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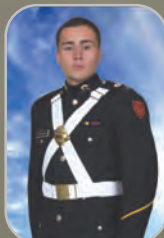
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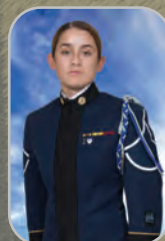
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With troop deployments that stretch across the globe, the 2019-20 DrillNATION Magazine is dedicated to both the active duty and reserve components of our American Armed Forces, along with the National Guard. These brave and selfless individuals continue to provide the blanket of freedom that Americans enjoy every day. Thousands of cadets and instructors who have attended the Nationals in the past are currently serving around the globe in all branches of the armed forces, helping to protect the interests of the United States of America. SNI is honored by their commitment to duty and wish them all a safe and speedy return home when they complete their mission.

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JROTC cadets are not always considered athletes in their high schools, but that could not be further from the truth. The athletic ability, stamina, and teamwork required for these young men and women to compete at the Army Raider Nationals is incredible. They complete a 5K run in boots, scale a high wall, carry heavy equipment through the woods over rough terrain, build a rope bridge to get their team members across a stream and navigate an intense obstacle course while loving every minute of it. They wear the mud like a badge of honor and win or lose each cadet goes home ready to train for the next year.

FEMALE DIVISION: In a field of 15 teams in the Female Division, eight teams took home at least one event trophy but only three teams placed top five in all five events. When the scores were tallied, the final championship was determined by a tie-breaker! Both Adairsville HS Lady Tigers from Adairsville, Georgia and Mariner HS Triton Females from Cape Coral, Florida tied with 11 placement points each. The tie-breaker is the team winning the most events. The Lady Tigers grabbed first in PTT, Gauntlet, and CCR and fourth in 5K and Rope Bridge while the Triton Females took first in the 5K and Rope Bridge, second in PTT and CCR and fifth in Gauntlet. The Adairsville Lady Tigers walked away with the Championship title this year! They will certainly be working hard to maintain that title this November.

MIXED DIVISION: The Mixed Division is a co-ed division where at least four females must participate in each event. This always competitive division is fun to watch as teams strategize and take advantage of each team member's individual strengths to get the best time on the course. Last year's runner up, Leavenworth HS Mixed Team from Leavenworth, Kansas came out fighting hoping to take home the gold. They placed second in PTT and 5K and third in the other three events but they couldn't come close to the Black Knight Mixed team from Sarasota MA (Sarasota, Florida) who took first in PTT, 5K and Rope Bridge and second in Gauntlet and CCR. Placing third overall were the Red Knights from North Fort Myers HS (Fort Myers, Florida) finishing only four placement points behind Leavenworth.

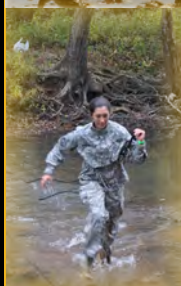
MALE DIVISION: The Riverside Eagles from Riverside MA in Gainesville, Georgia were soaring again as they captured their fifth straight championship by placing first in PTT, 5K, and CCR and second in Gauntlet and Rope Bridge. However, the Tiger Pride from Adairsville HS did a great job of closing the gap and might just unseat this powerhouse at the 2019 event. Adairsville placed first in Gauntlet and Rope Bridge, second in PTT and CCR, and third in 5K leaving only two placement points between them and ultimate victory. These determined cadets from a small school in Adairsville, Georgia have their sights set on starting a new dynasty and have been training non-stop since last year.

On Sunday morning, the Ultimate Raider competition was held for the all-star cadets from each school. One male and one female tackle a grueling obstacle course and long run as they carry a 35 lb. ruck sack. This takes strength, speed, and especially stamina! Cadet Konya Halle from Leavenworth HS and Lyssa Blair from Georgia Military College Prep shared the first place Best Female Raider title with a tie and Cadet Tyler Moore from Buckingham County HS took home Best Male Raider. In both the Male and Female divisions, Adairsville topped all "small schools" and competed evenly with the biggest schools while Marion HS from Indiana placed highest among the smaller schools in the Mixed Division!

The Raider Nationals competition is sponsored by U.S. Army Cadet Command and supported by the Georgia National Guard who serve as judges for this unique and challenging event. Cedar Shoals HS under the direction of MAJ Carlie Williams and the hard work of raider guru 1SG Antoine Clark work very hard each year, spending countless hours making sure the course, the gear and the fun is set to maximum!

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All-Service Raider Challenge Championships

Molena, Georgia

Raider is growing in all services and this is the perfect laboratory!



The All-Service Raider Challenge Championships began in 2015 with only 24 teams, 14 Male and 10 Mixed. It has now grown by leaps and bounds with the 2018 event hosting 45 teams and the 2019 event looks like it will be maxed out with over 50 teams competing.

With this increased popularity, we decided to begin an All-Female division and although only six teams participated the first year, the division is growing quickly with almost twice as many entries for 2019.

FEMALE DIVISION

You could tell the females came ready to fight and put their names on the leaderboard as the MCJROTC unit from North Forsyth HS from Cumming, Georgia dominated overall. They took home first in PTT, second in Gauntlet, and third in 5K and Rope Bridge. Close on their heels were the Lady Owls from Ooltewah HS, an AJROTC unit from Ooltewah, Tennessee who took home first in Rope Bridge, second in 5K, third in Gauntlet, and fifth in PTT.

MIXED DIVISION

The top three teams from 2017 again stayed strong this year but they all changed positions crowning a new champion! Clarkrange HS Buffalo Raiders (USA, Clarkrange, TN) left little doubt that they came to claim the title after finishing in the Runner-Up position last year. They grabbed first in Gauntlet and Rope Bridge, second

in PTT and third in the 5K run separating themselves by three full placement points from their competitors.

Landing in the Runner-Up position were the Mixed Yellow Jackets from Fairview HS (USA, Fairview, TN) who placed first in 5K, second in Gauntlet and Rope Bridge and fifth in PTT. Leaving the Black Tigers from Smith-Cotton HS (USA, Sedalia, MO) to find themselves in Third Overall. They took home second in 5K, third in Gauntlet and Rope Bridge, and fourth in PTT.

With an even larger field of 23 teams expected for the Mixed Division in 2019, these three will have to work even harder if they want to maintain a top placement this year.

MALE DIVISION

The Male Division is always strong and fun to watch as their competition times are the lowest of any other division. The winning Rope Bridge was constructed with all 10 team members crossing the stream in UNDER 2 minutes! That is almost unheard

of! Only two other teams in this division managed a time under 3 minutes and they were spectacular (Hendersonville HS 2:37.62 and Soddy Daisy HS 2:54.25).

It is no surprise that the team killing it in Rope Bridge did great in other events as well. The Devils from Riverside MA (USA, Gainesville, GA) also took home first place in 5K and Gauntlet and a third place in PTT. It will take a very strong competitor with hundreds of hours of practice to unseat this power-house team!

The Jaguars from Blue Springs South HS (USAF, Blue Springs, MO) did not take home a first place trophy, but they were consistently good in all events enough to earn the Runner-Up title. They placed second in Gauntlet, fourth in 5K and Rope Bridge, and fifth in PTT.

