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*Army, Navy & Air Force Service
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The magazine cover features CSM Kenneth J. Kraus, Jr., Command Sergeant Major, United States Army Cadet Command as he presented cadets from Francis Lewis High School their Unarmed Division Championship trophy. The Patriot Pride cadets pictured are (from left to right) c/SSG Annie Law, c/CPT Tina Chen, c/1LT Sophia Liu, c/SFC Tammy Wang and c/1LT Marra Banez. Sports Network International remains honored to have the ongoing support of Cadet Command and hundreds of the finest all-service JROTC programs in the world, allowing the presentation of the finest drill & ceremony competition anywhere.

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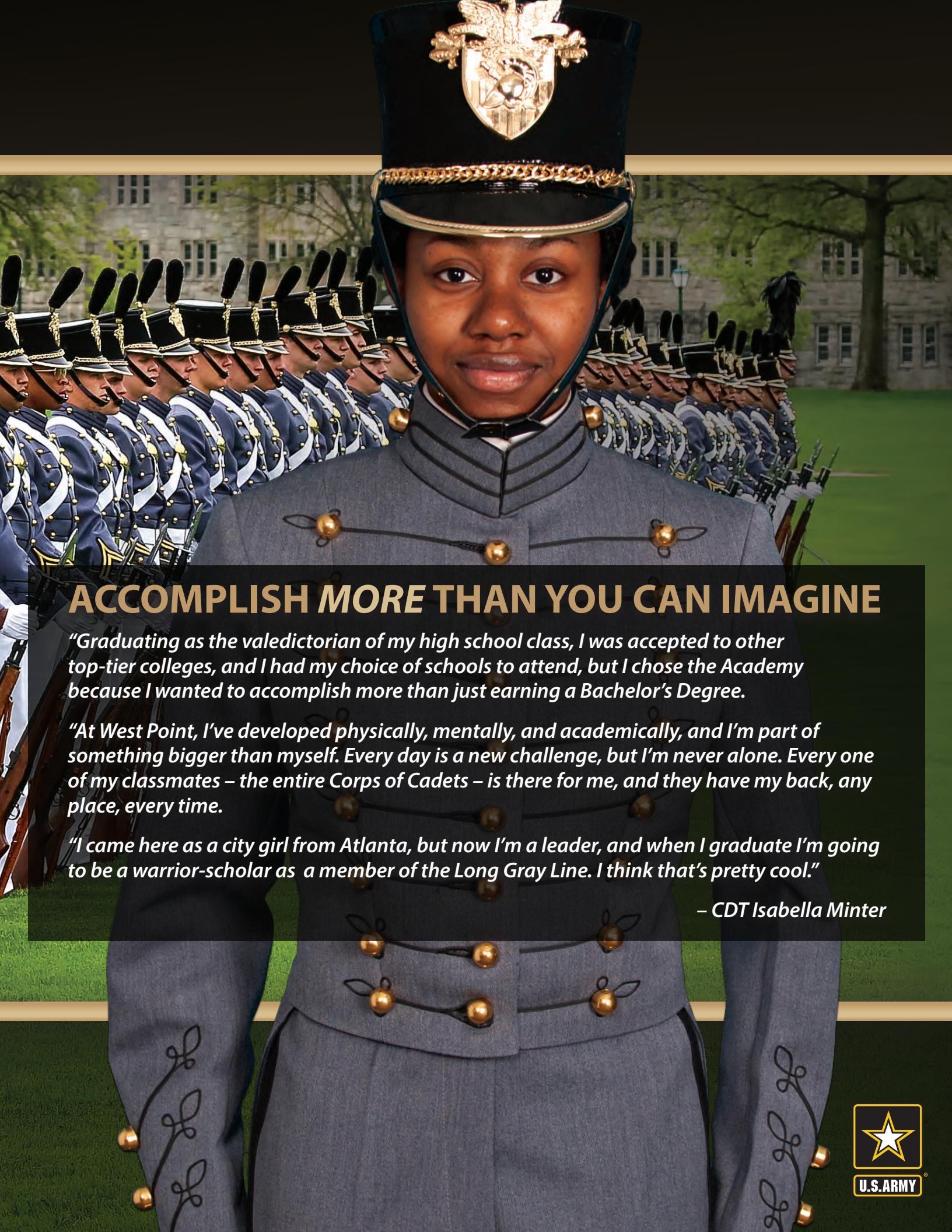
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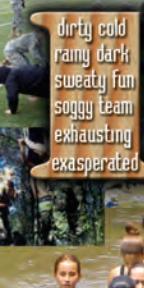
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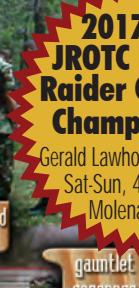
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In early November each year the woods in Georgia about an hour and a half south of Atlanta are overrun with camo-clad teenagers excited to spend two nights in sometimes frigid temperatures. When they get up pre-dawn they are ready to spend the entire day crawling through the mud, carrying heavy ruck sacks while running, navigating an obstacle course while carrying a stretcher, scaling 10-foot walls and travelling across a creek on ropes. For most electronic-addicted teenagers this sounds like their personal vision of hell, but for these dedicated Raiders, this is heaven!

FEMALE DIVISION: For several years Adairsville HS Lady Tigers and Sarasota MA Black Knight Females have battled for the top spot. For two of the last three years the overall champion was determined by a tie-breaker between these two teams with alternating results. This year the ladies from Sarasota MA left no room for doubt as they placed first in four of the five events and placed third in the 5-K Run. Although Adairsville's Lady Tigers couldn't catch SMA's Black Knight Females, they successfully separated themselves from the rest of the pack by five placement points. They placed first in the 5-K Run, second in both Gauntlet and Rope Bridge, fourth in CCR and just barely out of trophy range with sixth in PTT. The next closest competitor was Francis Lewis HS Patriot Strength and they look poised to unseat one of the top two in the 2017 rematch.

MIXED DIVISION: The Mixed Division is always fun to watch where both males and females work together to maximize each other's strengths. The trophies for top five placements were spread across nine teams but this year a dark horse who placed 6th overall in 2015 jumped ahead of last year's champion. North Fort Myers HS Mixed Red Knights took home top honors and was the only team to place in the top three in all five events (1st Gauntlet & CCR; 2nd Rope Bridge; 3rd PTT & 5-K Run). Last year's champion Georgia Military Prep HS had to battle to win the tie-breaker with Grissom HS. They both placed in the top four in all events but Georgia Military Prep won the tie to grab the Overall Runner Up title.

MALE DIVISION: In the hotly contested Male Division, the overall standings mirrored those of 2016. Riverside MA once again dominated the field as they placed first in four of the five events falling just shy of first in the Gauntlet. Sarasota MA and Adairsville HS battled for the Runner Up placement once again as the two teams were the only others to place within the top five in all five events. However with Sarasota placing 2nd in CCR and Rope Bridge and 3rd in PTT, 5-K Run, and Gauntlet, they beat out Adairsville by three placement points (1st Gauntlet; 2nd 5-K Run, 4th PTT & Rope Bridge; 5th CCR). We expect these teams to come ready to fight once again this November but there are many teams practicing just as hard, ready to upset these power-house teams.

The following morning, the Ultimate Raider competition was held for the all-star cadets from each school. A frenzied crowd cheered on the herculean efforts by these cadets as they raced through, around and in the woods, then up and over a high wall to conclude the event. Grabbing Best Female Raider was Cadet Myers from Grissom HS and flying home with Best Male Raider was Cadet Love from Haines City HS.

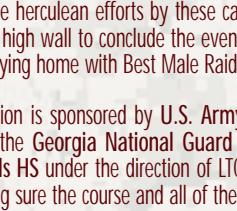
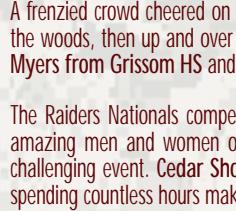
The Raiders Nationals competition is sponsored by U.S. Army Cadet Command and supported by the amazing men and women of the Georgia National Guard who serve as judges for this unique and challenging event. Cedar Shoals HS under the direction of LTC Eric Cleveland work very hard each year, spending countless hours making sure the course and all of the gear are ready for the event.

