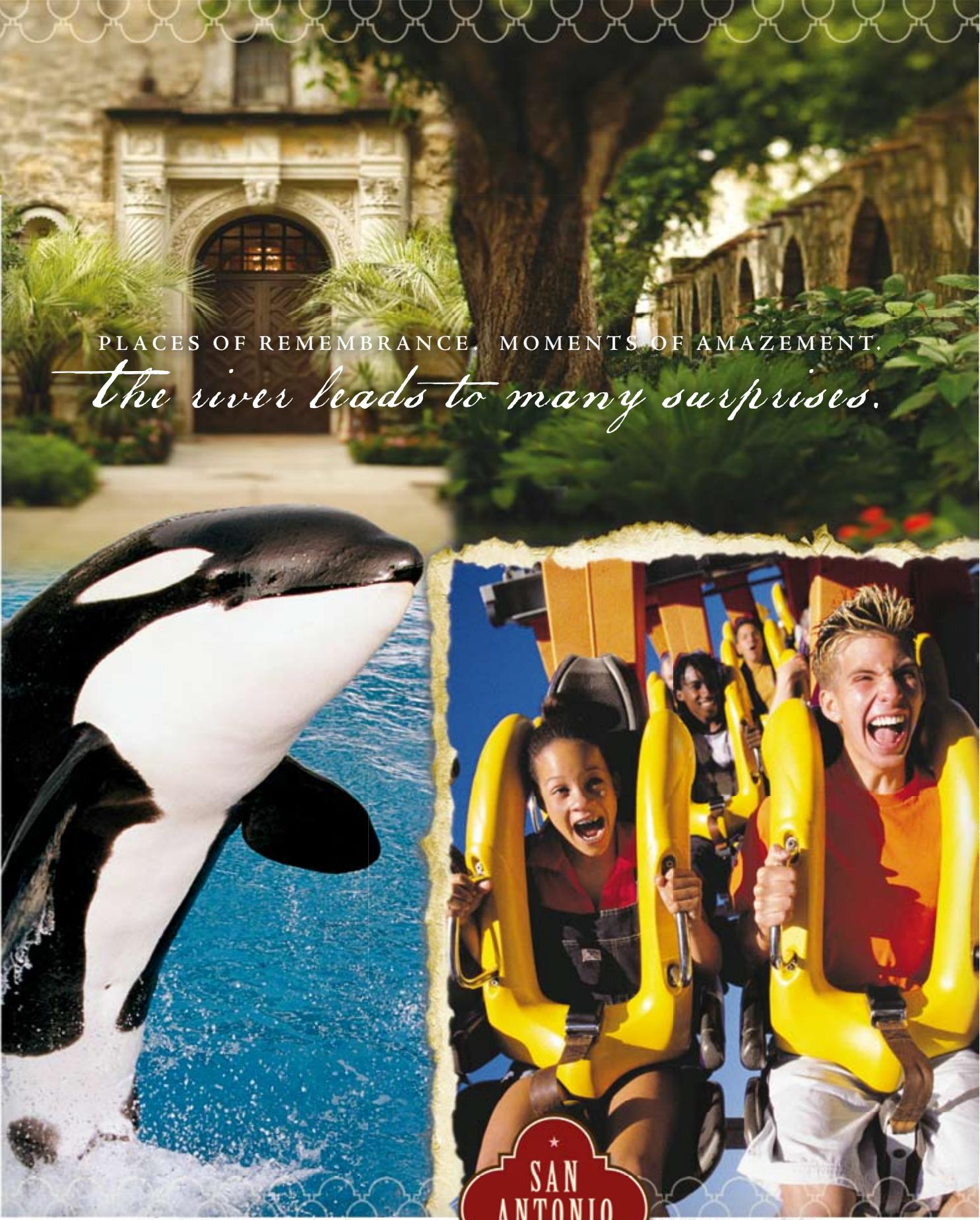
**George Bush** was ecstatic when they placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in UPI making it possible for them to be in the overall placements. **Flour Bluff**, with their 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy, was happy to hear that they placed higher than **Boca Raton** but were concerned over who would be called next. When the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy was announced, the crowd raised the roof with cheers - for the first time, **Centennial High School** captured 1<sup>st</sup> place in Inspection!

With not placing in Unit Personnel Inspection, **Flanagan** was sure they were not going to repeat as champion this year, but it was not clear who would! With **Centennial** capturing 3<sup>rd</sup> place Overall Drill and Runner-Up Overall Athletic and **George Bush** taking 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Overall Athletic and Runner Up Overall Drill everyone was holding their breath wondering if there was a new sheriff in town that no one knew was even in the running.

As the National Champion trophies were called, **Flanagan** took home the 5<sup>th</sup> place overall, dashing their dreams of repeating as overall champion. **George Bush High School** captured 4<sup>th</sup> place overall and **Centennial High School** took 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall. The only question left was, did **Boca Raton** finally become the bride after three years as the bridesmaid, or did **Flour Bluff** reclaim their place on the Navy Nationals throne?

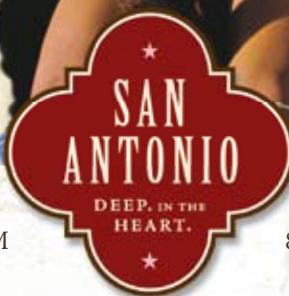
Both teams had done the math, and it was going to be close. When the scores were tallied only 75 points out of 5500 separated the two teams! When **Boca Raton High School** was announced as Runner-Up National Champion, it was a tough blow to this remarkable program. But they knew that such a close finish was proof that in time that trophy would be theirs.

**Flour Bluff High School** had done it! They had reclaimed their title as Navy Nationals Overall Champion. With the scores so close and the talent improving each year, all the best Navy programs in the country are working just that much harder to try and kick the big dog off the porch again in 2009 as overall Navy NJROTC talent continues to rise!



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## Western Championships

The U.S. Army Cadet Command JROTC Drill Championships remain the premier gathering of Army JROTC drill talent.

Next year, this exciting event will be moving to a new home! The 2009 Western Championships will be held in the beautiful & historical city of San Antonio, Texas at the magnificent Alamodome. This year's Western Championships were held in College Station, Texas on the campus of Texas A&M and were dazzling!



COL Jake Betty, TAMU Corps of Cadets (L) and Ms. Emily Olsen from the U.S. Army Cadet Command (R) are pictured above with Western Region cadets representing (L to R) Armed Division Runner-up Grant HS, Armed Champion Ronald Reagan HS, Unarmed Champion Douglas MacArthur HS, and Unarmed Runner-up Winston Churchill HS.

### ARMED DIVISION

In 2007, the **Rattler Guard** from **Ronald Reagan HS** in San Antonio was finally beaten for the championship after two years in the top slot. In 2008, they came back on a mission for victory. The entire day was a two-horse race to the finish between the **Rattler Guard** and last year's champion, the **Maroon & Golden Knights** from **Grant HS** from the tiny town of Dry Prong, Louisiana. Both teams trophied in three of the four events with one first place finish each. Even during the awards ceremony, no one could guess who would arise victorious. These placements yielded exactly 14 quality points which forced the raw points tie breaker to reveal Reagan's Rattler Guard had taken back their title as the Armed Division Western Champion by the closest of margins!

### UNARMED DIVISION

San Antonio is known as the mecca of drill and aptly named with six of the seven top finishing teams calling San Antonio home in the Unarmed Division. The progression of the day yielded only two teams standing head & shoulders above the rest. **Douglas MacArthur HS** fought valiantly capturing two, 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes (Regulation, Color Guard) and two 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes (Inspection, Exhibition) en route to the **Mighty Blue Angels** Western Unarmed Division Championship. The runner up Winston Churchill HS unit fought hard placing 1<sup>st</sup> in both Inspection & Exhibition but a 3<sup>rd</sup> place Color Guard and 4<sup>th</sup> place Regulation left the Queen's Guard drill team just short.

The entire day was filled with non-stop drill & ceremony talent and the night was topped off by an inspirational message from **CSM Victor Mercado, CSM, Western Region USACC**, 2009 looks to kick it up a notch as the event moves to the Alamodome in the big city of San Antonio. Many schools from outside the San Antonio area have already gone on the website and registered to attend the 2009 Army JROTC Western Championships - See You All in March, 2009!

**2009 Army Western Championships**  
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## Eastern Championships

The hospitality of Macon, Georgia provided a southern flair for the 2008 U.S. Army Cadet Command JROTC Drill Championships. Schools from across the eastern U.S. came to the Macon Centroplex as over 1,000 each coming with their own dreams of success and maybe event unseating the reigning champion...

### ARMED DIVISION

For the third straight year, the **Patriot Guard** from **Francis Lewis HS** from **Fresh Meadows, New York** showed that they are a force of nature capturing 1<sup>st</sup> place trophies in Regulation & Color Guard, a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Inspection, and a 4<sup>th</sup> in Exhibition. They were the only team that trophied in all four events. With so much talent in their corner, they kept their championship status in dominating style. The runner-up title was claimed by Florida-powerhouse **Winter Springs HS** from Winter Springs, Florida. The **Bears** drill team mauled the rest of the field capturing 1st place in Inspection and a 3rd in Regulation. Solid finishes in the other two events yielded a strong eight quality point lead on their nearest competitor and thereby earned the Armed Division Runner-Up Trophy.