Rounding out the top three overall were the Owls from Ooltewah HS who placed third in 5K and fourth in PTT and Gauntlet. Just a near miss at sixth in Rope Bridge kept them from possibly taking home the Runner Up trophy.

With the most teams ever planned for 2019, registrations are now closed but we would love to see your team in November 2020 in the north Georgia woods and spectators are always welcome to watch this exciting Raider weekend.

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CHAMPIONS



RUNNER-UPS



CSM Mario Terenas, Command Sergeant Major of U.S. Army Cadet Command and Fort Knox, Kentucky (L) presented trophies to the Champions (L-R) Riverside MA Devils-Male Division, Clarkrange HS Buffalo Raiders-Mixed Division, North Forsyth HS-Female Division and Runner-Ups (L-R) Blue Springs South HS Jaguars-Male Division, Fairview HS Mixed Yellow Jackets-Mixed Division, and Ooltewah HS Lady Owls-Female Division at the 2018 Raider All-Service Challenge Championships.

The memory of standing on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean feeling the powerful surf pounding just feet away from you as your heart races ready to compete... it is a memory none of these cadets will ever forget and a memory more cadets are gaining every year! On Mother Nature's grandest stage, the 3rd annual all-service National JROTC Fitness Challenge Championships added more teams, more excitement and more interest than ever before!



Sponsored by U.S. Army Cadet Command, 25 schools from 14 states brought some of the best JROTC fitness programs nationally on the flat packed sands of Daytona Beach for a day of great individual and team efforts. In the two divisions (Mixed and Male), each team competes in five events (Physical Team Test, 3K Team Beach Run, Standing Broad Jump, Seated Power Throw, and Pull-Ups/Flexed Arm Hang) with 12-cadet teams and 9 cadets competing in each event. Great feedback from the teams in 2018 and late storms by Mother Nature made the competition even more challenging this year!

MALE DIVISION

Despite quality individual event finishes by several strong schools, (**Clover HS** Mors Ab Alto (AF-Clover, SC) 1st Place PTT/ 2nd Power Throw/3rd 3K Run; **Wando HS** Warrior Raiders (AF-Mt. Pleasant, SC) 2nd Place 3K Run/3rd Power Throw/4th Pull-Ups; **Sandra Day O'Connor HS** (AF-Helotes, TX) 3rd Place Broad Jump/4th PTT), the Male Division came down to a literal two-horse race and the competition was fierce. The Vikings from **Atlantic City HS** (N-Atlantic City, NJ) placed first in both the Power Throw and the Pull-up events, along with a 2nd, 3rd and 5th in the other three events. BUT the two-time championship Spartan Bears from **William J. Brennan HS** (AF-San Antonio, TX) would not go quietly into that soft sand! They captured a 1st place in both the 3K and the Standing Broad Jump, with two 2nds and a 4th place in the other three events. This gave the powerhouse Spartan Bears just enough to grab another overall championship for their trophy case.



Bracketed by Major General John R. Evans, Commanding General, U.S. Army Cadet Command and Fort Knox (L) and CSM Mario Terenas, Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army Cadet Command and Fort Knox (R), Overall top finishers (L to R) Mixed Division 3rd Place Overall Denver West HS, Runner-Up Tom C. Clark HS, Overall Champion Brandeis HS, Male Division Overall Champion William J. Brennan HS, Runner-Up Atlantic City HS.

MIXED DIVISION

Mother Nature interrupted the PTT event tossing those scores from the overall consideration. So the four-event Mixed Division refined excellence everywhere else with **Haines City HS** (A-Haines City, FL) destroying the field winning the Pull-up/Flexed Arm Hang and getting a 3rd place in Broad Jump; **North Salem HS** (A-Salem, OR) nailing both a 2nd in Power Throw and a 3rd in the 3K; **Joe E. Newsome HS** (A-Lithia, FL) winning the 3K and getting a 3rd in Power Throw gave them all a shot at the biggest prize but they couldn't put together high finishes in the other events to contend for the overall. But early on a pattern was developing having three schools quickly rising to the top. The **Denver Public Schools West Cowboys** (A-Denver, CO) appeared set to challenge for the biggest hardware winning the Broad Jump, getting a 2nd in 3K and a 5th in Pull-ups/Flexed Arm Hang. But an 11th place in the Power Throw left them one placement point shy of the top spot. When the dust settled, hometown rivals **Tom C. Clark HS** Sweat Team Six (AF) and **Brandeis HS** Praetorians (AF) both from *San Antonio, TX* TIED for the top slot showing overall solidness in all events. Clark landed in the Runner-Up position with two trophy placements (2nd-Broad Jump, 4th-Pull-up/Flexed Arm Hang) while Brandeis won the tie breaker by winning the Power Throw and getting 3rd in Pull-up/Flexed Arm Hang). Literally the difference came down to a combined four SECONDS of Flexed Arm Hang or three total pull-ups to flip the result! With top placements spread among 11 teams, the stage is set for an amazing 2020 championship fight!



Cadets face many challenges and obstacles at the National JROTC Fitness Challenge Championships, all on the beautiful white sand beaches of the "Worlds Most Famous Beach", Daytona Beach, Florida

The memorable event was attended by several service dignitaries throughout the day with the evening capped off at the Awards Ceremony with Major General John R. Evans, Commanding General, USACC & Ft. Knox and CSM Mario Terenas, CSM, USACC & Ft. Knox taking time out of their schedules to acknowledge the excellence and cheer on the effort of the teams. The awards ceremony is held at the Ocean Center Arena just a few blocks from the competition site. This will also now be the back-up location where events will be moved INDOORS beginning in 2020 should weather intervene - therefore weather will no longer be a determining factor at the JROTC Fitness Nationals! The 2020 Fitness Challenge is already shaping up to be bigger and better than previous competitions. To find out more information including top-to-bottom scoring, visit the event website at: <http://fitness.thenationals.net>

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The City of Richmond welcomed the Army Nationals for one of the most amazing events ever!

The 2019 "Army Nationals" was the largest event ever with 102 teams from 83 schools spanning 25 states! The event was hosted for the first time at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond, Virginia and even a City Councilwoman was on site to welcome us to their beautiful city. Many schools enjoyed several of the historic sights in Richmond and also took advantage of the proximity to our nation's capital for a living civics lesson.

ARMED DIVISION

As you sit through the awards ceremony and hear who receives the many event trophies, you can often make an educated guess for who will capture the overalls. Not this year! The event trophies were spread among 15 teams and no team placed top-five in all four events so the final announcements were a surprise to everyone!

Marmion Academy's Flannigan Rifles from Aurora, Illinois ended up rising to the top and capturing the Armed Division Overall Championship though they only received first in Exhibition and second in Color Guard. Their placement in inspection was top-ten but regulation was not. However, when all of the scores were processed and the proportional points calculated, their overall consistency kept them at the top. With 51 teams in the division, overall strength and consistency is the key, even if a team doesn't trophy as long as they stay strong and don't fall too far down the leaderboard, they still have a chance to walk away with the championship.