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All-Service Raider Challenge Championships

Molena, Georgia

Raider is growing in all services and this is the laboratory for it to grow!



The All-Service Challenge Championships event is the perfect showcase for hard-charging Raider teams from all services. It is open to all high school raider teams and is held at the Gerald Lawhorn Scouting Base in Molena, Georgia which is the ideal location for Raider events. The single-day championship event is an off-shoot of the popular Army JROTC Raider Service Championships.

The 2016 event held on Friday, November 4th was filled with Army, Marine Corps, and Air Force JROTC units. 24 teams competed in two divisions (Male and Mixed) within four events; Physical Team Test, 5-K Run, Gauntlet, and Rope Bridge.

MIXED DIVISION

Nine different teams within the Mixed Division went home with at least one trophy but only two schools trophied within the top three in every event. **Sarasota MA** (USA) and **Smith Cotton HS** (USA) dominated the field overall but were very evenly matched against one another. Sarasota MA Black Knights placed 1st in PTT and Gauntlet, 2nd in Rope Bridge, and 3rd in the 5-K Run. Smith Cotton HS Black Tigers placed 1st in the 5-K Run,

2nd in PTT and Gauntlet and 3rd in Rope Bridge. The Black Knights edged out the Tigers by only one placement point as they captured the Overall Mixed Division Championship.

Other impressive finishes included **Fairview HS** (USA) that finished 1st in Rope Bridge and 5th in the other three events; **Coronado HS** (USMC) 2nd–5K Run; **White County HS** (USA) 3rd–PTT & Gauntlet; E.C. Glass HS (USA) 4th–Gauntlet; **Hendersonville HS** (USMC) 4th–5K Run & Rope Bridge; **Salem HS** (USMC) 4th–PTT; and **William Byrd HS** (USA) 5th–Rope Bridge.

MALE DIVISION

Of the 13 teams in the Male Division the hardware was split among eight teams with only one team placing in the top five in all four events. **Riverside MA** Devils (USA) came very close to a clean sweep by placing 1st in PTT, Gauntlet, and Rope Bridge and 2nd in the 5-K Run earning them the Male Division Overall Championship title. There were four teams that placed in three of the four events but **Clarkrange HS** Buffaloes (USA) was able to edge out the competition and grab the Runner Up

title by placing 2nd in Gauntlet and Rope Bridge, 4th in PTT, and just barely missing with 6th place in 5K Run.

Des Moines Central Campus HS (USA) took 1st in 5-K Run and 3rd in both PTT and Gauntlet. Only a disappointing disqualification on the Rope Bridge event kept them from possibly grabbing the Runner Up slot. The other schools managing to place in three of the four events included **Union HS** (USA) who placed 3rd in 5-K Run and 5th in both the Gauntlet and Rope Bridge and **Georgia MA** Team B who took 4th in the 5-K Run and Gauntlet and 5th in PTT.

Other finishes included **Hendersonville HS** (USMC) 3rd–Rope Bridge and 5th–5K Run; **Georgia Military Prep HS** Team A (USA) 2nd–PTT; and **Hiram HS** (USA) 4th–Rope Bridge.

This one-of-a-kind all-service Raider event will continue to grow in the future. Registrations are now closed for the 2017 event but we would love to see your team in November 2018. For more information on the All-Service Raider Challenge Championships, go to the home of the event: www.thenationals.net/raider-main-challenge.htm



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This first-year JROTC Fitness Challenge was a fun, high-energy competitive event with teams from Florida, Louisiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, South Carolina, and Texas. The cadets had a great time competing in five team events: Physical Team Test, 3-K Beach Run, Standing Broad Jump, Seated Power Throw, and Pull-Ups/Flexed Arm Hang. It was a perfect day on the World's Most Famous Beach directly behind the beautiful Plaza Resort & Spa.

MIXED DIVISION

In the Mixed Division, the AFJROTC Spartan Bears from **William J. Brennan HS** in San Antonio, Texas won two first place trophies (PTT, 3-K) and third place in the other three events. For the overall championship, this tied them with the **Colts Neck HS** MCJROTC Mustangs from Colts Neck, NJ who won first place in the Power Throw, second in Broad Jump and Pull-Up/Flexed Arm Hang, and third

place in PTT and 3-K. However, the Spartan Bears won the tie-breaker by placing first in the most events crowning them the champions with the Mustangs grabbing the Runner-Up title.

MALE DIVISION

In the Male Division, the Warriors from **Wando HS** AFJROTC from Mt. Pleasant, SC dominated. They won first place in all events except for PTT where they placed second landing them firmly in position for the National Championship in the Male Division. Following close behind were the Cowboy Raiders from **Southwood HS** AJROTC from Shreveport, LA who captured the remaining first and second places.

Next year's event will be held on Saturday, 5 May 2018 and is expected to be bigger and better.



Left to Right: Colts Neck HS Mustangs - Mixed Division Runner-Up, William J. Brennan HS Spartan Bears - Mixed Division Champions, Wando HS Warriors - Male Division Champions, Southwood HS Cowboy Raiders - Male Division Runner Up.



U.S. Army Cadet Command JROTC National Drill Championships



1,800 Army JROTC cadets descend on Louisville to fight for top honors at the Army Nationals

The 2017 Army Nationals in Louisville, Kentucky hosted 68 schools all the way from Hawaii to New York and 20 other states in between. Over 3,000 cadets, instructors, and spectators attended the event at the Kentucky Exposition Center to show off the hard work and skill of these amazing cadets.

ARMED DIVISION

For the first time since the inception of the Army Nationals in 2004, one team managed to capture first place in all four events! The **Grant HS Maroon Knights** from Dry Prong, LA will go down in the history books. This clean sweep was quite an accomplishment with such a large competition field of 49 teams. The Maroon Knights who successfully defended their championship title from 2016 left no doubt that they are the team to beat next year.

The rest of the trophies were spread out among ten other teams but only one placed in three of the four events. The Golden Talons from **Airport HS** in West Columbia, SC placed 2nd in Exhibition, 3rd in Regulation, and 4th in Color Guard giving them enough of an edge over the competition that they took home the Runner Up trophy as well.

Other notable finishes included: **East Carter HS** (2nd Regulation, 4th Inspection); **Marmion Academy** (3rd Exhibition, 4th Regulation); **Theodore Roosevelt HS** (3rd Inspection, 5th Color Guard); **Smith Cotton HS** (3rd Color Guard, 5th Inspection); **Union HS** (2nd Inspection); **West Creek HS** (2nd Color Guard).

UNARMED DIVISION

The Unarmed Division top teams are an ever-changing landscape as different schools find their way into the top slots each year.

This year's top 10 overall consisted of four teams that did not attend last year, two teams that didn't break into the top 10, and four schools that made it in 2016. Of these, the 2016 champion was unable to maintain their title. **Theodore Roosevelt HS Riderettes** placed 1st in Regulation and Exhibition and 3rd in Inspection but a very disappointing 19th place finish in Color Guard prevented them from back-to-back championships but was enough to land them in the Runner Up position

This year, there really was no stopping the Lady Chargers from **North Miami Beach Sr. HS**. They placed 4th overall in 2016 but came this year with a vengeance capturing 1st in Inspection, 2nd in Regulation and Color Guard, and 3rd in Exhibition. They were the only team to trophy in all four events earning them the Unarmed Division Championship title.

Other top placements included: **Brackenridge HS** (1st Color Guard); **Ridge Community HS** (2nd Inspection, 4th Regulation); **Smith Cotton HS** (2nd Exhibition, 4th Inspection & Color Guard); **Ronald Reagan HS** (3rd Regulation, 5th Inspection); and **Caddo Magnet HS** (3rd Color Guard).

For the 2018 Army Nationals, we will be moving from a 25,000/sf area into a very spacious 216,000/sf expo hall. Attending schools will have plenty of space to carve out a corner to store their gear between performances. The Kentucky Expo Center is very conveniently located next to the Louisville International Airport where there are many hotels available to accommodate attendees. The Army Nationals keeps getting better and better every year. We congratulate all of the competitors on a job very well done! See you in 2018.



Top Left: Grant High School Maroon Knights, Armed Overall Champions, form in the hallway before a performance.