### UNARMED DIVISION

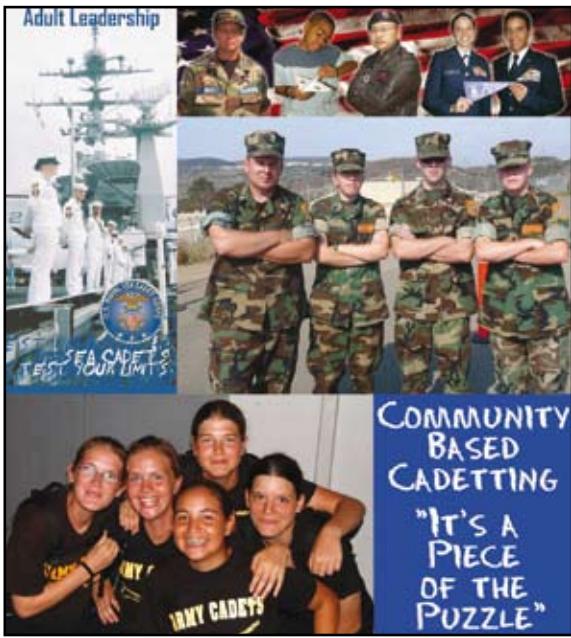
The New York drill dynasty remained intact as the **Patriot Pride** from **Francis Lewis High School** walked away with their fourth consecutive Eastern Championship trophy. They took 1<sup>st</sup> in Regulation and Color Guard, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Inspection, and 5<sup>th</sup> in Exhibition, making them unstoppable this year. The only other team to place in all team events capturing the Runner-Up title was **Tanko-Woosas** from **McNair Academic High School** in Jersey City, New Jersey. They powered their way with a 1<sup>st</sup> place Inspection, 4<sup>th</sup> place in Color Guard and Exhibition and 5<sup>th</sup> place in Regulation. This is the fourth consecutive year that McNair has won the Runner-Up title behind Francis Lewis. Next year they have vowed to remove the Patriot Pride from their throne and begin a new dynasty of their own at the exciting new home of the Eastern Championships, the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, just outside Washington, DC.



CSM Michael Peters from Eastern Region Cadet Command looks on with cadets from (L to R) Armed Division Runner-up Winter Springs HS, Armed Champion and Unarmed Champion Francis Lewis HS, and Unarmed Runner-up McNair Academic HS.

With two massive knockouts, a huge awards ceremony, and a heartfelt message from **CSM Michael Peters, CSM, Eastern Region, USACC**, the Eastern event ended on the same high note it began with. 2009 brings a new home and hope to many schools looking to make the trophy parade stop at their doorstep. Good luck to all at the 2009 Army JROTC Eastern Championships.

**2009 Army Eastern Championships**  
Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> - Upper Marlboro, Maryland



**JROTC** is without question the largest success story in our United States high schools today. Increased school attendance, lower drop out rates, higher GPAs, and more successful post-high school lives are quantifiable and without parallel. These results are even more pronounced within some of the nation's more troubled school systems. This is accomplished through a positive, safe, and structured environment where the students feel cared for and included. They receive guidance & mentorship at an age where they are often yearning for a sense of inclusion & connectedness. The structure of a typical JROTC program offers powerful cohesive forces in a place where belonging and purpose are often hard to come by. This type of "us-against-the-world" mentality, combined with the community service component within JROTC is exactly what is needed to breed success in schools where students who work hard and achieve are often treated as sell-outs or worse.

Founded in 1916 in the National Defense Act, JROTC develops leadership, discipline & citizenship within high school students. President George H. Bush expanded the program at the urging of then Secretary of State Colin Powell and increased its yearly budget. JROTC programs are slated to expand nationally in the coming years to over 3,500 programs.

With such amazing, measurable success, it is hard to believe that currently only 5% of the nation's high school students have the opportunity to be a part of JROTC. Fortunately, other high school military based groups operate largely in the shadow of JROTC to "fill the void." These programs offer tremendous opportunity for high school students who find themselves without a Junior ROTC unit in their school. "Community Based Cadetting" is the new buzzword. Where JROTC units cannot or will not go, look for numerous JROTC-like organizations to quickly fill the need!

**The Naval Sea Cadet Corps** is for American youth ages 13-17 who wish to learn about the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. The program introduces youth to naval life, develops a sense of pride, patriotism, courage and self-reliance, and maintains an environment free of drugs and gangs.

**The Young Marines** cater to a younger demographic but can host kids throughout high school age. The Young Marines is a youth education and service program for boys & girls. The Young Marines promotes the mental, moral and physical development of its members. The program focuses heavily on character building, leadership, and promoting a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

**The Civil Air Patrol** is easily the largest and most well-known of these programs. Their three missions are to develop its cadets fully, to educate Americans on the importance of aviation & space, and to perform live-saving humanitarian missions. Cadets undertake many flight-related activities, including flying in powered aircraft and gliders.

**The U.S. Army Cadet Corps** is the oldest of the four groups, tracing its heritage back to the American Cadet Alliance formed in 1909. This group also focuses on developing good moral character, national pride, service to others, and maintaining a drug-free and gang-free lifestyle in a hard-charging Army atmosphere.

The future of our nation looks bright as these groups give every youngster in America the opportunity to work hard and excel; great lessons to carry through life! Here's wishing all of these groups the best as they continue to offer a one-two punch alongside JROTC in the common goal of helping young men and women become better citizens and better Americans.

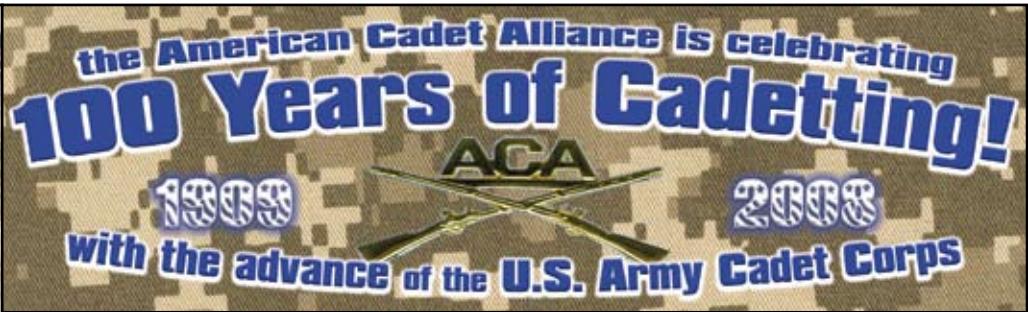
The Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force have community-based cadetting programs. Soon the Army will officially have the U.S. Army Cadet Corps. The nuts & bolts of each community-based program is outlined below:

\* **U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps:** The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps has roughly 9,000 young people age 11-18 enrolled and an officers' corps of approximately 1,000. Roughly 250 units train across the country primarily at naval installations, Naval Reserve Centers, and National Guard armories. The Sea Cadets receive \$2 million as part of the Navy Recruiting Command budget. Their proponent agency is Commander, Navy Recruiting Command.

\* **Young Marines:** The Young Marines of the Marine Corps League has approximately 8,500 young people age 8-18 enrolled, and an adult membership of 4,600, participating in over 300 units across the United States. The Young Marines receive funding from the Drug Demand Reduction outreach budget of the Marine Corps League. Their proponent agency is the Office of National Drug Control Policy. The Young Marines received formal USMC support in 1993, and as a result, grew from less than 50 units to over 300 today. The Young Marines is the official counterdrug outreach program of the U.S. Marine Corps.

\* **Civil Air Patrol:** CAP has 52,000+ members in 1,400 units nationwide. The CAP Cadet program has 25,000+ youngsters ages 12-21. CAP received \$31.5 million in FY-06 from the Air Force, which included over \$7 million in aircraft & vehicle use.

\* **U.S. Army Cadet Corps:** This group is serving young people currently in 21 states. Expansion is expected to explode once this 100-year old group receives a legislative endorsement that is expected to pass Congress. This will allow direct support and funding to expand the group throughout the entire nation.



**W**hile Junior ROTC is by far the largest high school military-related organization in the world, currently only about 5% of all high school students attend a school offering Junior ROTC! For students seeking a mega-hooah experience in a military environment, the U.S. Army Cadet Corps may just be the ticket for YOU!

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

All programs at the National Cadet Training Center in Millersburg, Kentucky

**Grand Opening and Centennial Gala Celebration**  
U.S. Army Cadet Corps Headquarters & National Cadet Training Center  
22 to 26 April, 2009

**Basic Cadet Training (2 weeks)**  
For Cadets with less than two years of JROTC  
27 June to 11 July OR 26 July to 8 August

**Cadet Transition Course (3 weeks)**  
Basic Training/Advanced Training Combined  
For Cadets with two years or more in JROTC  
5 to 25 July

**USAC Officer Candidate School (1 week)**  
Former JROTC Cadets age 18+  
27 June to 5 July

**Army Career Exploration Challenge (2 weeks)**  
Age 17+ only who are preparing for Military Basic Training  
The most realistic & physically demanding Basic Training available  
12 to 25 July

**TACMAP (1 week)**  
The Army Cadets Martial Arts Program  
Specialized Martial Arts Training based on Rigid Military Standards  
2 to 9 August

NOTE: All JROTC Cadets may attend our training as a member of the Individual Training Company, without having a local unit in their community.