This was also evident with the Runner-Up team, Ozark HS Night Stalkers from Ozark, Missouri. They placed first in Regulation and third in both Color Guard and Exhibition but stumbled a little too far on Inspection to overtake Marmion but not so far that it knocked them out of the Runner-Up position. Rounding out the top three was San Juan Guard from Theodore Roosevelt HS in San Antonio,

Texas. They placed second in Inspection, fourth in Regulation and sixth in Color Guard allowing them to take home the Third Place Overall trophy.

UNARMED DIVISION

Although the Unarmed Division had the same number of teams (51) the scoring had a much tighter grouping with only 11 teams sharing the 20 trophies but again, no one team trophied in all four events.

The reigning champion for the last two years, North Miami Beach Sr. HS Lady Chargers from Miami, Florida came ready to defend their multi-year title and they did just that. Capturing first in Regulation, second in Inspection and fourth in Exhibition their slight stumble to ninth in Color Guard didn't hurt them and they hung onto their title for another year.

The Runner-Up repeated from last year as well. The Ronald Reagan HS Diamondbacks from San Antonio, Texas grabbed second in Exhibition, fourth in Inspection and although they didn't trophy in Regulation or Color Guard, they did place in the top-ten in both events.

Francis Lewis HS Patriot Pride from Fresh Meadows, New York came in Third Overall and were a true contender to win it all with a first place finish in Inspection, Color Guard and Exhibition but an uncharacteristic bottom-fourth finish in Regulation kept them from taking home the big trophy.

The 2020 Army Nationals will again be hosted in Richmond at this beautiful convention center in the heart of the city. The event keeps getting bigger and better every year. We congratulate all of the competitors on a job very well done! See you next March.



The Honorable Kimberly B. Gray, Councilwoman from the Richmond City Council presented the Overall trophies to the cadets. Pictured Left (L-R) Armed Runner-Up Ozark HS, Armed Champion Marmion Academy and Pictured Right (L-R) Unarmed Runner-Up Ronald Reagan HS, and Unarmed Champion North Miami Beach Sr HS.



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ARMED DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

The teams finishing in the top four in 2018 were not listed high on the leaderboard this year so a new champion was sure to be crowned! Only one team out of 24 teams in the Armed Division managed to place top-five in all four events, the **Black Dragons** from **Jefferson City HS** from Jefferson, Georgia. They came ready to make a name for themselves as they handily took first in Inspection and Regulation and placed third in Color Guard and Exhibition. We expect they will be back in 2020 to defend their title.

The remaining top-five placements were spread among nine other schools but when the scores were tallied, **Delaware County AFJROTC Phantoms** from Delaware, Ohio found their way to the Runner-Up placement even though they only took home first in Color Guard and fourth in Exhibition. Their placements in Inspection and Regulation fell just short but were high enough to keep them in the second spot overall.

Landing in third place overall were the **Blackhawks** from **West Aurora HS** from Aurora, Illinois. They took home third in Inspection and Regulation and fifth in Exhibition.

Other notable finishes: **O'Fallon Township HS** (2nd Ins & Reg, 4th C.Guard); **Caesar Rodney HS** (1st Exh); **Springfield Central HS** (2nd

Exh, 5th Reg); **Air Academy HS** (2nd C.Guard).

Top Commanders were 1st place: **Cadet Garcia-Louis E. Dieruff**; **Cadet Dominguez-Franklin K. Lane** (2nd); and **Cadet Bustamante-West Aurora** (3rd). In the Solo/Dual competitions: **Cadet Pantoja**, Springfield Central HS winning the Solo Armed Ex Championship and **Cadets Bresky & Bell**, Delaware County AFJROTC winning the Armed Dual Ex Championship.

UNARMED DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

This year in the Unarmed Division no one team was strong in every event. Each team had at least one event where they stumbled but rising to the top to claim the title were the **Silver Strikers** from **Lebanon HS** from Lebanon, Ohio. They placed first in Inspection, second in Regulation and fifth in Color Guard.

Extremely close on their heels (by only 10 points overall out of 4000) were the **Centurions** from **Air Academy HS** from USAFA, Colorado. They took top honors in Regulation and Color Guard and third in Inspection. If they had placed any higher in Exhibition, they would have taken home the big trophy as well.

Placing Third Overall were the **Screaming Eagles** from **McDowell HS** from Erie, Pennsylvania with a second place in Inspection and fourth in Color Guard.

Other notable finishes: **Springfield Central** (1st Exh); **Springboro** (2nd C.Guard & Exh, 5th Ins).

Top Commanders were 1st place: **Cadet Faulk-O'Fallon Township**; **Cadet Tran-John Bowne** (2nd); and **Cadet Gormly-Lebanon** (3rd). **Cadets Diallo & Rivera** from **Randolph-Macon Academy** won the Dual Unarmed Ex Championship.

AFJROTC NATIONAL DRILL CHAMPIONS

The top two teams from each division from this AF Open event received priority acceptance into the all-service Nationals in Daytona Beach if they chose to attend. They then can compete for the overall Air Force National Championship competing with other nationally ranked schools in and out of Air Force blues.

In 2019, the overall Air Force Unarmed National Champion and Runner-Ups were repeats from the previous year. The **Blue Aces** from **Brandeis HS** in San Antonio, Texas took home the Championship and **Tom C. Clark HS Silver Valor** the Runner-Up title. In the Armed Division, the **John Jay HS Silver Eagles** repeated as the National Champion and the **Nighthawks** from **Brandeis HS** took home the Armed Division Air Force National Runner-Up title. All of these schools hail from the hotbed of JROTC drill, San Antonio, Texas.

The 2020 Air Force Open Nationals are open to any Air Force JROTC unit and will be held in Dayton, Ohio on March 21st. We hope to see you there!

For scoring results, photos & all event info: <http://af.thenationals.net>

2020 Air Force JROTC Open Drill Nationals

Nutter Center Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Saturday, 21 March 2020

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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All entry/event details, rules, score sheets and other event specs are listed on the Air Force Nationals website. Support your AF Nationals by making this event an annual part of your JROTC drill calendar. Your team will have an amazing time to remember forever!



CMS Jeffrey Morris, Superintendent, Jeanne M. Holm Center for Officer Accessions and Citizen Development, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama (center) was on-hand to serve as the Keynote speaker and to present these magnificent trophies at the Awards Ceremony. The winners (L-R) are Unarmed Division Third Place Overall McDowell HS, Unarmed Runner-Up Air Academy HS, Unarmed Champions McDowell HS and Armed Champions Jefferson City HS, Armed Runner-Up Delaware County AFJROTC, Armed Third Place Overall West Aurora HS.



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MARINE CORPS JUNIOR ROTC NATIONAL DRILL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Home to the Champions of Marine Corps JROTC Drill

The Marine Corps JROTC National Drill Championships (MCJROTC Nationals) began their fledgling existence just a few years ago but looked to move to a more professional and high-profile existence in 2019 upgrading many areas. The 16-school national event was moved to the center of the Marine Corps universe in the DC area, thus yielding the finest judging this event has ever maintained due to the proximity of hundreds of current and former DIs within easy driving distance. The MCJROTC HQ also decided to bring onboard national event manager Sports Network International (SNI) as the competition host. The latter allowed for a far more detailed SOP, judges prep and scoresheets designed with decades of experience to be more fair and maintain far less ties and manage other challenging issues.