Bottom Left: Airport High School Golden Talon drill team, Armed Runner Ups, pose with their trophies following the awards ceremony.

Top Right: North Miami Beach Senior High School Lady Chargers, the Unarmed Overall Champions proudly show off their hard-won trophies.

Bottom Right: Theodore Roosevelt High School Riderettes, Unarmed Runner Ups, performing Unarmed Exhibition.



2018 U.S. ARMY CADET COMMAND NATIONAL DRILL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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MID-VALLEY REGIONAL

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The Armed Division was once again dominated by **Tom C. Clark HS** from San Antonio, TX. They placed 1st in Regulation, Color Guard, and Exhibition and 2nd in Inspection handily capturing the Overall Championship in this division. **East Paulding HS** from Dallas, GA was close on their heels taking the 1st and 2nd placements not captured by Clark giving them the Runner Up trophy.

In the Unarmed Division, **Tom C. Clark's Silver Valor** also captured top honors by placing 1st in Regulation, 2nd in Inspection and Exhibition, and 5th in Color Guard. Both **Lowell HS** from Lowell, MA (1st Inspection & Exhibition, 4th Regulation) and **West Aurora HS** from Aurora, IL (1st Color Guard, 3rd Exhibition) were close behind but Lowell's Red Raiders near miss with 6th place in Color Guard still gave them enough points to best West Aurora and take home the Runner Up title.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

San Antonio has been referred to as the "hot bed" of drill and it is absolutely true. There must be something in the water because the local schools are extremely strong in all aspects of drill. In the Armed Division again this year, **John Jay HS Silver Eagles** came out on top by taking 1st in Color Guard and Exhibition, 2nd in Regulation, and 3rd in Inspection. Two teams fought for the Runner Up spot and both **Brandeis HS Nighthawks** (1st Inspection, 2nd Color Guard, 3rd Regulation & Exhibition) and **Tom C. Clark HS Centurion Guard** (1st Regulation, 2nd Inspection & Exhibition, 4th Color Guard) came

on strong. At the end of the day, only 9 points out of 4000 separated the two teams but Clark's team edged ahead taking home the Runner Up trophy.

The Unarmed Division came down to a two-horse race as the champion and runner up from 2016 again battled for the top spot. But after the scores were tallied, **Brandeis HS Blue Aces** defended their title by placing 1st in Regulation, Color Guard, and Exhibition and 2nd in Inspection. **Tom C. Clark HS Silver Valor** grabbed 1st in Inspection and 2nd in the other three events placing them firmly in position for the Runner Up title.

GEORGIA STATE DRILL

MACON, GEORGIA

This drill meet was limited to AFJROTC units from schools within the state. Over the past few years, **Jefferson HS** and **East Paulding HS** dominated both the Armed and Unarmed divisions and the same was true this year in the Armed Division as the **East Paulding Black Hawks** captured 1st in all but Regulation where they grabbed 2nd landing them solidly in the Championship spot and **Jefferson HS Dragons** took the remainder of the 1st and 2nd place trophies giving them the Runner Up title.

East Paulding did not participate in the Unarmed Division this year, leaving room for other teams to shine. **Jefferson HS Unarmed Dragons** still reigned with 1st in Regulation, Color Guard, and Exhibition and 2nd in Inspection but the remainder of the top five trophies were spread among six other teams. Separating themselves from the competition field and showing their overall strength were the **Strike Eagles** from **Collins Hill HS** as they captured 1st in Inspection, 2nd in Exhibition, and 3rd in Regulation and Color Guard giving them the needed points to take home the Runner Up trophy.

For scoring results, photos & all event info:

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AIR FORCE JROTC NATIONAL DRILL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The top two teams from each division from both Regional competitions received priority acceptance into the Nationals in Daytona Beach if they chose to attend. The top scoring Air Force JROTC teams in Daytona Beach are crowned the Air Force Nationals Champions in both the Armed and Unarmed Divisions. The **Blue Aces** from **Brandeis HS** received the 2017 Air Force National Championship in the Unarmed Division and **Tom C. Clark HS Silver Valor** captured the Unarmed Runner Up title. In the Armed Division, **John Jay HS Silver Eagles** handily took top honors with the **Centurion Guard** from **Tom C. Clark HS** close behind taking home the Armed Division National Runner Up title.

The 2018 Air Force JROTC Open Drill Nationals is open to any Air Force JROTC unit interested in attending. It will be held in Dayton, Ohio at the Nutter Center Arena on March 24th. We hope to see you there.

2018 Air Force JROTC Open Drill Nationals

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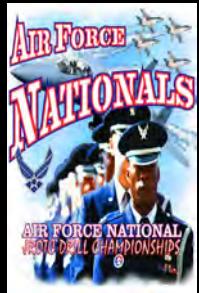
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Saturday, 24 March 2018

The Air Force JROTC Open Drill Nationals remains the annual home to many of the finest AFJROTC programs. Most commonly referred to as the "Air Force Nationals", the event maintains the widest geographic spread of Air Force JROTC schools of any Air Force only competition. The event continues to provide a valuable experience for all AFJROTC cadets looking to be a part of a one-of-a-kind, Air Force-only JROTC drill competition wrapped in a first-class setting. Those that have competed in this event previously will attest to the awesome nature and standing this competition has within the world of competition drill & ceremony. This event is supported by the U.S. Air Force JROTC HQ and attended by teams across the United States.

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Every April, the best of the best from each Area in Navy JROTC travel far and wide to test their overall strength in the arduous Navy JROTC Academic, Athletic, & Drill Championship. The competition is always fierce and a genuine treat for competitors and spectators alike. These tenacious young men and women converge annually on the home of the Blue Angels, NAS Pensacola, Florida to compete for the highly coveted title at the "Navy Nationals." The competition is a totally unique experience in the world of high school athletics through its variety and intensity.

Much like active-duty military life can be, the event maintains "hours of waiting followed by minutes of terror!" A long 14-hour competition day kicks off the event beginning at 0700 where everyone faces the meticulous Unit Personnel Inspection (UPI). There, hard-boiled Navy Recruit Division Commanders scour each cadet looking for any weakness. Winning UPI is difficult, every cadet is scored and every point matters since this event alone accounts for 1500 total points toward the overall championship. Less than 50 points separated the top five with two Florida schools landing on top.

Boca Raton HS grabbed first place with Escambia HS following only 20 points behind. Cadets at the Navy Nationals must be not only accomplished drillers, but have athletic prowess as well. Each team is tested in four athletic events: Push-Ups, Curl-Ups, 8x220 Oval Relay, and 16x100 Shuttle Relay. Strength, speed, and stamina are all tested and this year Sprayberry HS from Marietta, Georgia reigned supreme. They took first place in three of the four events (Push-Ups, Curl-Ups, Shuttle Relay) which placed them in top position to take home the Athletic Overall trophy. The remainder of the placements were spread among nine teams with no other team capturing a top five place in more than two events. In order to dominate in the Athletic competition, teams must be able to do it all and do it well. After an exhausting afternoon at the athletic field 15 cadets from each team regroup, grab some chow, and head to a classroom for a very difficult 100 question exam that challenges their Navy knowledge. Questions are drawn from different sources including textbooks, the Cadet Field Manual, and current events. It is a very hard test to study for as evidenced by only two cadets out of 360 scored higher than 80%

(Cadet Yang 85% from Troy HS and Cadet Rowan 82% from Gaither HS) and only 16 more scored above 70%. With five cadets placing in the top 10, Gaither HS from Tampa, Florida earned 1st place in the Academic competition with Boca Raton HS only 9 points behind grabbing 2nd place. On Saturday morning, the fight for the title in Overall Drill begins. Teams perform in Armed Basic, Unarmed Basic, Armed Exhibition, Unarmed Exhibition and the scores from the Color Guard competition from

Friday are added as well. Although five teams placed in the

top five in three of the five events, Green Run HS from Virginia Beach, Virginia managed to achieve just shy of 1900 points out of a possible 2000. They placed

first in Armed Exhibition, second in Armed Basic,

and third in Unarmed

Exhibition and

although they didn't achieve top five in the other two events, they placed high enough to land them the Drill Overall first place trophy.