The U.S. Army Cadet Corps (USAC) is a military-oriented, high-adventure career exploration program for young men & women age 12-18. Cadets train in hometown companies, which generally drill one weekend a month, much like a reservist or National Guard soldier. The USAC is the outgrowth of the venerable American Cadet Alliance (ACA), the oldest nationwide Cadet Corps. The USAC is patterned after the U.S. Army, wearing specially modified uniforms. All cadets choosing to join the USAC must be crime-free, drug-free and passing all classes in school. USAC provides a hands-on experience in a variety of career fields while instilling strong values, positive character traits and civic responsibility. Cadets are under no obligation to later serve in the Armed Forces; however, many have gone on to highly successful military and civilian careers. The USAC is a "career exploration" program, meaning Cadets enroll specifically to receive a very realistic and challenging view of military life, allowing them to make informed decisions regarding future service in the Armed Forces.

Historically, the ACA has served young people in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Today, they serve young people in 21 states, Puerto Rico, as well as Spain, with many new units in the formation process. The U.S. Army Cadet Corps is expanding nationwide due to increased support and interest from throughout the United States Army.

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With the dark of night as a backdrop under the serenade of the frogs and crickets, blinding headlights come one after the other before the roosters rise. These buses are filled with sleepy-eyed cadets and anxious instructors. But don't let those sweet young faces fool you; these are the toughest kids in Junior ROTC. These are RAIDERS! And that means no temperature is too extreme, no rain is too much, and no task is too difficult for these hard chargers. For those unaware, Raider is the high school version of college Ranger teams. Small, tight-knit groups of male, female and mixed teams that run, carry, wade, pull, climb and build to complete near-impossible physical tasks through strength, agility, teamwork and sheer mental and physical toughness. Events are timed to the split-second as teams compete in outdoor conditions that would make an all-state football player run home to momma.

Raider teams are springing-up and expanding at an exponential pace within JROTC and other high school military style groups, led by the U.S. Army Cadet Corps (see page 13 for details). The finest raider teams from throughout the country gathered last November to take part in the wildly popular National Raider Challenge Championships. Sponsored by the Georgia National Guard, Marion Military Academy and Chick-fil-A of Atlanta, a crisp November morning in the hills of North Georgia welcomed the Raider National cadets. Blankets, jackets and nervous energy were omnipresent in every competition area as the first teams of the day were greeted by the rising sun.

Bundled cadets stripped down quickly when the gun sounded and the competition was off in a flash. Instantly throughout the park, cadets were building rope bridges to cross shallow creeks, repping-out push-ups & curl-ups, romping through the woods carrying heavy gear and running together on the arduously draining 5-mile team run. The frenetic pace and incredible demands these cadets face throughout the day is daunting even to the most unskilled observer.

As the day wore on, time management became a critical factor for success. Schools plan when to grab food, bathroom breaks, hydration and rest. Dry clothing changes and chow are critical to success as a single blister, untreated cut or weakened cadet can be the difference between victory and defeat. Bulky jackets gave way to sunscreen as the hot noon sun began to bake through the morning chill. As the sun moved across the sky, that perky sparkle in every competitor's eye changed to a weary, determined gaze. Every cadet knew that they had to give it everything they had as the difference between first and worst was often measured in mere seconds.

At the awards ceremony, **Colonel James Simms**, Superintendent of Clarke Co. Public Schools, as well as **Major Raquel Darden** and **SGM Stephen Stapleton** from the Georgia Army National Guard were on-hand to congratulate the cadets and hand out trophies. The amazing support from these selfless soldiers remains a key factor in the success of this amazing National Championship event.

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### FEMALE DIVISION

A smaller competition field gave this division a unique ambiance while also putting every team in the hunt early. As the day progressed, two schools rose to the top through their sheer dominance with top three finishes in every event. Long-time powerhouse **Cedar Shoals HS** (Athens, Georgia) and equally strong **Grissom HS** (Huntsville, Alabama) locked horns in a battle that went down to the last event for each. When the dust had settled, three 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes led by an overwhelming Rope Bridge time saved the day for the Cedar Shoals Lady Eagles as they won the overall division National Championship by a single quality point. Capturing 1<sup>st</sup> place in the other two events (APFT, CCR) left the Grissom females with a lofty Runner-up finish. In fact, a mere :58 time reduction in the Gauntlet event would have awarded the championship to Grissom!

### MIXED DIVISION

The mixed division remains a favorite of many. Seeing cadets from both genders working together to accomplish their mission exemplifies many of the goals found throughout Junior ROTC. Three schools quickly rose to the top of the leaderboard in all through their all-around strength. **Smith-Cotton HS** (Sedalia, Missouri) grabbed four trophy finishes but a poor 7<sup>th</sup> place finish in the CCR event left the Mighty Tigers with solid 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall finish. **Campbell HS** (Smyrna, Georgia) trophied in every event led by three 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes en route to a division Runner-up title. However a few extra curl-ups & push-ups from each cadet would have stolen the championship away from powerhouse **Paulding County HS** (Dallas, Georgia). Dominating the 5-mile run (1<sup>st</sup>) and trophying in every other event left the Recon Raiders alone at the top as the Mixed Division National Champions.

### MALE DIVISION

Everyone knew this division was going to be tight with so much talent on-hand. **Paulding County HS** grabbed 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes in the 5-mile run, Gauntlet, and Cross Country Relay (CCR), along with a solid finish in the APFT. However disaster struck in the Rope Bridge where an awesome time was ruined through a two minute penalty, yielding a 23<sup>rd</sup> place finish and an overall 5<sup>th</sup> place finish. **Lakeside HS** (Evans, Georgia) paced by their strong finishes in the 5-mile run (2<sup>nd</sup>) and CCR (5<sup>th</sup>) finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place overall. **Grissom HS** led by their all-around excellence with four trophy finishes nabbed 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall. **Red Bank HS** (Chattanooga, Tennessee) captured the division National Runner-up crown paced by their Rope Bridge (1<sup>st</sup>) and APFT, CCR (2<sup>nd</sup> place in both) showings. But the winning school was no stranger to the big stage as **Francis Lewis HS** (Fresh Meadows, New York) took home top honors as Male National Champions. The Patriots top finish featured: APFT (1<sup>st</sup>), CCR (3<sup>rd</sup>) Rope Bridge (3<sup>rd</sup>), 5-mile run (4<sup>th</sup>) and Gauntlet (4<sup>th</sup>), yielding a trophy finish in every Division event!

The 2008 Raider Nationals maintains a capacity field with numerous state championship teams attending from Michigan, Missouri, New York, Delaware and points in between. With an improved venue, Marine schools joining the fun, and high profile dignitaries slated to attend, the 2008 event will improve upon the amazing foundation laid by the attending cadets & instructors at the inaugural 2007 Raider Challenge National Championships.

# 2009 NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

## Introduction

Sports Network International is pleased to provide this invitation to all precision drill units to attend the 27<sup>th</sup> 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**.

## 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 Saturday 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 using standard full-weight rifles compete in the **Demilitarized Arms Division**. Teams without weapons enter the **Unarmed Division**. The **Alternative Arms Division** is for teams using lightweight, facsimile weapons (regardless of team gender) AND for all-female teams (regardless of weapon type).

### 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)*
- ★ Solo & Dual Exhibition Cadets (very select)

### 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 Exhibition Cadets

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 one entry (per team) in both Solo & Dual Exhibition. Unarmed Masters units can enter one pair in Unarmed Dual Ex. **New this year, select Challenge Level cadets may also be accepted into these events!** Teams can petition for a 2<sup>nd</sup> entry slot if desired. 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 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 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 **Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**, with the two-day Masters Level competition held on **Sunday & Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**. 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 **1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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 **1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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
- ❖ 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008**. 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008.* 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 DrillNATION magazine and this invitation, a few schools wait. Historically, demand to enter the Nationals causes the event to be overwhelmingly full. Schools registering after the December 5<sup>th</sup> review deadline will have only a small chance of getting into the Nationals. The event will be full on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 2009 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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# The Mecca of Drill

Over the past two decades, the Ocean Center Arena & Conference Center has become synonymous with excellence in drill. Certainly without this unique building, the National High School Drill Team Championships would not be the spectacular event that it is today.

While every school and individual has their own experiences and memories from their trips to Daytona Beach, one thing they all have in common is the shared experience of walking into the Ocean Center for the first time. The sheer enormity of the drill hall, along with the majestic setting of signs, flags and the magnificent eagle banner, all serve to leave a first-time visitor in awe. Never has a 100' x 100' drill area seemed so intimidating.

The past few years have seen remarkable changes and challenging construction obstacles at the Nationals in Daytona Beach. Schools that are long-time attendees are struck by the differences that have emerged with each passing year. In the midst of this transformation is the Ocean Center itself. The current construction is adding 227,491 square feet to the facility, essentially doubling the size of the building which when finished will be over 450,000 square feet. With an impressive 90 million dollar budget and over two years of construction coming to an end, the Nationals will finally unveil its magnificent new home in the Spring of 2009.

The cornerstone of this renovation is the 327' x 295' Exhibit Hall. Built for conventions and trade shows, the Exhibit Hall will be the home of the Nationals Village, a multi-purpose gathering of exhibitors, drill areas, practice areas and a food court (see page 19 for more details).