In the face of a late venue change that shifted the event from the famous DC National Guard Armory to a far smaller venue in northern Virginia, the teams did a tremendous job of last-minute adjustments and prep. Their hard work shined like a beacon to the solid crowd of parents and others from the area who wanted to see the devil dog excellence on display.

The championship competition maintained six team events to ensure the champion has well-rounded excellence to gain the overall championship. The competition began with a 13-person Team Inspection where cadets, under privacy sound protection marched forward within earshot of only the judges to be asked predetermined curriculum and current event questions all the while under meticulous review of uniform & bearing.

The top five schools in Inspection greatly distanced themselves from the field. **Mountain View HS Wildcats** from Stafford, Virginia was nudged into 5th place by the 4th place **Lynn English HS Bulldogs** from Lynn, Massachusetts. A razor-thin margin took **The Woodlands College Park Cavaliers** from Woodlands, Texas into 3rd place. But the **Nation Ford HS Falcons** from Fort Mill, South Carolina garnered a massive total for 2nd place and the **Caprock HS Longhorns** from Amarillo, Texas destroyed the entire competition field winning this always-tough event by a wide margin.

Basic Drill competition maintains the memorization and proper team execution of pre-listed movements both with and without rifles. Separate judging groups of current and former DIs with an eye for excellence gave these cadets a professional evaluation and score. The clear powerhouse was **Nation Ford** who grabbed BOTH the Armed and the Unarmed Basic Drill 1st place finishes (with cadets **Jeremiah Caldwell** (Armed) and **Charlotte Pollack** (Unarmed) capturing Top Commander awards and totally dominating the field.

Brenham HS Cubs from Brenham, Texas grabbed 2nd place Armed Basic, with **Lynn English HS**, **Reading HS Red Knights** (Reading, Pennsylvania) and **The Woodlands College Park HS** finishing tightly bunched in 3rd, 4th and 5th place respectively. The Unarmed Basic event maintains the same schools excelling to grab top awards (**Reading HS-2nd**, **Lynn English HS-3rd**, and **The Woodlands College Park HS-4th**) with **Mountain View HS** grabbing the final 5th-place trophy position.

The Exhibition Drill event provides the ability for teams to display their creativity in a military structure. Dress, alignment and cover still is essential but more creative marching movements left only to the imagination of the teams both with and without rifles are on display.

Showing true diversity of strength, **Nation Ford HS** again captured 1st place in the Unarmed division and a tight 2nd place in the Armed Division. **Cibola HS Cougars** from Albuquerque, New Mexico grabbed the 1st place Armed and a 4th place in the Unarmed Division of Exhibition. **The Woodlands College Park HS** grabbed a lofty 2nd place in the Unarmed Division while **Caprock HS** captured 3rd place finishes in both divisions. **South Iredell HS Vikings** from Statesville, North Carolina and **Lynn English HS** nailed 4th and 5th place in the Armed Exhibition division and **Reading HS** took home the final 5th place trophy in the Unarmed Exhibition division.

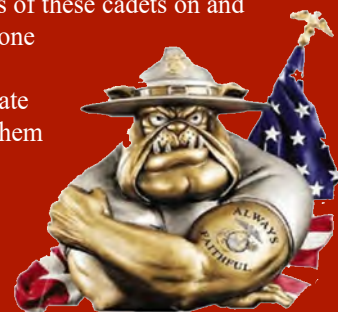
The 4-person Color Guard competition is Basic drill using only the color guard manual. Patriotic and precise, the National Colors being expertly and reverently handled evokes goose-bumps to many onlookers every year. Scoring was tight with the top five teams all within 10% of the total. **Caprock HS** captured the event by just 9 total points over **Reading HS** in 2nd place. The **Kapolei HS Hurricanes** from Kapolei, Hawaii came a long way to nail that 3rd place trophy, just edging out the 4th place unit from **Allen HS** in Allen, Texas. Nailing the 5th place trophy was **The Woodlands College Park HS**.

When it came to the Overall National Champion, it was no surprise that **Nation Ford HS** came out on top. The Runner-Up title went to **Caprock HS** with **Reading HS** coming in close behind in Third Place Overall. The top-five were rounded out with **The Woodlands College Park HS** in fourth and **Cibola HS** in fifth.

The future looks amazing for the MCJROTC Nationals as the Headquarters has decided to host the event the day prior to the beginning of the famous National High School Drill Team Championships in sunny Daytona Beach, Florida. This event is tentatively designed to maintain a similar structure, amazing trophies and team items, top quality judges, and the finest 12 Marine Corps schools in the nation competing in the finest military drill & ceremony competition arena on the globe. Some schools may choose to compete in both the MCJROTC Nationals as well as the NHSDTC.

Complete Event Results:
<https://thenationals.net/mc-results.htm>

What an honor to see the fantastic efforts of these cadets on and off the drill deck up close all day! Everyone connected to these programs should be very proud of their efforts. We congratulate these talented youngsters and welcome them in 2020 to the largest JROTC competition weekend anywhere in America. Late April will be "Devil Dog Central" as the Marines storm "The World's Most Famous Beach"!





NAVY NATIONALS

Academic, Athletic & Drill Championship



Around 1500 cadets travel from all across the nation to try and capture the National Championship Title in the most well-rounded and rigorous JROTC competition ever.

The "Navy Nationals" as this event is affectionately called is the piece de resistance of every Navy JROTC unit. Just to qualify to attend takes months of practice and placing at the top in an area drill meet. Each year 26 schools descend on the home of the Blue Angels, NAS Pensacola to battle it out in Inspection, Athletic events, Drill Events and even an extremely difficult Academic Exam. Getting to the top of the leaderboard is hard work!

After capturing the Overall National Championship title for two years in a row, Green Run HS from Virginia Beach, Virginia came ready to defend their title. They definitely looked like they might have done it again as they took 2nd in Team Push Ups, 5th in Team Curl Ups, 4th Overall Athletics, 3rd in Armed Exhibition, 4th in Unarmed Basic and Unarmed Exhibition, and 2nd in the Academic Exam. But an uncharacteristic 16th finish in the Unit Personnel Inspection (UPI) kept them just shy (38 points out of 6000) of reaching that goal. They did take home the Overall Runner-Up title and will be coming back even stronger in 2020 to try and reclaim the championship.

Gaither HS from Tampa, Florida placed fourth overall in 2018 and it lit a fire under these hard-charging cadets that was white-hot! There was no stopping them as they aced the Academic exam with four cadets in the top 10 and one getting the second highest score. Their impressive performance in Athletics put them 1st in Team Push Ups and 2nd in Curl Ups giving them 2nd in Overall Athletics. They ended up just out of the top-five in UPI and a bit lower in overall Drill, but it was enough to award them the National Championship title this year.

Last year's Overall Runner Up, Paloma Valley HS from Menifee, California were impressive and captured 1st in both Overall Drill and UPI but their middle-of-the-pack finishes in both Athletics and Academics pushed them to 5th Overall this year.