Centennial HS from

Las Vegas, Nevada came

in just 10 points behind placing second in Unarmed

Exhibition and fourth in both Armed

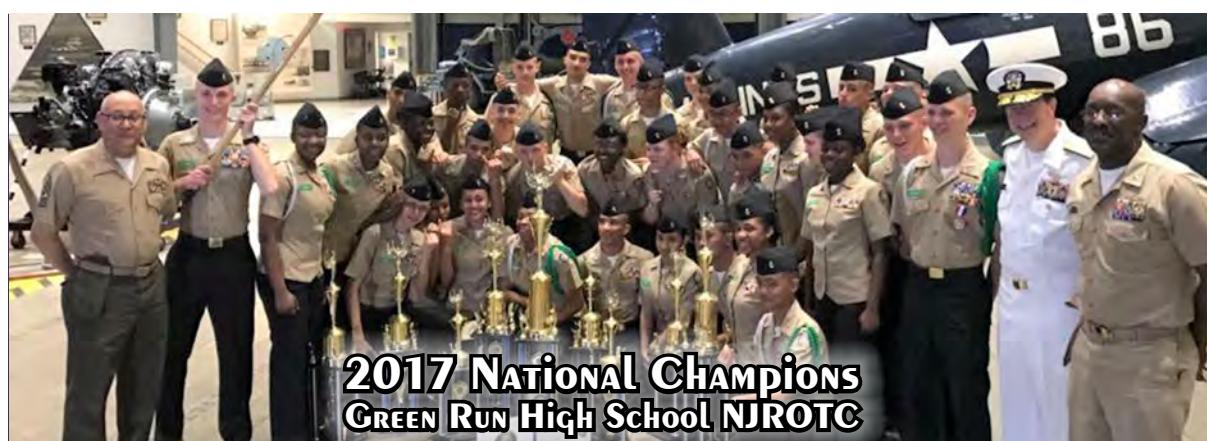
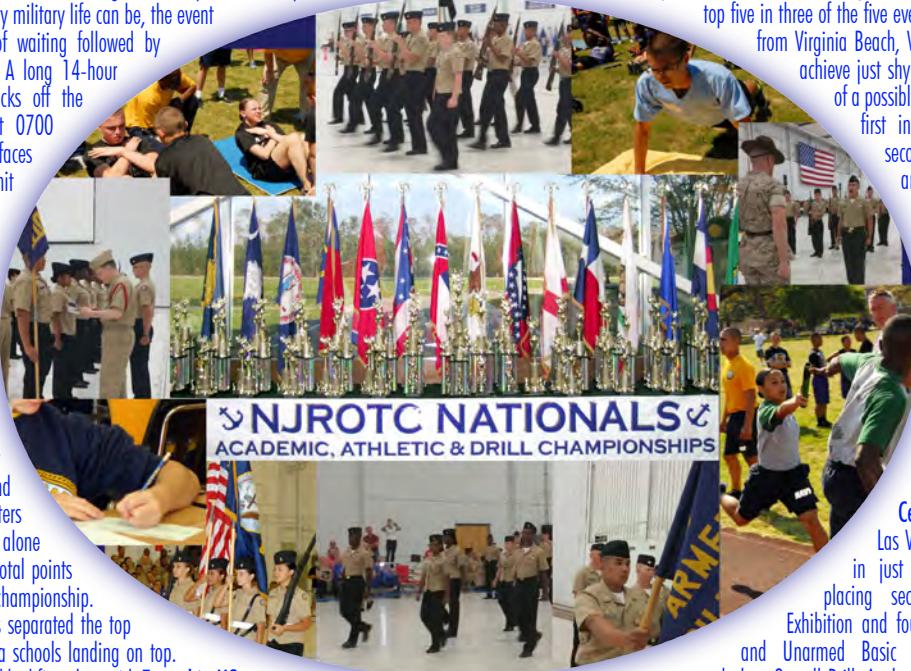
and Unarmed Basic which gave them

second place Overall Drill.

At the end of the day, the

National Championship trophy is the Holy Grail and in order to take

it home, a team has to be strong in all areas. The excitement was palpable in the beautiful National Naval Aviation Museum's atrium where Rear Adm. Michael S. White, Commander, Naval Service Training Command was poised ready to award the Navy Nationals overall trophies. Capturing fifth place was Escambia HS, fourth was Troy HS, third went to Centennial HS and Overall Runner Up went to Boca Raton HS. Tension mounted as everyone wondered who had the points. So many schools received the parade of trophies given throughout the evening that it was impossible to guess and the entire atrium exploded with applause as Green Run HS was announced as the Navy Nationals Grand Champion for the first time ever. This incredible event could not happen without the help of the extremely knowledgeable judges from the Navy Recruit Division Commanders (RDCs) and Marine Corps drill instructors from Officer Training Command (OTC), Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island who annually support the event.



[Full Results: http://navy.thenationals.net](http://navy.thenationals.net)

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

UNIT PERSONNEL

INSPECTION

- 1st - Boca Raton
- 2nd - Escambia
- 3rd - Centennial
- 4th - Hamilton
- 5th - Gaither

ACADEMICS

- 1st - Gaither
- 2nd - Boca Raton
- 3rd - Troy
- 4th - Green Run
- 5th - Nease

DRILL

- 1st - Green Run
- 2nd - Centennial
- 3rd - Escambia

ATHLETICS

- 1st - Sprayberry
- 2nd - Green Run
- 3rd - Colts Neck

OVERALL

Champion: Green Run
 Runner-Up: Boca Raton
 3rd Place: Centennial
 4th Place: Troy
 5th Place: Escambia

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TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Service National Championship Drill Event

Masters Event, 5-6 May 2018



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- ★ TEAM EXHIBITION (9 cadets & over)

Also featured on Saturday is the OPEN LEVEL COLOR GUARD

MASTERS LEVEL EVENTS - Demilitarized, Unarmed & Mixed Divisions

Saturday & Sunday, May 5th & 6th, 2018

- ★ UNIT INSPECTION (12 cadets + Commander)
- ★ PLATOON/FLIGHT REGULATION (12 cadets + Commander)
- ★ COLOR GUARD (2 rifles + 2 flags only)
- ★ SQUAD/ELEMENT EXHIBITION (8 cadets + Commander) (Masters only)
- ★ PLATOON/FLIGHT EXHIBITION (13 cadets & over) (Masters only)

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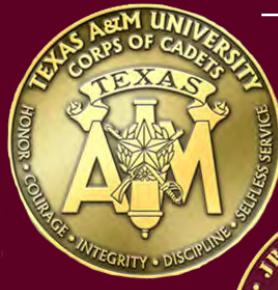
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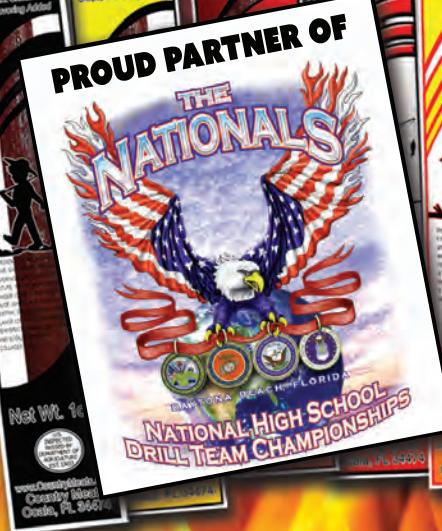


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National High School Drill Team Championships ~ Daytona Beach

UNITS ARE "UP TO THE CHALLENGE"

The 2017 Challenge Level competition of the National High School Drill Team Championships in Daytona Beach, Florida included 43 schools from 21 different states representing all four services showing that it is certainly a well-rounded and diverse field of cadets. This level allows newer or less-experienced teams the chance to excel on the national stage.

ARMED DIVISION

With 35 teams competing within the Armed Division, this year the 20 event trophies (1st – 5th in four events) were spread out among 16 different teams with only one team capturing three top five placements. This well-rounded strength placed **Lynn English HS** Bulldogs at the top of the leaderboard. This Marine Corps JROTC unit from Lynn, Massachusetts sailed to the top capturing first in Regulation, second in Color Guard and fourth in Exhibition giving them the championship title.