In addition to the massive Exhibit Hall, the new Ocean Center will have a dramatic western concourse that will join the Arena to the new Hall. This and other public areas will feature over \$400,000 of visual arts through the County's *Art in Public Places* program. The Western Concourse will feature an expanded Information Booth and Nationals PX store. This welcome center will also have a large video display running throughout the Nationals with information regarding



the event, scheduled performances, exhibitors, the Best of the Nationals Video Series and more.

The Nationals PX will also be the focal point for the Nationals Internet Kiosk. Cadets and spectators will be able to utilize several stations to visit specific internetsites belonging to SportsNetwork and the exhibitors within the Nationals Village. Cadets will be able to register for the DrillNATION website and post

**New in 2009, schools will be able to rent a meeting room for their private use throughout the event, to handle event prep, practice, team meetings, store equipment and even have catered meals.**

comments regarding their experiences during the Nationals. Attendees will also have the ability to view candid photos that were taken during the event.

The immense Ocean Center concourse will also connect on the ground level to a vastly expanded area of meeting rooms on the three floors that are located along the south side of the facility, facing the primary entrance to the Ocean Center. This entrance is marked by a vast two-story facade that will welcome thousands of cadets to the new mecca of drill.

Schools that have long attended the Nationals will also be particularly interested in the dramatic increase in meeting space. Not only will this change in meeting rooms shift the Inspection Drill Areas and Team Pictures to the

new 2nd floor, but it will also introduce a new level of convenience available to competing schools.

Beginning in 2009, schools will have the ability to rent one of 22 meeting rooms for their private use while at the Ocean Center. A daily rate will be charged to those schools that reserve their space on a first-come, first-served basis. These rooms will allow schools to essentially "set up camp" and secure their equipment and uniforms, as well as enabling them to have a private dressing room, practice area and quiet area for event prep. Additionally, these schools will receive a reserved time slot for team practice in the new Nationals Village area.

Schools will have unlimited access to their room during all hours that the building is open to the public and will be able to leave all materials in their room for multiple days, thereby eliminating the daily chore of moving supplies and trying to find a seating area that can accommodate the team, rifle cases and clothing racks. These rooms can also be used to coordinate catered meals for your program through the Ocean Center's in-house catering company, Ovations. Details will be provided to schools upon their acceptance into the event in early December.

We at SNI look forward to introducing all of the instructors, cadets and parents to this amazing building on May 1st, 2009!

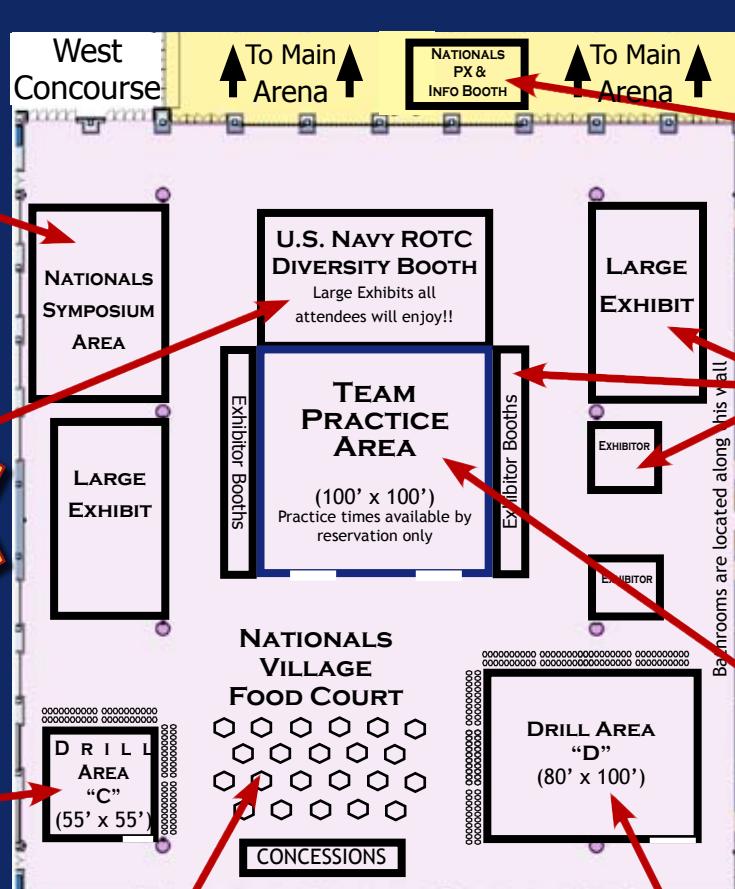


# THE NATIONALS VILLAGE

Sponsored By the United States Navy Recruiting Command - ROTC Diversity Program

**The Nationals Village will be the place to hang out at the 2009 Nationals and beyond!**

Connected to the main arena, the Nationals Village is sponsored by the United States Navy Recruiting Command. The huge hall will house numerous static military displays, two drill areas (previously in the carpeted conference center), a 100' x 100' reserved practice area, massive food court, internet connection to DrillNATION and related drill websites, drill vendors and related drill products, as well as several dozen college information booths that annually attend the Nationals! The Nationals Flagship Exhibitor, the U.S. Navy ROTC Diversity Program will be prominently featured to assist all youngsters and their parents with information on how to make college an affordable option for any motivated cadet!



The **Nationals Symposium** allows exhibitors to talk with seated cadets, parents or instructors at one time answering their questions or providing information on what they have to offer.

The **Nationals Village Flagship Exhibitor** is the U.S. Navy ROTC Diversity Program. Their displays are a "must see" for all attendees. Many huge and fun displays! They will also be handing out many scholarships on-site!!

Drill Area "C" has been moved from the carpeted area behind the scoring table to the **Nationals Village**. This will allow greater access to watch the pageantry as the colors are presented.

The **Nationals Village Food Court** has tables & chairs that provide a comfortable place for teams and spectators to sit and enjoy a snack or a meal. This will keep teams from needing to fight traffic to find food during the busy competition days.

The massive **Nationals Village** is also slated to maintain a complete photo kiosk to see event shots as they are taken, an internet kiosk to see exhibitor sites and the Nationals DrillNATION website. The famous **ISIS World Drill Championships**, will be held here along with the **Solo & Dual Events** in the Masters Level competition of the Nationals.

The **Nationals Information Booth and PX store** will be the place to get maps & schedules along with all official NHSUTC shirts & souvenirs from the 2009 competition.

Many fine vendors will exhibit in the **Nationals Village**. In 2009 these will include Glendale/Parade Store, Texas A&M, Marion Military and several dozen other groups of interest to Nationals cadets.

Never before have teams been allowed to practice INSIDE the Ocean Center! The **Nationals Village** will have a 100' x 100' practice area for schools to reserve. Schools can also rent a lockable private room to store gear, relax and have meals! Call SNI for details.

Drill Area "D" has been moved from the carpeted area. All teams will enjoy the crisp sound of marching on concrete floors! Seating will be placed on two sides with ample standing room to allow all spectators to enjoy the many events in this area.



# Challenge Level Event Breeds New Champions

Drill Excellence Spreads Across the Nation as Champions Come from 3,000 Miles Apart!

**The U.S. Navy Drill Team performed for well over 2,500 attendees prior to the Challenge Level Awards Ceremony in Daytona Beach**

One of the most exciting aspects of the Challenge Level competition at the Nationals is the way each year is so dramatically unique. Due in part to the fact that Challenge Champions move up to Masters the following year, you never know which Challenge teams are going to rise to the top. The 2008 Nationals featured a field of programs that came from across the country. These programs thrive in diverse hometowns from New Jersey to New Mexico and from Massachusetts to Florida. The talent this year was heavily spread across the services, with no one influence dominating the field. One thing was clear, the Challenge Level is just as fiercely competitive as Masters, with each school determined to perform at their absolute best during this action-packed, one-day drill meet. Their drive and enthusiasm stands as a powerful example for all the up and coming programs that call the Challenge Level home.

In addition to the amazing instructors that work so hard to prepare their teams for this year-end odyssey, the 2008 Challenge Level was peppered with familiar faces from the inaugural Nationals Drill Camp, held in the Summer of 2007. Many of these tenacious cadet commanders left camp well prepared to translate their NDC experience into a vastly improved showing on the drill deck.

## ARMED DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

2008 was clearly the year for the **Maroon Guard** Army unit from **Union HS** in Union, New Jersey. Their overwhelming dominance on the basic side of the event was more than enough to capture the Armed Division Overall title. With two 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes (Regulation and Color Guard) and a 4<sup>th</sup> place in Inspection, this unit had a commanding margin of 9 placement points over their nearest competitor!

Three teams struggled hard for the Runner-up title. The Marines from **Clearwater HS** in Clearwater, Florida took down **Mt. Juliet HS** from Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, and came close to bringing home the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, but both were bested by **Lackey HS** from Indian Head, Maryland. The AFJROTC **Ruff Ryders** drill team nailed two trophies (3<sup>rd</sup> in Color Guard, 5<sup>th</sup> in Exhibition) but performed solidly in all events to nail down the National Runner-up slot.

Many other schools gained impressive finishes including **Lakeside HS** from Evans, Georgia (2<sup>nd</sup>-Color Guard, 4<sup>th</sup>-Exhibition), **Oak Ridge MA** from Oak Ridge, North Carolina (1<sup>st</sup>-Exhibition, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Inspection) and **Mexico HS** from Mexico, New York (2<sup>nd</sup>-Regulation & 5<sup>th</sup>-Inspection).