Always-strong Centennial HS from Las Vegas, Nevada tried again to push themselves out of the 3rd Overall placement where they have been for the last few years, but just couldn't manage to move up this year. Their 4th place in UPI and Overall Drill matched with their 7th place finish in Academics and Athletics kept them just two places away from ultimate victory again this year.

Troy HS from Fullerton, California also hoped to elevate their overall placement but landed in 4th Overall this year. Trophy placements in both UPI and Athletics kept them in the running but their near-misses in Athletics and Drill kept them from overtaking the top three.

After the two very long days of competition, the Awards Ceremony is held at the beautiful atrium of the Naval Aviation Museum where every cadet, instructor and hundreds of parents and supporters gather to celebrate the best of the best. Keynote speaker Rear Admiral Michael Bernacchi, Commander, Naval Service Training Command and many other VIPs and dignitaries were in attendance to acknowledge and support these amazing NJROTC units. With so many events, it is so hard to make an educated guess on which team is taking home the gold during the awards ceremony so when Gaither HS was announced for the first time ever as the Navy Nationals Grand Champion, the entire atrium erupted in cheers and applause. It is wonderful to see cadets support each other and show true happiness and pride for their competition.

Our thanks go out to the Command at NSTC, the selfless judges from the Navy Recruit Division Command (RDCs) and Marine Corps drill instructors from Officer Training Command (OTC), Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island who annually support the event.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

UNIT PERSONNEL INSPECTION

- 1st - Paloma Valley
- 2nd - Patrick Henry
- 3rd - Pace
- 4th - Centennial
- 5th - Troy

ACADEMICS

- 1st - Gaither
- 2nd - Green Run
- 3rd - Pace
- 4th - North Cobb
- 5th - Troy

DRILL

- 1st - Paloma Valley
- 2nd - Flour Bluff
- 3rd - Norview

ATHLETICS

- 1st - Colts Neck
- 2nd - Gaither
- 3rd - Shawnee Mission N.

OVERALL

- Champion: Gaither
- Runner-Up: Green Run
- 3rd Place: Centennial
- 4th Place: Troy
- 5th Place: Paloma Valley



National Champions - Gaither High School



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- ★ TEAM EXHIBITION (9 cadets & over)

Also featured on Friday is the OPEN LEVEL COLOR GUARD

MASTERS LEVEL EVENTS - Demilitarized, Unarmed & Mixed Divisions

Saturday & Sunday, May 2nd & 3rd, 2020

- ★ UNIT INSPECTION (12 cadets + Commander)
- ★ PLATOON/FLIGHT REGULATION (12 cadets + Commander)
- ★ COLOR GUARD (2 rifles + 2 flags only)
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- ★ PLATOON/FLIGHT EXHIBITION (9 cadets & over) (Masters only)

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- ★ SOLO EXHIBITION (Demilitarized & Mixed Divisions)
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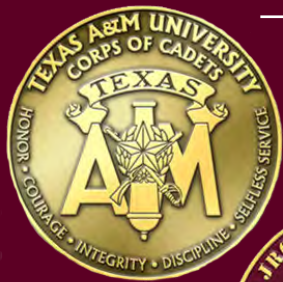
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National High School Drill Team Championships ~ Daytona Beach

Challenge Level

Cadets Step Up To The Challenge

The 2019 Challenge Level competition of the National High School Drill Team Championships in Daytona Beach, Florida hosted 40 schools from 19 states that spanned the nation from Washington to Florida and California to New York. The over 1000 cadets competing represented an eclectic mix of rural, suburban, and big-city schools that gives the entire Challenge Level a diversity unlike any other drill competition in the world.

ARMED DIVISION

Past-year champions are sent to the Masters Level so the Challenge Level does not have repeat champions. This means that new teams are rising to the top every single year giving newcomers a chance to shine! This year the **Storming Tigers** from **Mansfield HS**, an Army unit from Mansfield, Texas came out strong with a first place in both Regulation and Color Guard, third in Exhibition and fourth in Inspection. This solidified them as the 2019 Armed Champion.

Giving the Tigers a run for their money were the **Sky Raiders** from **William Howard Taft HS**, an AFJROTC unit from San Antonio, Texas. They were very strong in Inspection (first), Regulation (third) and Color Guard (second) but a disappointing 16th place finish in Exhibition kept them from being able to secure top-billing.

Landing solidly in Third Place Overall were the **Warhawks** from **Waller HS** from Waller, Texas. This Air Force unit only captured two event trophies (3rd Inspection, 4th Regulation) but placed just high enough in the other events to stay high on the leaderboard.

Other notable finishes included: **West Aurora HS**, Illinois AFJROTC (1st Exhibition, 2nd Inspection); **Chester W. Nimitz HS**, Texas NJROTC (2nd Exhibition, 5th Inspection); **C.E. King HS**, Texas AFJROTC (2nd Regulation, 5th Exhibition).

UNARMED DIVISION

Waller HS came loaded for bear as they placed Third Overall in the Armed Division and fully dominated the Unarmed Division!

The **Phantoms** placed in the top three in all four events (1st Inspection, 2nd Regulation & Exhibitor, 3rd Color Guard). This kind of across-the-board consistency is what it takes to rise as Champion!

The **Unarmed Bengals** from **Blythewood HS** (Army JROTC, Blythewood, South Carolina) did great in the basic events (1st Regulation, 2nd Inspection, 2nd Color Guard) but stumbled hard in the Exhibition event which kept them from being able to overtake the Phantoms from Waller HS.



The Challenge Level Champions flanked our Keynote Speaker Brig. Gen. Christopher Niemi, Commander of the Jeanne M. Holm Center for Officer Accessions and Citizen Development, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama (center). From left to right, Armed Division Third Place Overall Waller HS, Runner Up William Howard Taft HS, and Champion Mansfield HS then Unarmed Division Champion Waller HS, Runner-Up Blythewood HS, and Third Place Overall Earl Warren HS.

Third Place Overall finisher **Earl Warren HS Silver Saints**, Air Force JROTC from San Antonio, Texas, was the only other team to place in all four events (1st Color Guard, 3rd Regulation, 4th Inspection, 5th Exhibition) and they were just 25 points shy of grabbing the Runner-Up spot.

Other notable finishes included: **Des Moines Central Campus HS**, Illinois AJROTC (1st Exhibition, 4th Regulation & Color Guard); **Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Jr. HS**, Texas AFJROTC (3rd Inspection & Exhibition); **William Howard Taft HS**, Texas AFJROTC (4th Exhibition, 5th Inspection & Regulation).

Congratulations to all teams that participated and we will see you again next May!

"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 dominated by Air Force and Army Cadets

The always competitive **Open Level Color Guard** event is open to any unit regardless of talent level and this year attracted 40 teams from around the world. **TSgt Jeremy Gutsch, NCOIC (left) and A1C Nicholas Koerber Drill Team Trainer (right), both from the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team, presented the trophies.** [Pictured right to left] **John Jay HS Silver Stallions** an Air Force JROTC unit from San Antonio Texas took home first place this year besting their nearest challenger by over 30 points. Coming in second for the second year in a row were the **Chargers** from **Tulsa Memorial HS**, Army JROTC from Tulsa, Oklahoma. They will be working all year to make sure they aren't second next year! Third place goes to the **AFJROTC Silver Wings** from **Tom C. Clark HS** in San Antonio, Texas. The Air Force JROTC unit coming in fourth certainly gets the award for travelling the furthest distance coming all the way from **Kaiserslautern HS** in Kaiserslautern, Germany. This is the third consecutive year for the **KTown Raiders** and they worked hard to get onto the leaderboard! Rounding out the top five is the **AJROTC Tiger Guard** from **Ozark HS** in Ozark, Missouri.