The Runner Up title went to the Army JROTC unit, **Smith Cotton HS** Black Tigers from Sedalia, Missouri who took home second in Inspection and fifth in Color Guard. They stayed within the top ten in the other two events which placed them firmly in the number two spot.

Other notable finishes included: **William J. Brennan HS** AFJROTC (3rd Overall, 2nd Regulation); **Dixie Hollins HS** AJROTC (1st Exhibition); **Gen. Benjamin O Davis HS** AFJROTC (1st Inspection); **Rutland HS** MCJROTC (1st Color Guard); **Loudoun County HS** NJROTC (2nd Exhibition).



Challenge Level Awards Ceremony was honored to have BrigGen Steven D. Garland, Commander, Holm Center Maxwell AFB (center) to present the overall top trophies to (from left to right) William J. Brennan HS Phoenix - Armed 3rd Place Overall, Smith Cotton HS Black Tigers-Armed Runner Up, Lynn English HS Bulldogs-Armed Champions, Springboro HS Panthers-Unarmed Champions, North Salem HS Lady Vikings-Unarmed Runner Up, Southwest HS Sea Angels-Unarmed 3rd Place Overall.

UNARMED DIVISION

The Unarmed Division contained 27 teams and to underline the all-service nature of the Nationals, the top four teams overall were each from a different service. But capturing the top spot

were the Panthers from **Springboro HS**. This Air Force JROTC unit from Springboro, Ohio took home first in Regulation, second in Inspection, and third in Exhibition securing their championship.

An Army JROTC unit landed in the Runner Up position. The Lady Vikings from **North Salem HS** in Salem, Oregon maintained strength across the

board as well by being the only other team to take home three top-five trophies (2nd Exhibition, 4th Inspection, 5th Color Guard) and just missed in Regulation by placing sixth.

Other notable finishes included: **Southwest HS** NJROTC (3rd Overall, 1st Inspection, 2nd Regulation); **Reading HS** MCJROTC (4th Overall, 3rd Inspection, 4th Exhibition); **West Aurora HS** AFJROTC (1st Color Guard, 5th Exhibition); **Waller HS** AFJROTC (1st Exhibition, 3rd Regulation); **Lebanon HS** AFJROTC (2nd Color Guard).

"Challenge Level teams climb the ladder each year as the talent pool gets deeper and deeper in JROTC drill."

- Justin Gates, SNI Competition Director

Open Level Color Guard Competition Winners hail from Texas and Oklahoma

This year, 41 Color Guard units participated in the Open Level Color Guard competition from all four services. This event is open to any unit regardless of talent level and each year attracts some of the best color guards in the country. The trophies were presented by **CMSgt Charles E. Mills, Commandant, Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy Barnes Center, Gunter AFS, AL** who is pictured on the right. Also pictured from right to left are the winners, the Mighty Mules from **Alamo Heights HS** in San Antonio, Texas took the first place trophy. Close behind in second place were the Lady Chargers from **Tulsa Memorial HS** in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Coming in third place were the Silver Saints from **Earl Warren HS** from San Antonio, Texas and rounding out the top five were two junior varsity color guards from **Brandeis HS** in San Antonio. The Lady Aces took fourth place and the Raptors took fifth. We anticipate the 2018 competition to be filled up quickly so register soon if you want to be a part of this amazing color guard event.





2017 National High School Drill Team Championships

Challenge Level Attendees & Event Standings



Armed Division

Inspection

Gen. Benjamin O. Davis HS	BOD Red Tails	742
Smith Cotton HS	Black Tigers	731
Lebanon HS	Golden Strikers	719
Blythewood HS	Armed Bengals	709
Delaware County AFJROTC	Phantoms	697

Regulation

Lynn English HS	Bulldogs	1137
William J. Brennan HS	Phoenix	1047
Reading HS	Red Knights	1045
Union City HS	Armed Soaring Eagles	1037
Central Crossing HS	Comets	991

Color Guard

Rutland HS	Middle GA Leathernecks	857
Lynn English HS	Bulldogs	837
North Salem HS	Vanir Platoon	836
Delaware County AFJROTC	Phantoms	826
Smith Cotton HS	Black Tigers	819

Team Exhibition

Dixie Hollins HS	Rebel Guard	786
Loudoun County HS	Raiders	712
LaSalle Institute	O'Donovan Rifles	684
Lynn English HS	Bulldogs	673
Ringgold HS	Tiger Guard	672

Overall Armed Champion

Lynn English HS - Bulldogs

Overall Armed Runner-up

Smith Cotton HS - Black Tigers

Lebanon High School

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Lebanon, Ohio

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Southwood High School

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Lincoln Park, Michigan

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Raleigh, North Carolina

Loudoun County High School

NAVY JROTC
Leesburg, Virginia

Passaic High School

NAVY JROTC
Passaic, New Jersey

Ramsay High School

ARMY JROTC
Birmingham, Alabama

Smith Cotton High School

ARMY JROTC
Sedalia, Missouri

Springboro High School

AIR FORCE JROTC
Springboro, Ohio

William J. Brennan High School

AIR FORCE JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Lynn English High School

MARINE CORPS JROTC
Lynn, Massachusetts

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy

NON-AFFILIATED
Elizabethtown, North Carolina

Reading High School

MARINE CORPS JROTC
Reading, Pennsylvania

South Mountain High School

ARMY JROTC
Phoenix, Arizona

Union City High School

MARINE CORPS JROTC
Union City, New Jersey

Zephyrhills High School

ARMY JROTC
Zephyrhills, Florida

McReynolds Middle School

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Pebblebrook High School

ARMY JROTC
Mableton, Georgia

Ridge Community High School

ARMY JROTC
Davenport, Florida

Southwest High School

NAVY JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Waller High School

AIR FORCE JROTC
Waller, Texas

Unarmed Division

Inspection

Southwest HS	Sea Angels	689
Springboro HS	Springboro Panthers	669
Reading HS	Lady Red Knights	669
North Salem HS	Lady Vikings	663
Central Crossing HS	Lady Comets	638

Regulation

Springboro HS	Springboro Panthers	1201
Southwest HS	Sea Angels	1137
Waller HS	Phantom Unarmed	1125
Union City HS	Soaring Eagles	1105
Passaic HS	Elite Indians	1104

Color Guard

West Aurora HS	Lady Blackhawks	788
Lebanon HS	Silver Strikers	776
Alamo Heights HS	Golden Mules	773
William G. Enloe HS	Eagle Fly	757
North Salem HS	Lady Vikings	741

Team Exhibition

Waller HS	Phantom Unarmed	785
North Salem HS	Lady Vikings	776
Springboro HS	Springboro Panthers	767
Reading HS	Lady Red Knights	736
West Aurora HS	Lady Blackhawks	682

Overall Unarmed Champion

Springboro HS - Springboro Panthers

Overall Unarmed Runner-up

North Salem HS - Lady Vikings

The Birth of a Dynasty... or two

Repeat Championships in two divisions for multiple years - could we be witnessing the birth of two dynasties?

Masters Level

Division Highlights



Pictured above the Fern Creek High School Lady Leathernecks - Mixed Division Champions (left), John Jay High School Silver Eagles - Demilitarized Arms Division Champions (center), Francis Lewis High School Patriot Pride - Unarmed Division Champions (right).

Demilitarized Division



John Jay HS Silver Eagles



The Masters Level Demilitarized Division is demanding and always entertaining for the spectators. It looks like we are witnessing the birth of a dynasty as the Silver Eagles from **John Jay HS** in San Antonio, Texas captured their third consecutive championship title this year. They left no room for challengers as they took first place in Inspection, Color Guard, and Squad Exhibition and second in Regulation and Platoon Exhibition. This amazing Air Force unit continues to Aim High!

The number two position was a fight between **Francis Lewis HS** Patriot Guard from Fresh Meadows, NY and **Grant HS** Maroon Knights from Dry Prong, LA as both teams captured a top five placements in all five team events. But the Patriot Guard edged to the front during the final Platoon Exhibition event and succeeded in taking home the Championship Runner Up trophy.

The ladies are back! For 15 years, **Fern Creek HS** Lady Leathernecks from Fern Creek, Kentucky had a death-grip on the Mixed Division title. They stumbled in 2015 but came back strong last year and repeated their title again this year. The Lady Leathernecks almost swept the division with a first in four of the five events and second only in Regulation Drill destroying the competition! We'll have to wait and see if the dynasty continues in 2018 and beyond because there's a Mustang in the barn looking to run through the Kentucky dynasty.