## UNARMED DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

While the Unarmed competition field featured many outstanding programs from all services, once the dust had settled it was clear that the Marines dominated the day. Powered by the intense leadership style of GySgt. Jim Flores, it was the **South Valley Raven Marines** from **Rio Grande HS** in Rio Grande, New Mexico that took the title. Powered by two, 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes in Inspection & Regulation, these leathernecks were hard to top. GySgt. Flores spearheaded this remarkable transformation for his program following his attendance at the 2007 Nationals Drill Camp in College Station, Texas where it was clear to everyone that he was a man on a mission to excellence!



**COL Michael Cloy, Chief of Staff, USACC (center) and other event officials congratulate the Challenge Division Division top finishers pictured left to right: Unarmed Division Runner-up Gloucester HS, Unarmed Champion Rio Grande HS, Armed Champion Union HS, and Armed Runner-up Lackey HS.**

## 2008 OPEN LEVEL COLOR GUARD COMPETITION

The Open Level Color Guard event is the most unique gathering of talent at the Nationals. It is filled with amazing prowess that is found both in programs that attend with only these specialty color guards as well as in units that bring multiple teams that compete for overall titles in the Masters or Challenge Divisions. Regardless of the type of unit they represent, the OLCG is an intense competition. Make no mistake, you had better bring your best game to rise to the top in this field as each team uses fiercely focused determination to display our National Colors with pride and precision.

The 2008 Open Level Color Guard featured a dominant repeat performance by powerhouse **Alamo Heights HS** from San Antonio, Texas who wowed the judges with their first place routine by the Mulettes and a second place routine by their Golden Mules. The remarkable performances by this Army unit left little doubt as to who is the team to beat in the world of Color Guard.

Finishing in third place by a mere 3 point difference, the Army JROTC Chargers Color Guard from **North Miami Beach HS** from North Miami Beach, Florida, gave the Mules their strongest competition. There was a dramatic separation in scoring in 2008, with the top three teams finishing over 120 points higher than the next closest competitor.

Coming in 4<sup>th</sup> place was the perennial attendee from New Hampshire, the Spartan Battalion from **White Mountains Regional HS**. And rounding out the trophy placements with their 5<sup>th</sup> place finish was the Raiders USA Color Guard from **East Paulding HS**. Congratulations go out to each of the programs that took on this intense competition. It's both a privilege and a pleasure to watch these teams display our National Colors every year.

As with all Nationals drill events, competition spaces are often very limited. If you are considering bringing a color guard in 2009, please apply early to ensure your program can be a part of the exciting Open Level Color Guard event.

Finishing only two placement points behind was long time NHSDTC attendee **Gloucester HS** from Gloucester, Massachusetts. The **Scarlet Thunder** drill team was quite impressive with their two 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes in both Regulation & Color Guard and soundly grabbed the division Runner-up crown.

Close behind was **Grants HS** from Grants, New Mexico, who garnered a 1<sup>st</sup> place in Inspection and a 4<sup>th</sup> place in Color Guard. The **Leathernecks** drill team left no doubt that the Marines were the service to be reckoned within the 2008 Unarmed Division.

Several other schools had respectable showings including **Trevor G. Browne HS** (2<sup>nd</sup>-Color Guard, 5<sup>th</sup>-Inspection), **United South HS** from Laredo, Texas (4<sup>th</sup>-Regulation & 5<sup>th</sup>-Exhibition), and **Washington HS** from Tacoma, Washington who won 1<sup>st</sup> place in Exhibition Drill.

Congratulations go out to the thousands of Challenge Level cadets who worked hard and dedicated themselves to months of planning and practice for the Nationals. With the competition field ever changing from year to year, the question lingers every year, i Who will win the Challenge Event Next Year?i

As the 2008-2009 school year begins, Sports Network is thrilled to keep the Nationals a challenging and exciting event for every JROTC program that chooses to participate. The NHSDTC will always be a testament to the evolving skills and commitment shown by every cadet that steps foot into the Ocean Center.

**Every year, deserving schools are "shut-out" from the Challenge competition field due to the limited competition spaces available!** Schools planning to attend the NHSDTC 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 2009!

SEE ALL THE EVENT SCORING DETAILS!

<http://nhsdtc.thenationals.net>



# 2008 National High School Drill Team Championships

## Challenge Level Attendees & Event Standings



### Armed Division

#### Inspection

Clearwater HS	Tornadoes	729
United South HS	South Panther Rifles	688
Oak Ridge MA	Fighting Cadets	671
Union HS	Maroon Guard	667
Mexico HS	Spartans	665

#### Regulation

Union HS	Maroon Guard	774
Mexico HS	Spartans	771
United South HS	South Panther Rifles	714
Mt. Juliet HS	Teufelhunden	698
Clearwater HS	Tornadoes	691

#### Color Guard

Union HS	Maroon Guard	1026
Lakeside HS	Legion Drill Team	955
Lackey HS	Ruff Ryders	883
Evans HS	Knights	880
Englewood HS	Golden Snipers	843

#### Team Exhibition

Oak Ridge MA	Fighting Cadets	1022
Clearwater HS	Tornadoes	968
United South HS	South Panther Rifles	934
Lakeside HS	Legion Drill Team	881
Lackey HS	Ruff Ryders	871

### Overall Armed Champion

Union HS - Maroon Guard

### Overall Armed Runner-up

Lackey HS - Ruff Ryders

Alvin C. York INSTITUTE  
ARMY JROTC  
JAMESTOWN, TENNESSEE

ARLINGTON HS  
NAVY JROTC  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

BAINBRIDGE HS  
AIR FORCE JROTC  
BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA

BARTRAM TRAIL HS  
AIR FORCE JROTC  
JACKSONVILLE, FL

BLOOMINGDALE HS  
AIR FORCE JROTC  
VALrico, FLORIDA

BRENTWOOD HS  
AIR FORCE JROTC  
BRENTWOOD, NEW YORK

CAMPBELL COUNTY HS  
ARMY JROTC  
JACKSBORO, TENNESSEE

CENTRAL CROSSING HS  
NAVY JROTC  
GROVE CITY, OHIO

CLEARWATER HS  
MARINE CORPS JROTC  
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

DELTONA HS  
ARMY JROTC  
DELTONA, FLORIDA

DUTCHTOWN HS  
AIR FORCE JROTC  
HAMPTON, GEORGIA

MACON COUNTY HS  
NAVY JROTC  
MONTZUMA, GEORGIA

MEXICO HS  
MARINE CORPS JROTC  
MEXICO, NEW YORK

MISSOURI  
MILITARY ACADEMY  
ARMY JROTC  
MEXICO, MISSOURI

MONTGOMERY  
CENTRAL HS  
ARMY JROTC  
CUNNINGHAM, TENNESSEE

MT. JULIET HS  
MARINE CORPS JROTC  
MT. JULIET, TENNESSEE

MULBERRY HS  
ARMY JROTC  
MULBERRY, FLORIDA

NORTHEAST HS  
ARMY JROTC  
CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE

RIO GRANDE HS  
MARINE CORPS JROTC  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

EAST HENDERSON HS  
AIR FORCE JROTC  
E. FLAT ROCK, N. CAROLINA

EASTERN RANDOLPH HS  
ARMY JROTC  
RAMSEUR, NORTH CAROLINA

ENGLEWOOD HS  
ARMY JROTC  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

EVANS HS  
ARMY JROTC  
EVANS, GEORGIA

FAIRMONT HS  
ARMY JROTC  
FAIRMONT, N. CAROLINA

FOREST PARK HS  
ARMY JROTC  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

FORESTVILLE MA  
ARMY JROTC  
FORESTVILLE, MARYLAND

GLoucester HS  
MARINE CORPS JROTC  
GLOUCESTER, MA

GRANTS HS  
MARINE CORPS JROTC  
GRANTS, NEW MEXICO

GULFPORT HS  
MARINE CORPS JROTC  
GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

HAYES HS  
ARMY JROTC  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

### Unarmed Division

#### Inspection

Grants HS	Leathernecks	956
Rio Grande HS	South Valley Raven Marines	913
T.C. Williams HS	Armageddon	*903
East Henderson HS	Strike Eagles	903
Trevor G. Browne HS	Lady Bruins	885

#### Regulation

Gloucester HS	Scarlet Thunder	794
Rio Grande HS	South Valley Raven Marines	735
Hopkins Cty Central HS	Raging Storm	733
United South HS	South Lady Panthers	724
Mulberry HS	Panther Battalion	716

#### Color Guard

Gloucester HS	Scarlet Thunder	954
Trevor G. Browne HS	Lady Bruins	832
Bartram Trail HS	Thunder Bears	820
Grants HS	Leathernecks	799
Smith-Cotton HS	Gold Tigers	774

#### Team Exhibition

Washington HS	Patriots	980
Lake Worth HS	Fidelis	976
Smith-Cotton HS	Gold Tigers	892
Passaic HS	Omega Blue	890
United South HS	South Lady Panthers	874

### Overall Unarmed Champion

Rio Grande HS - South Valley Raven Marines

### Overall Unarmed Runner-up

Gloucester HS - Scarlet Thunder

HOPKINS COUNTY HS  
AIR FORCE JROTC  
MADISONVILLE, KENTUCKY

LAKESIDE HS  
ARMY JROTC  
EVANS, GEORGIA

LAKEVIEW-FORT OGLETHORPE HS  
ARMY JROTC  
FORT OGLETHORPE, GEORGIA

INDIAN LAND HS  
ARMY JROTC  
INDIAN LAND, S.CAROLINA

LAKWOOD HS  
ARMY JROTC  
LAKWOOD, NEW JERSEY

KENWOOD HS  
ARMY JROTC  
CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE

LEAVENWORTH HS  
ARMY JROTC  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

LA SALLE INSTITUTE  
ARMY JROTC  
TROY, NEW YORK

LEESVILLE HS  
ARMY JROTC  
LEESVILLE, LOUISIANA

LACKEY HS  
AIR FORCE JROTC  
INDIAN HEAD, MARYLAND

LIBERTY HS  
ARMY JROTC  
BEALETON, VIRGINIA

LAKE WORTH HS  
AIR FORCE JROTC  
LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA

LONG ISLAND CITY HS  
ARMY JROTC  
LONG ISLAND CITY, NY

RUTLAND HS  
MARINE CORPS JROTC  
MACON, GEORGIA

SMITH-COTTON HS  
ARMY JROTC  
SEDALIA, MISSOURI

SPARKMAN HS  
ARMY JROTC  
HARVEST, ALABAMA

T.C. WILLIAMS HS  
ARMY JROTC  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

TAYLOR COUNTY HS  
ARMY JROTC  
PERRY, FLORIDA

TREVOR G. BROWNE HS  
ARMY JROTC  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

UNION HS  
ARMY JROTC  
UNION, NEW JERSEY

UNITED SOUTH HS  
MARINE CORPS JROTC  
LAREDO, TEXAS

WASHINGTON HS  
AIR FORCE JROTC  
TACOMA, WASHINGTON

WAUKEGAN HS  
ARMY JROTC  
WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS

WEST CHARLOTTE HS  
ARMY JROTC  
CHARLOTTE, N.CAROLINA

WETUMPKA HS  
ARMY JROTC  
WETUMPKA, ALABAMA

WHITE STATION HS  
ARMY JROTC  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

*A New Champion Takes The Stage as Two Seemingly Impenetrable Targets Remain...*



## NATIONALS PRIDE!

*While no team could touch the returning champions from either the Flour Bluff HS Sea Hawks (pictured bottom) or the Fern Creek HS Lady Leathernecks (pictured top left), a new 2008 Demilitarized Arms Division National Championship was brought home to the hard charging Marines from Rahway HS in Rahway, New Jersey.*

**D**rill dynasty... what exactly does that mean? Well, in the case of the National High School Drill Team Championships, it means having a program that is so good, that even when you cycle through countless seasons of inexperienced cadets and face unbelievable adversity, you still win the championship year after year. While the lion's share of the credit goes to the cadets on the floor, a good bit must lie in the hands of strong, locked-on drill instructors that understand the benefits that drill at this level provides the cadets, the school, and even the greater community. **MGySgt. Douglas Dunlapp** (USMC, ret.) with Fern Creek High School and **CDR Armando Solis** (USN, ret.) with Flour Bluff High School are two of these amazing leaders. Both of these programs have such impressive & dedicated cadets year in and year out, it will take quite a effort to wrestle their National Championship trophy away.

**Fern Creek HS** from just outside Louisville, Kentucky won the Alternative Arms National Championship title again in 2008 which is their 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive win and their 10<sup>th</sup> overall Alternative Arms title (1997, 2000-2008). These **Lady Leathernecks** are unstoppable on the drill floor. These Marine Corps ladies drill with an ease and precision that makes it look effortless with full weight weapons. With all of the movement and sound in the Ocean Center at any given time on Saturday afternoon, when Fern Creek's ladies hit the floor, the crisp sound of a dozen rifles hitting the floor as one captures the attention of everyone in the building as every eye focuses on that single drill area for 8 minutes. Top Dunlapp can always be found nervously pacing close by, usually with his head down and eyes intent on the ground before him, listening to every whisper, every foot, every slap of a hand on a rifle, every command. By sound alone he can assess the entire routine. When the performance is over, he greets the Lady Leathernecks with a smile and encouraging word and then gathers them up for a private moment to hear their impressions and offer guidance. Although he is always in charge, he stands back and allows the Cadet Commander to take the lead and critique the performance. The mark of a great leader is knowing when to let someone else step up and take over. The pride he has in his unit is great but it pales in comparison to the devotion his cadets have for him.

Being able to teach teenagers how to effectively lead their peers is a fine art. CDR Solis with **Flour Bluff HS** has perfected that art and has a program that is overseen by the instructors, but is solidly cadet driven. A favorite quote from CDR Solis is, "Winners practice until they get it right... Champions practice until they can't get it wrong!" This philosophy is evident when you have the pleasure of viewing their Unarmed Drill Team in action, in practice or performance. Hailing from the seaside community of Corpus Christi, Texas, these Naval JROTC **Sea Hawks** won their sixth consecutive Unarmed Championship title this year. Since 2003, when they took home their first National Championship trophy, they have refused to allow anyone to pry it from their hands or frankly even come that close!

Commander takes charge to march the unit to their next event.

Although these two teams have created drill dynasties that are nothing short of astonishing, the school capturing the Demilitarized Arms Division championship always receives a special measure of recognition. The sheer numbers of phenomenal programs in this division makes a championship an even more amazing accomplishment. **Rahway HS** is nestled in a beautiful, quiet "small-town" atmosphere where everyone is happy to shake your hand and bend your ear about their impressive Marine Corps unit that brought home the "big" trophy this year. Being in Rahway, New Jersey, it feels like you are a world apart from the massive, bustling New York City that is clearly visible in the skyline just a few miles away. The **Devil Pups** have attended the Nationals since 1998 and although they put forth valiant efforts every year, even taking home the Demilitarized Runner-Up trophy in 2005, they always fell short of their dream... until this year! The Marine Corps JROTC Devil Pups led by SgtMaj. George Henry (USMC, ret) came ready with a "take no prisoners" attitude that allowed them to trophy in every team event, a stunning achievement in itself. They became the first Marine Corps school to win the Overall Demilitarized Armed Division Championship since **Kentridge HS** from **Kent, Washington** in 1992!

As with all of these championship schools, the key to having a national caliber team is not only strong discipline, teamwork and hours upon hours of practice, it is also an intangible quality that equates to ferocious intensity and pure pride. These students are proud to be JROTC cadets, they are proud of their unit, their service, their instructors, their school, their city and their country. They take the extra time to practice and they take constructive criticism and disciplinary measures from their peers, not traits normally seen in teenagers. Their devotion to the art of drill and to their unit comes from the top - their instructor. These instructors make molding these young cadets into leaders their passion and it pays off on the drill floor. Congratulations to these National Champions!

### ALTERNATIVE ARMS DIVISION

Although Fern Creek Lady Leathernecks from Fern Creek High School were unbeatable this year, the **Golden Bears** from **Winter Springs HS** were within striking distance of knocking the ladies off the throne. The Golden Bears placed in all five team events (1<sup>st</sup>-Inspection, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Regulation and Squad Ex, 4<sup>th</sup>-Color Guard and Platoon Ex) and handily won the Alternative Arms National Runner-Up trophy. The **Chief's Guard** from **Montgomery Central HS** impressed the judges with their Regulation drill capturing 1<sup>st</sup> place. They also took home 3<sup>rd</sup> for Color Guard. The **Reagan Riflettes** from **J.H. Reagan HS** captured 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Platoon Ex and 5<sup>th</sup> place in Inspection. The **Lady Eagles** from **Northeast HS** captured a 2<sup>nd</sup> in Color Guard and a 4<sup>th</sup> in Inspection. The **Lady Thunderbirds** from

**Bellevue West HS** were strong in exhibition taking home 2<sup>nd</sup> in Squad Ex & 3<sup>rd</sup> in Platoon Ex. The **Reigning Squad of Doom** from **Mt. Juliet HS** took home a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Inspection.

## UNARMED DIVISION

When the Sea Hawks from Flour Bluff High School walked away with the championship, the fight was on for the Runner-Up slot. Two schools with a long-standing reputation in the Unarmed Division fought hard. The **Queen's Guard** from **Winston Churchill HS** placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Inspection and Element Ex and 4<sup>th</sup> in Regulation & Color Guard. But a disappointing finish in Flight Ex opened the door and the race for the Runner up trophy was on. **Patriot Pride** from **Francis Lewis HS** took home three trophies (1<sup>st</sup>-Color Guard, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Element Ex, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Regulation) but fell just one quality point shy of the runner-up title leaving the Queen's Guard to celebrate as they were named the Unarmed Division National Runner-Up. Other notable placements included **Snap II** from **John Jay HS** and the **Blue Angels** from **Douglas MacArthur HS** who finished 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respectively, with both trophying in two events. The **Diamondback** drill team from **Ronald Reagan HS** placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Color Guard and 5<sup>th</sup> in Inspection. The **T-Birds** from **Bellevue West HS** were typically strong in exhibition with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy in the Flight Ex event.