2019 National High School Drill Team Championships

Challenge Level Attendees & Event Standings



Armed Division

Inspection

William Howard Taft HS	<i>Sky Raiders</i>	865
West Aurora HS	<i>Blackhawks</i>	843
Waller HS	<i>Warhawks</i>	777
Mansfield HS	<i>Storming Tigers</i>	770
Chester W. Nimitz HS	<i>Black Knights</i>	726

Regulation

Mansfield HS	<i>Storming Tigers</i>	1544
C. E. King HS	<i>King Thunder</i>	1526
William Howard Taft HS	<i>Sky Raiders</i>	1479
Waller HS	<i>Warhawks</i>	1473
Lebanon HS	<i>Golden Strikers</i>	1442

Color Guard

Mansfield HS	<i>Storming Tigers</i>	663
William Howard Taft HS	<i>Sky Raiders</i>	592
Ringgold HS	<i>Tiger Guard</i>	585
Gen Benjamin O Davis HS	<i>Red Tails</i>	562
John Jay HS	<i>Blue Knights</i>	551

Team Exhibition

West Aurora HS	<i>Blackhawks</i>	865
Chester W. Nimitz HS	<i>Black Knights</i>	839
Mansfield HS	<i>Storming Tigers</i>	815
St. Johns Northwestern MA	<i>Silver Rifles</i>	793
C.E. King HS	<i>King Thunder</i>	791

Overall Armed Champion

Mansfield HS - *Storming Tigers*

Overall Armed Runner-up

William Howard Taft HS - *Sky Raiders*

Overall Armed Third Place

Waller HS - *Warhawks*

ABRAHAM LINCOLN High School

Air Force JROTC
Council Bluffs, Iowa

Airport High School

Army JROTC
West Columbia,
S. CAROLINA

Bloomington High School

Air Force JROTC
Valrico, Florida

Blythewood High School

Army JROTC
Blythewood,
S. CAROLINA

C.E. King High School

Air Force JROTC
Houston, Texas

Carrollton High School

Air Force JROTC
Carrollton, Georgia

Central Crossing High School

Navy JROTC
Grove City, Ohio

Chester W. Nimitz High School

Navy JROTC
Irving, Texas

Clover High School

Air Force JROTC
Clover, S. CAROLINA

Curtis High School

Navy JROTC
New York City,
New York

Des Moines Central Campus High School

Army JROTC
Des Moines, Iowa

Desert Hot Springs High School

Marine Corps JROTC
Desert Hot Springs,
California

Earl Warren High School

Air Force JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

General Benjamin O. Davis High School

Air Force JROTC
Houston, Texas

Unarmed Division

Inspection

Waller HS	<i>Phantoms</i>	913
Blythewood HS	<i>Unarmed Bengals</i>	895
Gen. Benjamin O. Davis HS	<i>Flying Falcons</i>	842
Earl Warren HS	<i>Silver Saints</i>	838
William Howard Taft HS	<i>Scarlet Raiders</i>	821

Regulation

Blythewood HS	<i>Unarmed Bengals</i>	1522
Waller HS	<i>Phantoms</i>	1473
Earl Warren HS	<i>Silver Saints</i>	1389
Des Moines Cent Campus HS	<i>Unarmed Redbulls</i>	1378
William Howard Taft HS	<i>Scarlet Raiders</i>	1363

Color Guard

Earl Warren HS	<i>Silver Saints</i>	679
Blythewood HS	<i>Unarmed Bengals</i>	665
Waller HS	<i>Phantoms</i>	622
Des Moines Cent Campus HS	<i>Unarmed Redbulls</i>	618
Central Crossing HS	<i>Lady Comets</i>	608

Team Exhibition

Des Moines Cent Campus HS	<i>Unarmed Redbulls</i>	1033
Waller HS	<i>Phantoms</i>	972
Gen. Benjamin O. Davis HS	<i>Flying Falcons</i>	928
William Howard Taft HS	<i>Scarlet Raiders</i>	927
Earl Warren HS	<i>Silver Saints</i>	926

Overall Unarmed Champion

Waller HS - *Phantoms*

Overall Unarmed Runner-up

Blythewood HS - *Unarmed Bengals*

Overall Unarmed Third Place

Earl Warren HS - *Silver Saints*

Hazel Green High School

Navy JROTC
Hazel Green, Alabama

Lebanon High School

Air Force JROTC
Lebanon, Ohio

North Valley Military Institute

Non-Affiliated
Sun Valley, California

Ringgold High School

Army JROTC
Ringgold, Georgia

Waller High School

Air Force JROTC
Waller, Texas

Jefferson Town High School

Marine Corps JROTC
Louisville, Kentucky

Lincoln Park High School

Army JROTC
Lincoln Park, Michigan

Passaic High School

Navy JROTC
Passaic, New Jersey

Southwood High School

Army JROTC
Shreveport, Louisiana

West Aurora High School

Air Force JROTC
Aurora, Illinois

Jonesboro High School

Air Force JROTC
Conley, Georgia

Mansfield High School

Army JROTC
Mansfield, Texas

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy

Non-Affiliated
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St. John's NW Military Academy

Army JROTC
Delafield, Wisconsin

William G. Enloe High School

Army JROTC
Raleigh, N. CAROLINA

Junction City High School

Army JROTC
Junction City, Kansas

Mulberry High School

Army JROTC
Mulberry, Florida

Pensacola High School

Air Force JROTC
Pensacola, Florida

Union City High School

Marine Corps JROTC
Union City, New Jersey

William Howard Taft High School

Air Force JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

LaSalle Institute

Army JROTC
Troy, New York

North Salem High School

Army JROTC
Salem, Oregon

Prairie High School

Air Force JROTC
Vancouver, Washington

Utah Military Academy - Hill Field

Air Force JROTC
Riverdale, Utah

Xavier High School

Army JROTC
New York, New York



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In Memorium

Fair Winds and Following Seas



For as vast as Junior ROTC is worldwide, the drill community is a small one. It is a family of like-minded individuals and programs who share their love of drill as they sweat and compete and support each other's aspirations. And so it was with a heavy heart that the drill family gathered online in shock and disbelief upon hearing that SN Juan José Garcia-Herrera, a former member of the renowned H-Squad at Gurdon S. Hubbard High School in Chicago, Illinois had passed away while serving our country as a member of the United States Navy. His friends and fellow teammates reached out to others throughout social media, sharing stories of his spirited nature and what an amazing friend he was.

Garcia-Herrera was serving on board the USS Nimitz aircraft carrier, in port at Naval Air Station North Island, California. Officials say that Friday evening, September 27th, he fell off one of the lowered elevators of the warship. Naval Criminal Investigative Service is investigating.