John Jay HS has a proven drill program with their Marching Mustangs JV team winning the Armed Division of the Challenge Level in 2016. This year they moved into the Masters Level Mixed Division with the co-ed composition of their team. It was quite a surprise to other schools when these newbies captured the Runner Up title. If they maintain this trajectory, the Lady Leathernecks might have a strong fight on their hands in 2018.

Mixed Division



Fern Creek HS Lady Leathernecks



Unarmed Division



In past years, the Unarmed Division has had several teams that had a real shot at the top prize but this year, two teams rose to the very top. **Brandeis HS** Blue Aces and **Francis Lewis HS** Patriot Pride. The Blue Aces was the only team to capture a top five placement in all five events. They took home first in Regulation and Element Exhibition, third in Color Guard and Flight Exhibition, and fifth in Inspection. However, when the scores were tallied, they missed the top spot by a mere 85 points out of 6000.



Francis Lewis HS Patriot Pride

Even though they only received four event trophies, Francis Lewis' Patriot Pride managed to maintain high placements in all five events, first place in Color Guard and Flight Exhibition, second in Regulation, fourth in Inspection, and seventh in Squad Exhibition. Even the slight miss in Squad Ex didn't knock them off of the championships pedestal. However, after two years in the Runner Up spot, Brandeis will be coming back with a vengeance next year.





NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DRILL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS



Masters Level Event Standings

Demilitarized Arms Inspection

John Jay HS	Silver Eagles	863
Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Guard	836
Grant HS	Maroon Knights	818
Fern Creek HS	Leathernecks	816
East Paulding HS	Blackhawks	813

Regulation

Grant HS	Maroon Knights	1254
John Jay HS	Silver Eagles	1250
Southwest HS	Black Knights	1214
Tom C. Clark HS	Centurion Guard	1190
Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Guard	1151

Color Guard

John Jay HS	Silver Eagles	876
Brandeis HS	Nighthawks	842
East Paulding HS	Blackhawks	841
Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Guard	837
Grant HS	Maroon Knights	830

Squad Exhibition

John Jay HS	Silver Eagles	927
Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Guard	912
Tom C. Clark HS	Centurion Guard	881
Grant HS	Maroon Knights	847
Marmion Academy	Flannigan Rifles	845

Platoon Exhibition

Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Guard	998
John Jay HS	Silver Eagles	961
Marmion Academy	Flannigan Rifles	961
Tom C. Clark HS	Centurion Guard	921
Grant HS	Maroon Knights	903

Demilitarized Arms Champions

Champion: John Jay HS - **Silver Eagles**
Runner-up: Francis Lewis HS - **Patriot Guard**

Solo Exhibition

1 st	Cadet Donlin - Marietta HS
2 nd	Cadet Gill - Seneca HS
3 rd	Cadet Cardona - Brandeis HS
4 th	Cadet Camacho - New Braunfels HS
5 th	Cadet Rainwater - Independent Kentucky

Dual Exhibition

1 st	Gonzalez & Martinez - John Jay HS
2 nd	Gill & Wood - Seneca HS
3 rd	DeMoss & Warda - Marmion Academy
4 th	Montes & Santiago - Independent Florida
5 th	Cardona & Darland - Brandeis HS

Unarmed

Inspection

Lynn English HS	Lady Bulldogs	802
Flour Bluff HS	SeaHawks	792
Tom C. Clark HS	Silver Valor	758
Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Pride	752
Brandeis HS	Blue Aces	745

Mixed Arms

Inspection

Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	819
John Jay HS	Marching Mustangs	789
Heights HS	Rough Riders	765
Seneca HS	Lady Redhawks	720
Airport HS	Golden Talons	709

Regulation

Brandeis HS	Blue Aces	1420
Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Pride	1370
Smith Cotton HS	Gold Tigers	1366
Sandra Day O'Connor HS	Mighty Panthers	1343
N. Miami Beach Sr. HS	Lady Chargers	1343

Regulation

Airport HS	Golden Talons	1349
Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	1303
Heights HS	Rough Riders	1302
John Jay HS	Marching Mustangs	1302
Seneca HS	Lady Redhawks	1299

Color Guard

Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Pride	1014
Tom C. Clark HS	Silver Valor	941
Brandeis HS	Blue Aces	918
Flour Bluff HS	SeaHawks	913
Sandra Day O'Connor HS	Mighty Panthers	888

Color Guard

Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	1006
Heights HS	Rough Riders	870
John Jay HS	Marching Mustangs	860
Seneca HS	Lady Redhawks	855
East Carter HS	Morgan's Rifles	819

Element Exhibition

Brandeis HS	Blue Aces	1024
Flour Bluff HS	SeaHawks	1022
Theodore Roosevelt HS	Riderettes	982
Tom C. Clark HS	Silver Valor	950
John Jay HS	Snap II	949

Squad Exhibition

Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	874
John Jay HS	Marching Mustangs	825
Mariner Senior HS	Tritons	804
Heights HS	Rough Riders	728
Seneca HS	Lady Redhawks	722

Flight Exhibition

Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Pride	1058
Leavenworth HS	Cavalry Angels	978
Brandeis HS	Blue Aces	961
Lynn English HS	Lady Bulldogs	939
Tom C. Clark HS	Silver Valor	935

Platoon Exhibition

Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	1011
Mariner Senior HS	Tritons	1000
Heights HS	Rough Riders	972
John Jay HS	Marching Mustangs	912
Seneca HS	Lady Redhawks	784

Unarmed Champions

Champion: Francis Lewis - **Patriot Pride**
Runner-up: Brandeis HS - **Blue Aces**

Dual Exhibition

1 st	Lopez & Pangilinan - Lynn English HS
2 nd	Cedillo & Gonzalez - Tom C. Clark HS
3 rd	Drake & Mosqueda - Tom C. Clark HS
4 th	Nguyen & Osorio - William Howard Taft HS
5 th	Bazan & Stramoski - Southwest HS

Dual Exhibition

1 st	Volpe-Knippel & Volpe-Knippel - Braden River HS
2 nd	Guerrero & Lopez - Heights HS
3 rd	Munoz & Sandoval - Heights HS
4 th	Biasotti & Sekot - Dixie Hollins HS
5 th	Miller & Trueblood - Mariner Senior HS