## DEMILITARIZED ARMS DIVISION

Rahway High School's cinderella story was close to not being written with the **Sea Devils** from **Flour Bluff HS** close on their heels. The National Champion Sea Devils won four consecutive Demilitarized Arms titles from 2003-2006 and placed in the Runner-Up position in 2007. They were fighting hard to regain the title and it looked good with three, 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes in Inspection, Color Guard and Platoon Exhibition. They placed a solid 4<sup>th</sup> place in Regulation, but a dropped weapon and several bobbles in Squad Ex yielded a disappointing 12<sup>th</sup> place in that event, dashing their hopes at re-claiming the crown, but still giving them enough points to take

home the Runner-Up title. The **Silver Eagles** from **John Jay HS** were extremely close to repeating their 2002 National Championship win with four 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophies in Regulation, Color Guard, Squad Ex, and Platoon Ex but a poor Armed Inspection event (13<sup>th</sup> place) forced them just out of the running. The **Leathernecks** from **Fern Creek HS** did well with a 1<sup>st</sup> in Regulation and two 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies in Squad & Platoon Ex. Only two other schools took home more than one trophy. The **Patriot Guard** from **Francis Lewis HS** (last year's National Champion struggled but still garnered 3<sup>rd</sup> place Color Guard and 4<sup>th</sup> place Inspection trophies. **Theodore Roosevelt HS** had the **San Juan Guard** drill team come home with 4<sup>th</sup> place Color Guard and 5<sup>th</sup> place Inspection. The **Maroon & Golden Knights** from **Grant HS** captured 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the always tough Inspection event.

The entire Masters Level competition ends with an elaborate Awards Ceremony. This evening gala included judges & VIPs in service



dress uniforms, dual 20' video monitors with broadcast quality coverage, raised staging with star carpet, scholarship awards, ISIS & NHSDTC drill trophies, an on-stage performance by the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team (pictured right), as well as a stirring speech by Keynote Speaker AFOATS Commanding General, **Brigadier General Alfred K. Flowers**. The ceremony is befitting the finest high school students in the nation, and it is an honor to host this event each and every year!

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# 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	Sea Devils	896
Rahway HS	Devil Pups	846
Grant HS	Maroon & Golden Knights	843
Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Guard	840
Theodore Roosevelt HS	San Juan Guard	838

### Regulation

Fern Creek HS	Leathernecks	809
John Jay HS	Silver Eagles	805
Rahway HS	Devil Pups	780
Flour Bluff HS	Sea Devils	774
Marmion Academy	Flannigan Rifles	744

### Color Guard

Flour Bluff HS	Sea Devils	1054
John Jay HS	Silver Eagles	1031
Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Guard	991
Theodore Roosevelt HS	San Juan Guard	971
Rahway HS	Devil Pups	955

### Squad Exhibition

Rahway HS	Devil Pups	1024
John Jay HS	Silver Eagles	979
Fern Creek HS	Leathernecks	892
Ronald Reagan HS	Rattler Guard	870
Springfield HS	Emerald Guard	857

### Platoon Exhibition

Flour Bluff HS	Sea Devils	913
John Jay HS	Silver Eagles	881*
Fern Creek HS	Leathernecks	881
Rahway HS	Devil Pups	845
Deerfield Beach HS	Scarlet Bucks	819

### Demilitarized Arms Champions

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

### Solo Exhibition

1 <sup>st</sup>	Cadet Ratliff - Fern Creek HS
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cadet Cortez - Ronald Reagan HS
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cadet Caldwell - Lake Howell HS
4 <sup>th</sup>	Cadet Stevens - Ronald Reagan HS
5 <sup>th</sup>	Cadet Solis - John Jay HS

### Dual Exhibition

1 <sup>st</sup>	Daileda & Fiorito - Rahway HS
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gozo & Mimikos - Rahway HS
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Renn & Renn - Fern Creek HS
4 <sup>th</sup>	Stiles & Wallace - Thurgood Marshall HS
5 <sup>th</sup>	Tate & Zuccarini - Marmion Academy

### Unarmed Inspection

Flour Bluff HS	Sea Hawks	1063
Rahway HS	Lady Devil Pups	1037
Winston Churchill HS	Queen's Guard	1015
Douglas MacArthur HS	Blue Angels	999
Ronald Reagan HS	Diamondback	993

### Regulation

Flour Bluff HS	Sea Hawks	896
John Jay HS	Snap II	852
Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Pride	803
Winston Churchill HS	Queen's Guard	790
Lackey HS	Ladies of Destruction	788

### Color Guard

Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Pride	992
Ronald Reagan HS	Diamondback	950
Sandalwood HS	Silver Eagles	945
Winston Churchill HS	Queen's Guard	925
Flour Bluff HS	Sea Hawks	905

### Element Exhibition

Flour Bluff HS	Sea Hawks	1096
Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Pride	1069
Winston Churchill HS	Queen's Guard	1057
Thomas C. Clark HS	Silver Valor	1039
Douglas MacArthur HS	Blue Angels	1027

### Flight Exhibition

Flour Bluff HS	Sea Hawks	1146
Bellevue West HS	T-Birds	1111
John Jay HS	Snap II	1100
Theodore Roosevelt HS	Riderettes	947
Lynn English HS	Lady Bulldogs	944

### Alternative Arms Inspection

Winter Springs HS	Golden Bears	954
Mt. Juliet HS	Reigning Squad of Doom	948
Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	941
Northeast HS	Lady Eagles	900
J.H. Reagan HS	Reagan Riflettes	898

### Regulation

Montgomery Central HS	Chiefs Guard	738
Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	696
Winter Springs HS	Golden Bears	693
Seneca HS	Lady Redhawks	673*
Deerfield Beach HS	Golden Bucks	673

### Color Guard

Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	940
Northeast HS	Lady Eagles	884
Montgomery Central HS	Chiefs Guard	844
Winter Springs HS	Golden Bears	815
Southeast HS	Lady Noles	802

### Squad Exhibition

Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	797
Bellevue West HS	Lady Thunderbirds	769
Winter Springs HS	Golden Bears	766
Deerfield Beach HS	Golden Bucks	747
Southeast HS	Lady Noles	743

### Platoon Exhibition

Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	996
J.H. Reagan HS	Reagan Riflettes	919
Bellevue West HS	Lady Thunderbirds	909
Winter Springs HS	Golden Bears	901
Deerfield Beach HS	Golden Bucks	880

### Alternative Arms Champions

Champion: Fern Creek HS - Lady Leathernecks  
Runner-up: Winter Springs HS - Golden Bears

### Solo Exhibition

1 <sup>st</sup>	Cadet Dickerson - Fern Creek HS
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cadet Fayson - Spring Valley HS
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cadet Bennett - Southeast HS
4 <sup>th</sup>	Cadet Yurkin - Deerfield Beach HS
5 <sup>th</sup>	Cadet Lara - Spring Valley HS

### Dual Exhibition

1 <sup>st</sup>	Fayson & Lara - Spring Valley HS
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Roe & Moering - Leesburg HS
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Matute & Garcia - J.H. Reagan HS
4 <sup>th</sup>	Moreno & Duran - Deerfield Beach HS
5 <sup>th</sup>	Head & Groves - Montgomery Central HS

# ★ 2008 MASTERS LEVEL PARTICIPANTS ★

## ★ Schools of Excellence ★

**Abraham Clark High School**  
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Army JROTC  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Bellevue West High School**  
Air Force JROTC  
Bellevue, Nebraska

**Buchholz High School**  
Air Force JROTC  
Gainesville, Florida

**Carroll High School**  
Army JROTC  
Ozark, Alabama

**Christian Brothers Academy**  
Army JROTC  
Albany, New York

**Cleveland Junior Naval Academy**  
Navy JROTC  
St. Louis, Missouri

**Coffee High School**  
Navy JROTC  
Douglas, Georgia

**Coventry High School**  
Air Force JROTC  
Coventry, Rhode Island

**Culpeper County High School**  
Marine Corps JROTC  
Culpeper, Virginia

**Deerfield Beach High School**  
Marine Corps JROTC  
Deerfield Beach, Florida

**Douglas MacArthur High School**  
Army JROTC  
San Antonio, Texas

**Dunedin High School**  
Navy JROTC  
Dunedin, Florida

**Enterprise High School**  
Army JROTC  
Enterprise, Alabama

**Fern Creek High School**  
Marine Corps JROTC  
Louisville, Kentucky

**Fishburne Military School**  
Army JROTC  
Waynesboro, Virginia

**Fleming Island High School**  
Navy JROTC  
Orange Park, Florida

**Flour Bluff High School**  
Navy JROTC  
Corpus Christi, Texas

**Forestville Military Academy**  
Army JROTC  
Forestville, Maryland

**Ronald Reagan High School**  
Army JROTC  
San Antonio, Texas

**Sandalwood High School**  
Air Force JROTC  
Jacksonville, Florida

**Seneca High School**  
Marine Corps JROTC  
Louisville, Kentucky

**Silver Bluff High School**  
Navy JROTC  
Aiken, South Carolina

**Southeast High School**  
Army JROTC  
Bradenton, Florida

**Spring Valley High School**  
Air Force JROTC  
Columbia, South Carolina

**Springfield High School**  
Army JROTC  
Holland, Ohio

**Stratford High School**  
Army JROTC  
Goose Creek, South Carolina

**Theodore Roosevelt High School**  
Army JROTC  
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**Thomas C. Clark High School**  
Air Force JROTC  
San Antonio, Texas

**Thurgood Marshall High School**  
Army JROTC  
Dayton, Ohio

**Union Grove High School**  
Navy JROTC  
McDonough, Georgia

**Vero Beach High School**  
Air Force JROTC  
Vero Beach, Florida

**Waianae High School**  
Army JROTC  
Waianae, Hawaii

**Westlake High School**  
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**Westland High School**  
Air Force JROTC  
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**Winter Springs High School**  
Army JROTC  
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**Xavier High School**  
Army JROTC  
New York, New York