Sports Network International wants to take this moment to reflect and remember that so many of the young men and women who grace us with their presence during their high school years go on to military service and put their lives at risk every day. And certainly an aircraft carrier is one of the most dangerous work environments in the world. Our thoughts go out to his family, friends, fellow drillers and the entire Junior ROTC program at Hubbard High School. Fair winds and following seas, Seaman Garcia-Herrera.

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LOCAL & WORLD DRILL - SO MANY SIMILARITIES

"From local to national, military drill at all levels have many parallels"

There are 193 nations on the globe and a majority of these maintain a professional military and with that invariably, a professional armed drill team. Some of these are more ceremonial in nature but more of them are designed to project strength, power and discipline, along with exuding pride from the citizenry.

In America, military drill is based on the efforts of Baron von Steuben, a Prussian Army officer who served in the Continental Army. During the early Revolutionary War in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, von Steuben taught a model company of 100 soldiers drill. These soldiers, in turn, taught the remainder of the Continental Army. This in no means could be considered anything but rudimentary "precision drill", but it did provide the basis of all future drill within the service branches of the U.S. military for almost 250 years now.

Today and throughout history, regular parades in public display those forces with solid military precision drill as a highly trained, disciplined, and professional force. Even though the parade itself doesn't provide any useful function on the battlefield, it instills public confidence in the nation's military forces. A rag-tag military is likely to be unable to put on parades, so it holds that larger and better military forces can display their discipline by means of public performances.

The oldest, largest and most famous regular military parade in Europe is the **Bastille Day Military Parade** which is held each 14 July, on the Champs-Élysées in Paris, during France's national day celebrations. **Red Square in Russia** and **Tiananmen Square in China** annually maintain two of the most massive military marching parades in the world. Their displays have grown for decades, projecting to the world their strength and power. In 2002 and 2003, when the North Korean fledgling military was developing nuclear weapons, they conducted numerous public military parades. These powerful displays received lots of attention from the international press, which commended them on how modern and disciplined their military appeared through these displays. All of these forces are clearly seen as skilled, disciplined and powerful...even imposing which would act as a deterrent against lesser military forces and in some cases, to their own people. This type of display is seen repeatedly in less developed nations who are growing and trying to become more respected on the world stage and believe this is a piece of the puzzle. Wikipedia on-line has basic information on many of these worldwide units at: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military_parade.

But how does this translate to JROTC? Well first, having an awesome rocketry team, Cyberpatriot team or Raider team is quite positive for the students participating, but none of these programs can instill the same visceral pride among your peers and overall imprint of competence and exceptionalism about your general program, your service and even your entire city **without any of them knowing anything else about your program!**

Second, by reading through the many national drill team summaries on the internet, you gain a valuable perspective that **YOU ARE NOT ALONE!** That the excellence you portray as a driller and as a team has a true scope outside your small sphere and has far more benefits than just scoring points on a scoresheet. It shows that local programs performing in parades, retired military associations, school functions, and other large gatherings have a broader purpose than just the glorification of the team.

It's not an unreasonable stretch to say that even the newest JROTC drill team in the country is having an impact on others' lives beyond our borders. YouTube and other similar mediums make the world a very small place these days. The world is looking to our youth as the "city on a hill" of drill and ceremony excellence while professionals from all calibers of drill programs - fledgling to powerhouse - are helping our neighbors around the globe realize the true value of the drill team activity beyond just spinning a rifle or marching in formation. **Whether your unit is brand new or dominating nationally, know that you are making a difference in ways you may not even imagine!**





MASTERS LEVEL DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

Demilitarized Division Champion



John Jay HS Silver Eagles

The Demilitarized Division is possibly the most cut-throat competitive division of the Masters Level with several very strong teams always in the running for top honors. But this year the **Silver Eagles** from **John Jay HS** from drill-mecca San Antonio, Texas came ready to reclaim the championship from 2017 which they lost to Grant HS last year. They dominated in Exhibition capturing first place in both Squad and Platoon Exhibitions, captured second in both Inspection and Regulation and allowed just a little room in Color Guard by coming in third.

Their closest competitor was **Francis Lewis HS** from Fresh Meadows, New York. The **Patriot Guard** was the only other team to place in all five events with first place in Inspection and Regulation, third in Squad Exhibition, fourth in Platoon Exhibition and fifth in Color Guard.

Mixed Division Champion



Fern Creek HS Lady Leathernecks

The **Lady Leathernecks** from **Fern Creek HS** in Fern Creek, Kentucky once again held onto their dynasty and came ever so close to a clean sweep as they placed first in four of the five events. Only a third place in Squad Exhibition kept them from total domination.

It seems like a near impossibility for these seasoned and well-coached Marine Corps JROTC ladies to lose, but the **Marching Mustangs** from powerhouse **John Jay HS** look like they are poised to challenge this drill royalty. The Mustangs placed first in Squad Exhibition, second in Regulation, Color Guard, and Platoon Exhibition and third in Inspection proving that they are contenders not to be dismissed.

Unarmed Division Champion



Brandeis HS
Blue Aces

This year the Unarmed Division only had one clear contender for the overall title and it looks like we have a new dynasty in the making. For the third year in a row, the **Blue Aces** from **Brandeis HS**, an Air Force unit from San Antonio, Texas bested the nearest competitor to take home the National Championship trophy. They placed first in Inspection and Element Exhibition, third in Regulation, fourth in Flight Exhibition and fifth in Color Guard and were the only team to place in all five events.

There were a total of 23 teams competing and 13 of those teams took home at least one top-five trophy. Often the scoring is much tighter and the trophies tend to all go to just a few teams. But this year the spread was much greater and when that happens, the only way to stay at the top is to be consistently good in as many events as possible. **Tom C. Clark HS Silver Valor** maintained this overall consistency and took home the Runner-Up trophy by placing second in Inspection, Regulation, and Flight Exhibition and fourth in Element Exhibition. Although they did not place in Color Guard, they maintained a high point total to keep them near the top.

Hats off to all teams who by their very entry are among the greatest competition drill teams in the nation! **See you on the shores of Daytona in 2020!**





NATIONAL High School Drill Team Championships



Masters Level Event Standings

Demilitarized Arms

Inspection

Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Guard	770
John Jay HS	Silver Eagles	764
Fern Creek HS	Leathernecks	762
Lowell HS	Red Raider Guard	736
East Paulding HS	Black Hawks	712

Regulation

Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Guard	1628
John Jay HS	Silver Eagles	1608
East Paulding HS	Black Hawks	1550
Marmion Academy	Flannigan Rifles	1517
Fern Creek HS	Leathernecks	1500

Color Guard

East Paulding HS	Black Hawks	657
William J. Brennan HS	Phoenix	650
John Jay HS	Silver Eagles	639
Brandeis HS	Nighthawks	634
Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Guard	610

Squad Exhibition

John Jay HS	Silver Eagles	1010
Brandeis HS	Nighthawks	982
Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Guard	982
Marmion Academy	Flannigan Rifles	957
East Paulding HS	Black Hawks	921

Platoon Exhibition

John Jay HS	Silver Eagles	990
Brandeis HS	Nighthawks	879
Marmion Academy	Flannigan Rifles	871
Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Guard	839
Caprock HS	Longhorns Orange	808