★ 2017 MASTERS LEVEL PARTICIPANTS ★

Airport HS Army JROTC West Columbia, S Carolina	Dixie M. Hollins HS Army JROTC St. Petersburg, Florida	George Jenkins HS Army JROTC Lakeland, Florida	Lynn English HS Marine Corps JROTC Lynn, Massachusetts	Rancho HS Air Force JROTC Las Vegas, Nevada	Sumter HS Air Force JROTC Sumter, South Carolina
Alonso HS Army JROTC Tampa, Florida	East Carter HS Army JROTC Grayson, Kentucky	Grant HS Army JROTC Dry Prong, Louisiana	Marietta HS Air Force JROTC Marietta, Georgia	Reading HS Marine Corps JROTC Reading, Pennsylvania	Taylor County HS Army JROTC Perry, Florida
Asheville HS Marine Corps JROTC Asheville, North Carolina	East Paulding HS Air Force JROTC Dallas, Georgia	Gurdon S. Hubbard HS Army JROTC Chicago, Illinois	Mariner Senior HS Army JROTC Cape Coral, Florida	Ridge Community HS Army JROTC Davenport, Florida	Theodore Roosevelt HS Army JROTC San Antonio, Texas
Bellevue HS Air Force JROTC Bellevue, Florida	Ebbert L. Furr HS Army JROTC Houston, Texas	Haines City HS Army JROTC Haines City, Florida	Marmion Academy Army JROTC Aurora, Illinois	Ringgold HS Army JROTC Ringgold, Georgia	Tom C. Clark HS Air Force JROTC San Antonio, Texas
Bishop Kenny HS Navy JROTC Jacksonville, Florida	Enterprise HS Army JROTC Enterprise, Alabama	Harnett Central HS Army JROTC Angier, North Carolina	Mattoon HS Army JROTC Mattoon, Illinois	Sandra Day O'Connor HS Air Force JROTC Helotes, Texas	Valley HS Army JROTC Las Vegas, Nevada
Braden River HS Army JROTC Bradenton, Florida	Everglades HS Army JROTC Miramar, Florida	Heights HS Army JROTC Houston, Texas	McNary HS Army JROTC Keizer, Oregon	Scott County HS Air Force JROTC Georgetown, Kentucky	Wando HS Air Force JROTC Mt. Pleasant, S. Carolina
Brandeis HS Air Force JROTC San Antonio, Texas	Fern Creek HS Marine Corps JROTC Louisville, Kentucky	Independent Soloists Miami, Florida Woodstock, Georgia Romeoville, Illinois Louisville, Kentucky	New Braunfels HS Marine Corps JROTC New Braunfels, Texas	Seneca HS Marine Corps JROTC Louisville, Kentucky	Waukegan HS Army JROTC Waukegan, Illinois
Carson Long MA Army JROTC New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania	Fishburne HS Army JROTC Waynesboro, Virginia	Matawan, New Jersey Huber Heights, Ohio San Antonio, Texas	North Chicago Comm. HS Navy JROTC North Chicago, Illinois	Smith Cotton HS Army JROTC Sedalia, Missouri	Westwood HS Air Force JROTC Mesa, Arizona
Cibola HS Marine Corps JROTC Albuquerque, New Mexico	Fleming Island HS Navy JROTC Fleming Island, Florida	Jeffersontown HS Marine Corps JROTC Louisville, Kentucky	North Miami Beach Sr. HS Army JROTC N. Miami Beach, Florida	Southwest HS Navy JROTC San Antonio, Texas	William G. Enloe HS Army JROTC Raleigh, North Carolina
Coffee HS Navy JROTC Douglas, Georgia	Flour Bluff HS Navy JROTC Corpus Christi, Texas	John Jay HS Air Force JROTC San Antonio, Texas	North Salem HS Army JROTC Salem, Oregon	Southwood HS Army JROTC Shreveport, Louisiana	William Howard Taft HS Air Force JROTC San Antonio, Texas
Coral Gables Sr. HS Army JROTC Coral Gables, Florida	Fort Hamilton HS Army JROTC Brooklyn, New York	Leavenworth HS Army JROTC Leavenworth, Kansas	Palmetto HS Army JROTC Palmetto, Florida	Springfield HS Army JROTC Holland, Ohio	William J. Brennan HS Air Force JROTC San Antonio, Texas
Cypress Creek HS Air Force JROTC Houston, Texas	Francis Lewis HS Army JROTC Fresh Meadows, New York	Lebanon HS Air Force JROTC Lebanon, Ohio	Prairie HS Air Force JROTC Battle Ground, Washington	St. John's N.W. MA Army JROTC Delafield, Wisconsin	Xavier HS Army JROTC New York, New York
Delaware County AFJROTC Air Force JROTC Delaware, Ohio	Freedom HS Navy JROTC Tampa, Florida	Lincoln-Way Central HS Air Force JROTC New Lenox, Illinois	Pulaski County HS Army JROTC Somerset, Kentucky	Summerville HS Navy JROTC Summerville, South Carolina	Zephyrhills HS Army JROTC Zephyrhills, Florida

2017 ALL-SERVICE JUDGING CORPS, GUEST SPEAKER & VIPs



Judges and VIPs listed from left to right

Navy: CTR1 Andrew Southworth, CTR2 Ian Bartholomew, ETC Louis D'Hondt, PO2 Elliot Turcotte, CTR2 Katherine Stringer, CTR1 Desiree Black, CTRC Jeffrey Taylor, CTR2 Amanda Girard

Army: SFC Christopher Offringa, SFC Lou Rodriguez, SSG Clifton Burns, SFC Audra Rose, SFC Louis Whaley, SSG Justin Crawford, SSG John Simpson, CSM Blaine Huston, SSG Brandon MacKinnon, Leon McMullen - USACC, Col Robert Oltman - MCJROTC, Guest Speaker: CSM Kenneth J. Kraus, Jr. - CSM USACC, R. Wayne Barron - AFJROTC, Dr. J.D. Smith - NJROTC, Calvin Gager - USACC

Marine Corps: SSgt Dashien Pettigrew, SSgt Stevie Cardona, SSgt William Dorsky, Major Blake Jackson, Sgt Hien Pham, MGySgt Andrew Johnson, SSgt Eduardo Bonilla, SSgt Kevin Caoili, Sgt Zachary Williams

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Drill Hall of Fame

At the National High School Drill Team Championships in May 2017, three more names were added to the list of DHOF inductees. This amazing Hall of Fame was started in 2012 with 13 original inductees. This illustrious, diverse and amazing group of drill icons are celebrated each year as more join their ranks. These individuals and groups have been earmarked as the standard bearers to lead all others. Scores of other individuals and groups were considered and most all brought extremely strong credentials to the table. However, despite the amazingly tough choices, we have added three more to the Drill Hall of Fame. We will always cherish the impact each has made to the drill world and we look forward to expanding this field annually each May at the National H.S. Drill Team Championships.

HISTORICAL INFLUENCES

Baron Friedrich von Steuben
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The U.S. Army Drill Team
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Morales & Boca Raton NJROTC

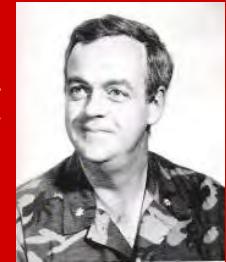
INDIVIDUALS

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Mr. Donovan White
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MSgt. Dick Lebel
LtCol. Peter Duggan
Capt. Joe Matthews

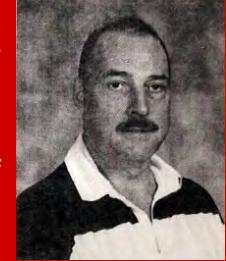
2017 Drill Hall of Fame Inductees

Lieutenant Colonel Peter Duggan / Captain Joseph Matthews Lincoln High School MJROTC, Yonkers, New York

LtCol. Duggan and Captain Matthews became a team united. They maintained both an armed team and an unarmed team. The program flourished on and off the drill floor. After dominating Marine Corps drill for several years locally and going head to head with all-service greats including the famed LaSalle Military Academy drill program, Lincoln H.S. MCJROTC brought their excellence to the National High School Drill Team Championships. For over ten years, they competed against the best teams in the nation despite their tiny program size gaining more than their share of team and individual awards. Both Duggan and Matthews benefited the greater drill community in many ways. They hosted scores of meets over the years attending and dominating over 100 meets together during their tenure. Their innovation brought forth the Challenge & Masters concept at the Nationals. This bifurcation better allowed small schools with limited numbers or newer programs just getting their drill programs underway the ability to compete on a more fair playing field. They also brought forth new ideas regarding drill area entry & event staging, vendor inclusion as well as other important logistical considerations that improved the National Championships as well as other meets they hosted. They were quick to help their colleagues in the region from all services, providing expertise and supplies in some cases to neighboring programs in the hope to build their drill programs and JROTC programs in general. They simply were two of the best ambassadors the sport of competitive drill has ever maintained. These two officers put forth almost 100 years of total service to the United States Marine Corps in various capacities and they both talked at length about their love and devotion to the cadets and how they used drill as the tool to better these cadets for a lifetime. And despite both of these individuals passing away several years ago, their untarnished legacy lives on within the Drill Hall of Fame!



LtCol. Peter Duggan



Capt. Joe Matthews



The United States Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team

The U.S. Air Force Honor Guard originated in 1948 when Headquarters Command, U.S. Air Force, directed the creation of an elite ceremonial unit. This unit was activated within the 1100th Air Police Squadron at Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C., with the responsibility of maintaining an Air Force ceremonial capability in the National Capital Region. The Honor Guard officially became a separate squadron in 1972, and the unit remains at the base now known as Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C. The performance drill team has undergone many recent changes that propelled their inclusion into the Military Drill Hall

of Fame. While they have always been a high profile ambassador, for many years they seemed to toil in the shadow of their more well known peers in the Army Drill Team and the Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon. However, in the past few years, the level of professionalism, polish and overall excellence in presentation to both military and civilian audiences has risen to a level that is on par with any professional drill done anywhere on the planet. Their current routine blends very difficult maneuvers recently added to the routine but also leaves decades old favorites that play homage to the history of this illustrious group. It is an honor and privilege to feature the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team within the National Drill Hall of Fame.