## 2008 ALL-SERVICE JUDGING CORPS



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

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**Francis Lewis High School**  
Army JROTC  
Fresh Meadows, New York

**Grant High School**  
Army JROTC  
Dry Prong, Louisiana

**Grants High School**  
Marine Corps JROTC  
Grants, New Mexico

**Henry P. Baldwin High School**  
Army JROTC  
Wailuku, Hawaii

**Hialeah High School**  
Air Force JROTC  
Hialeah, Florida

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

**James Madison High School**  
Army JROTC  
San Antonio, Texas

**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

**Lackey High School**  
Air Force JROTC  
Indian Head, Maryland

**Lake Howell High School**  
Navy JROTC  
Winter Park, Florida

**Leesburg High School**  
Air Force JROTC  
Leesburg, Florida

**Liberty High School**  
Navy JROTC  
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**Mattoon High School**  
Army JROTC  
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**McNair Academic High School**  
Army JROTC  
Jersey City, New Jersey

**Montgomery Central High School**  
Army JROTC  
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**Mt. Juliet High School**  
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**N. Miami Beach Sr. High School**  
Army JROTC  
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Born in the 1990's. Coming of age in the new millenium. The current generation of teenagers populating the United States literally exists on the cutting edge of technology. Their schedules are managed by email and Blackberries. Their personal lives are influenced by Facebook and MySpace. Even their language has a shorthand that is largely incomprehensible to anyone over the age of 30.

It is within this internet maze that many teenagers refine their identity. But to date, the world wide web has mostly left the world of Junior ROTC and other military youth organizations alone. Where can a student that loves their JROTC program or their drill team find support? Where can they go to explore their interests in a setting that is full of like-minded teenagers? Where can instructors find information about drill meets, equipment improvements and competition styles? The answer to these questions and a million more is [DrillNATION.net](http://DrillNATION.net).

After 26 years of working with the competitive world of Junior ROTC, and watching online social networking flourish, it struck SNI like a thunderbolt that what this community needed was an all-service impartial virtual gathering place. A world where questions can be asked and answered at the speed of light.

Junior ROTC and all other community-based cadetting programs have certain characteristics in common: they are led by caring and driven professionals, they have a passion for making a difference in the lives of young people and they have an unwavering love for their country. There are also a great many challenges that face these programs, and a startling lack of resources to solve them. But there are great men and great women in this community that are there to lend a hand, offer a suggestion and share the camaraderie that should exist within all of these programs.

## For Instructors and Cadets Alike

Finally, a place has been created to unite the entire drill world on a virtual level. [DrillNATION.net](http://DrillNATION.net) is the most extensive project ever created for the drill world. Acting as a web hub, [DrillNATION.net](http://DrillNATION.net) will provide a single home for cadets and instructors alike to share ideas, videos, and everything Drill.

[DrillNATION.net](http://DrillNATION.net) will have a webbase of operations that revolves around individual JROTC units (and other like organizations). Each unit will have their own [DrillNATION.net](http://DrillNATION.net) webpage that can be customized by both instructors and cadets, all controlled with password rights. Units can post pictures, meet results, information on outstanding cadets in their unit and special program achievements that are earned during the year.

## Network just like Myspace

Beyond the unit-based pages, individuals can create their own unique page, complete with customizable profiles. Connect with friends from across the country that might only be seen once or twice a year. Profiles will capture the persona of not only a specific cadet or instructor, but also the personality of the program itself. Teams can be tracked as they go through the drill season, highlighting accomplishments along the way.

In addition to the personal pages that will exist for programs and individuals, there will be [DrillNATION.net](http://DrillNATION.net) neighborhoods that will gather information that is vital to JROTC programs throughout the country. A vibrant and positive forum community will be established to allow those important questions to be both asked and answered, all moderated by some of the brightest minds in competition drill today. Strict supervision will ensure that online discussions remain positive and productive.

What would drill be without pictures and video? Both schools and individuals will be able to post links and reviews of some of the hottest videos in drill today. And along with the entertainment aspect will be unique videos posted by the [DrillNATION.net](http://DrillNATION.net) Town Hall that are truly instructional in nature, blending the knowledge found at the Nationals Drill Camp with the quality found in the Best of the Nationals video series.

## More than a Website, It's a Community

[DrillNATION.net](http://DrillNATION.net) takes the best of the Junior ROTC world, complete with legendary instructors, stellar programs and outstanding cadets and turns this massive world of hundreds of thousands into a place as comfortable as your own backyard. A community joined together for the betterment of Junior ROTC and community-based cadetting, and improving the future for all of these amazing young men and women. Not only will incredible programs get the accolades they deserve, but so will the individual. Instructors can nominate cadets to become Junior ROTC All-Americans, with that distinction bringing all the praise that has been previously inaccessible to these amazing students.



[DrillNATION.net](http://DrillNATION.net) is a living, breathing world that will evolve and change day-by-day, matching the passion and pride that is found within every cadet and every instructor that has made the world of competitive Junior ROTC teams the stuff of legends. The website will be unveiled on January 1st, 2009, but you can still visit [DrillNATION.net](http://DrillNATION.net) and register today. Be there for the dawn of a brave new world!

# NATIONALS

S C R A P B O O K

## A Look Around the Nationals and JROTC Universe

### Be a Part of History this November

Cadets who will turn 18 years old by November 4th should register to vote, study the issues, watch the upcoming debates, then become part of the political process this Fall. The 2008 election will make history as the two major political parties each bring a unique quality to the ticket. Most likely, the U.S. will seat either the first black president (Senator Barack Obama) or the first female Vice-President (Governor Sarah Palin). Race and gender relations in this country continue to move forward with the efforts of these two courageous pioneers.



### Plastic is Now Fantastic for SNI Event Payments

Sports Network has now put in place the ability for all schools to use credit cards and impact cards for payment of team package fees and other event expenses involving our military drill competitions. This change was made to better allow schools receiving external funds from district, region, area, and boosters to use credit cards for their attendance costs. Details on using these cards can be obtained by contacting SNI.



mind in the business, get the camp details on the official NDC website at: <http://drill.thenationals.net>.

### Jean Weil Scholarship Winners Recognized

Finding the finest seniors within the Nationals can be daunting with so many talented cadets to choose from. After interviewing the finalists, two elite \$1,000 winners were painstakingly selected for the Jean Weil Scholarships. Adam Jeup, Bloomingdale HS, Valrico, Florida and Norbert Reyes, Union HS, Union, New Jersey were chosen after impressive on-site interviews by Scholarship Board Member, Mr. Brian Done.

Also awarded were two \$500 scholarships to Arielle Carchici from Flour Bluff HS (pictured above) & Tiffany Wright of Evans HS.



### Winter Springs HS

#### Captures Spirit Banner

With so many amazing programs on and off the drill floor attending the Daytona Nationals, the Spirit Banner winner is always an amazing school. Never more the case than in 2008 when Winter Springs HS from Winter Springs, Florida took home this prestigious accolade. Along with dominating Sunshine State Army drill for almost a decade, Winter Springs logs thousands of hours of community service work, places dozens in lofty college and service academies, and generally typifies what JROTC is all about. Congratulations LTC John Bennett and all the awesome individuals at Winter Springs!

### Service Championship Locations Go Mobile

Both the Eastern & Western Drill Championships within the U.S. Army & Air Force JROTC have exciting new venues for the upcoming Spring competitions. The Eastern Championships move to the Washington, DC area in the Show Place Arena. The Western Championships make a dramatic shift to San Antonio, Texas where the city of San Antonio will provide the world-famous Alamodome for the cadets! Both locations will give attendees a great weekend of single service drill excellence.

### ISIS World Championships Return to the 2009 Nationals



The ISIS World Drill Championships will again bring together the world's most-talented post-high school drillers for a single day of exhibition excellence. The event features both SOLO and DUAL exhibition drill, large cash prizes, gorgeous awards, and an adoring group of over 1,000 spectators! ISIS has become the standard no other post-high school drill event can approach. Learn more about this unparalleled event on the official ISIS website: <http://www.i-w-d-c.com>.



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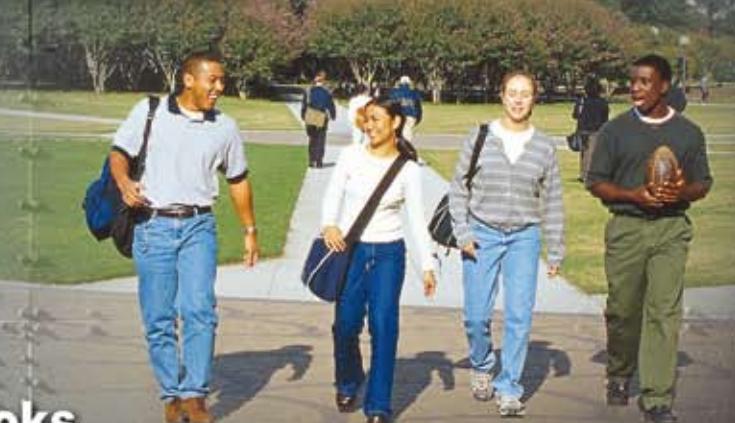
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