LCDR Ken Bingham / CPO Edwin A. Morales and the Boca Raton H.S. NJROTC Drill Team

They have glorified drill excellence both in Florida and nationally for over 20 years. LCDR Bingham began the program in 1994. Chief Morales came onboard in 1997. Since their arrival the Boca Raton NJROTC program's enrollment has increased from just over 100 cadets a year to 365 cadets. They have won seven state titles and two national titles in the arduous Navy Academic, Athletic and Drill Championship event. Their drill has always led the unit pacing their top finishes with countless BEST OVERALL DRILL performance trophies. The NJROTC program has earned the coveted Distinguished Unit designation 19 times and it is considered one of the premier NJROTC programs in the country. LCDR Bingham retired after the 2015 school year while Chief Morales still works for the program. Few programs can or have EVER been able to boast the drill accomplishments and recognition that Boca Raton HS has maintained for that duration of time.



LCDR Ken Bingham



Chief Edwin Morales



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2017 Solo Exhibition Winners

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Third Place: Alejandro Paulino

2017 Special Exhibition Winners

First Place: Ramos, Paulino, & Sanchez
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Third Place: Dillard & Jones

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A Look Around the Nationals and JROTC Universe



SCIDM REVAMPS WITH NEW DRIVE & DIRECTION READY TO HOST THE BEST OF THE WEST!

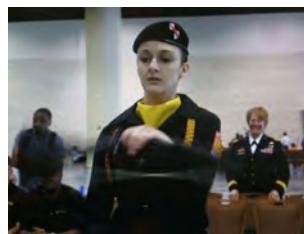
The Southern California Invitational Drill Meet (SCIDM) has a powerful legacy as the largest combined

ROTC/JROTC meet in the West. The ROTC cadets of the University of Southern California have revamped the event in 2018 and beyond. Schools in the western USA should sit up and take notice.

Listening to the schools issues, the cadre focused on the participant experience, considering everything from the competitor's perspective. They spoke with Sports Network International and we developed strategies to help them improve. Processes and regulations were discussed. The new event website, www.airmenoftroy.com/scidm presents the refined SOP & drill cards, and they plan to keep them posted year round so competitors can train to the standard from the very beginning of their drill season.

From aesthetics to logistics, SCIDM 2018 will be an extremely polished and an exceptional event. Western teams would do well to

A KREMER "WIN" IN THE WINDY CITY IS ROUTINE, BUT BREAKING BARRIERS LIKE THIS WAS A FEMALE FIRST



After domination within the Mixed Division Armed Solo Exhibition event destroying all comers for three straight years, a new challenge was sought. Rather than go for a never before 4th straight title, Abigail Kremer from Gurdon S. Hubbard High School sought and received permission to compete

within the Demilitarized Armed Division Solo Exhibition event. She is *the only female to ever compete in this male-dominated division*. While a very talented driller regardless of gender, competing against males with a full-weight weapon was a tall order, but just competing was an amazing victory of sorts for this dynamic, trailblazing driller.

Months of training led to a spectacular routine. Despite a tough draw position going early in the day, Kremer was just two points away from making the FINALS! However, SNI rules dictate that past top finishers are to be given a draw position within the latter HALF of the preliminary competition field. Because she was a champion a different division last year this was overlooked. Once the error was brought to our attention she was placed within the event finals.

History will judge that Abigail Kremer, driller, debate team member, award winning chorus singer, 4.4 weighted GPA student, did what few will ever dare and finished in 7th place overall in the toughest individual competition in high school athletics out of 60+ male drillers from across the nation. To paraphrase JFK, she "choose this path not because it was easy, but because it was hard." Her courageous choice was not a struggle for her, she has been doing the hard things because they were the right things her entire life. Let her efforts be an example to all.

Airport High School Captures the Coveted 2017 Nationals Spirit Banner Award

Every year, SNI selects a single school that best embodies the hard work, excellence in the face of adversity, and overall champion spirit of the Nationals to reign as the Spirit Award winner for the following school year. For the 2017-2018 School Year, this prestigious school is the Army JROTC program of **Airport H.S.** from West Columbia, South Carolina.



Shown above, c/LTC Elizabeth Thompson receives the Spirit Banner from SNI superstar Jennifer Ladd who works closely with all schools planning a trip to the NHSDTC. The Spirit Banner will fly proudly in the JROTC program signifying their hard work, overcoming obstacles and elevation of the Nationals in all they do.

The Golden Talons drill program under the direction of **SGM Harry Ferguson** have been a beacon for excellence for nearly a decade now and was a unanimous Spirit Banner selection this year! They maintain amazing conduct in and out of the drill arena and have done nothing but glorify themselves and the Nationals in everything they do. They work hard in all facets of every competition they enter and speak highly about the benefits of what a trip to the Nationals can do to bolster any quality JROTC program. Please join SNI in congratulating this fantastic program which continues to set the standard of excellence in Army drill. To learn more, hit the Spirit Banner website: <http://www.thenationals.net/dt-spiritaward.htm>.

2017 Jean K. Weil Scholarship to Two Amazing Seniors

Selecting only TWO graduating seniors annually at the NHSDTC as the most outstanding overall cadets is always tough. The finalists are reviewed involving their academic, writing, personal recommendations and overall unit contribution. This arduous process is done by the Scholarship Review Committee who bring this number from dozens to just five finalists. These chosen few then go through on-site interviews at the Nationals. It is much work, much pressure and much glory!



Scripps Ranch HS AFJROTC cadet **Mayuresh Majumdar** (right) from San Diego, California and Bloomingdale HS AFJROTC cadet **Dakota Hawkins** (left) from Valrico, Florida (shown along with JKW Board Member and former NHSDTC and WDC competitor, Mr. Keith Warren) are the deserving 2017 recipients. Amazingly impressive overall packages and interviews sealed their selection. BOTH of these young people are destined to do great things in their life, just as they have done in their JROTC career. ALL five cadets who earned on-site nominations were great future leaders and remain prominently listed on the JKW website.

Along with the notoriety of earning the title, each of these phenomenal graduating cadets earned a \$1,000 scholarship that can be used toward any future scholastic expenses. To see more on this prestigious award, the history of the award, as well as how to ensure your top two graduating senior cadets apply for the award at the 2018 Nationals, go to the on-line home of the scholarship at: <http://jkw.thenationals.net>.

The Drill Universe Loses Its Brightest Star

Constantine H. Wilson, founder and driving force behind drill innovation and excellence, along with the high profile New Guard America drill program, the World's preeminent professional drill program, died peacefully on May 17, 2017 just a week after attending the National High School Drill Team Championships. He simply wanted more than anything to see the event he called his home one final time.



Constantine was a force of nature pushing for excellence always. He was a former instructor at the famous Nationals Drill Camp, an annual top finisher within the World Drill Championships, along with holding nine Guinness World Records within the drill world. Over the years, he assisted the U.S. Navy Drill Team and also coached many different rifle teams at all levels. But it was his unyielding passion for drill and his kind and decent spirit that separated him from any other driller who has come before him.

His spirit and his smile will be missed but his legacy will live on within the drill world forever. Rest in Peace Constantine.

JROTC Cadets Work to

Turn Memorial into a Reality

Cabot H.S. AFJROTC in Cabot, Arkansas is working hard to raise \$15,000 to go toward building a Gold Star Families Monument, scheduled to be completed on Veterans Day 2018.



Cadet Maj. Benjamin Silver and Cadet Lt. Col. Isaac Wolter are two Cabot High School seniors driven to make the monument a reality.

Donations can be made online and donating in CHS AFJROTC's name will help the group reach its fundraising goal and a chance to lead the 2018 Veterans Day Parade. Cadets have raised about \$1,000 so far, and every dollar raised will be doubled by a state matching program up to \$50K. The monument will feature a cutout of a soldier and the words 'Homeland, Family, Patriot and Sacrifice' on it. To make a donation to help in this worthy effort, call Cabot H.S. AFJROTC at 501/843-3562.



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