Unarmed

Inspection

Brandeis HS	Blue Aces	1061
Tom C. Clark HS	Silver Valor	954
John Jay HS	Snap II	871
Sandra Day O'Connor HS	Mighty Panthers	847
North Salem HS	Lady Vikings	802

Regulation

Sandra Day O'Connor HS	Mighty Panthers	1574
Tom C. Clark HS	Silver Valor	1559
Brandeis HS	Blue Aces	1547
John Jay HS	Snap II	1527
Reading HS	Lady Red Knights	1523

Color Guard

John Jay HS	Snap II	641
Alamo Heights HS	Golden Mules	640
Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Pride	616
Ronald Reagan HS	Diamondback	614
Brandeis HS	Blue Aces	608

Element Exhibition

Brandeis HS	Blue Aces	698
Lynn English HS	Lady Bulldogs	676
Lowell HS	Lady Raiders	673
Tom C. Clark HS	Silver Valor	670
Southwest HS	Sea Angels	659

Flight Exhibition

Francis Lewis HS	Patriot Pride	995
Tom C. Clark HS	Silver Valor	953
John Jay HS	Snap II	949
Brandeis HS	Blue Aces	944
Caprock HS	Longhorns White	920

Mixed Arms

Inspection

Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	802
Airport HS	Golden Talons	686
John Jay HS	Marching Mustangs	633
Smith-Cotton HS	Black Tigers	608
East Carter HS	Morgan's Rifles	601

Regulation

Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	1621
John Jay HS	Marching Mustangs	1520
East Carter HS	Morgan's Rifles	1469
Airport HS	Golden Talons	1438
Smith-Cotton HS	Black Tigers	1373

Color Guard

Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	650
John Jay HS	Marching Mustangs	649
Pulaski County HS	Maroon Guard	613
Airport HS	Golden Talons	604
Smith-Cotton HS	Black Tigers	583

Squad Exhibition

John Jay HS	Marching Mustangs	901
Springfield HS	Emerald Guard	877
Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	786
Airport HS	Golden Talons	782
Smith-Cotton HS	Black Tigers	663

Platoon Exhibition

Fern Creek HS	Lady Leathernecks	806
John Jay HS	Marching Mustangs	792
Springfield HS	Emerald Guard	783
Airport HS	Golden Talons	733
Smith-Cotton HS	Black Tigers	663

Demilitarized Arms Champions

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

Solo Exhibition

1 st	Cadet Smith - Marion HS
2 nd	Cadet Fitzgerald - Concordia Lutheran HS
3 rd	Cadet Williamson - East Paulding HS
4 th	Cadet Bethany - Palmetto HS
5 th	Cadet Hallahan - North Bullitt HS

Dual Exhibition

1 st	Balona & Henao - Waukegan HS
2 nd	Barrientos & Gonzalez - John Jay HS
3 rd	Cabrera & Aguilera - Independent Nevada
4 th	DeMoss & Henkel - Marmion Academy
5 th	Williamson & Jensen - East Paulding HS

2019 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Unarmed Champions

Champion: Brandeis HS - **Blue Aces**
Runner-up: Tom C. Clark HS - **Silver Valor**

Dual Exhibition

1 st	Mejia & Bermudez - N. Miami Beach Sr. HS
2 nd	Kain & Similien - N. Miami Beach Sr. HS
3 rd	Dykstra-Dandridge & Edsall - Brandeis HS
4 th	Stanley & Jimenez - Tascosa HS
5 th	Otero & Santos - Gurdon S. Hubbard HS

Mixed Arms Champions

Champion: Fern Creek HS - **Lady Leathernecks**
Runner-up: John Jay HS - **Marching Mustangs**

Solo Exhibition

1 st	Cadet Haysley - Fern Creek HS
2 nd	Cadet Escareno - Gurdon S. Hubbard HS
3 rd	Cadet Coleman - Paul R. Brown L.A.
4 th	Cadet Belcher - Pulaski County HS
5 th	Cadet Jones - Dixie Hollins HS

Dual Exhibition

1 st	Garcia & Ramirez - John Jay HS
2 nd	Domalik & Poniente - Waukegan HS
3 rd	Eickholtz & Perry - Floyd Central HS
4 th	Jones & Tran - Dixie Hollins HS
5 th	Breeden & Allmond - Ringgold HS

★ 2019 MASTERS LEVEL PARTICIPANTS ★

Airport HS Army JROTC West Columbia, S. Carolina	East Carter HS Army JROTC Grayson, Kentucky	Kaiserslautern HS Air Force JROTC Kaiserslautern, Germany	North Miami Beach Sr. HS Army JROTC N.Miami Beach, Florida	Ringgold HS Army JROTC Ringgold, Georgia	Tascosa HS Navy JROTC Amarillo, Texas
Alamo Heights HS Army JROTC San Antonio, Texas	East Paulding HS Air Force JROTC Dallas, Georgia	Leavenworth HS Army JROTC Leavenworth, Kansas	North Salem HS Army JROTC Salem, Oregon	Ronald Reagan HS Army JROTC San Antonio, Texas	Taylor County HS Army JROTC Perry, Florida
Bandys HS Army JROTC Catawba, N. Carolina	East River HS Army JROTC Orlando, Florida	Liberty HS Air Force JROTC Henderson, Nevada	Oak Ridge MA Army JROTC Oak Ridge, N. Carolina	Saint Augustine HS Army JROTC Saint Augustine, Florida	Theodore Roosevelt HS Army JROTC San Antonio, Texas
Brandeis HS Air Force JROTC San Antonio, Texas	Fern Creek HS Marine Corps JROTC Louisville, Kentucky	Louisville Male HS Army JROTC Louisville, Kentucky	Palmetto HS Army JROTC Palmetto, Florida	Sandra Day O'Connor HS Air Force JROTC Hefotes, Texas	Tom C. Clark HS Air Force JROTC San Antonio, Texas
Caprock HS Marine Corps JROTC Amarillo, Texas	Floyd Central HS Navy JROTC Floyd Knobs, Indiana	Lowell HS Air Force JROTC Lowell, Massachusetts	Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy Non-Affiliated Elizabethtown, N. Carolina	Smith-Cotton HS Army JROTC Sedalia, Missouri	Waukegan HS Army JROTC Waukegan, Illinois
Central Hardin HS Army JROTC Cecilia, Kentucky	Francis Lewis HS Army JROTC Fresh Meadows, New York	Lynn English HS Marine Corps JROTC Lynn, Massachusetts	Prairie HS Air Force JROTC Vancouver, Washington	Southwest HS Navy JROTC San Antonio, Texas	Western HS Army JROTC Davie, Florida
Concordia Lutheran HS Army JROTC Ft. Wayne, Indiana	Gurdon S. Hubbard HS Army JROTC Chicago, Illinois	Mansfield HS Army JROTC Mansfield, Texas	Southwest Miami Sr HS Army JROTC Miami, Florida	William Blount HS Air Force JROTC Maryville, Tennessee	
Delaware Co. AFJROTC Air Force JROTC Delaware, Ohio	Independent Soloists Las Vegas, Nevada Los Alamos, New Mexico Huber Heights, Ohio Houston, Texas Lehi, Utah	Marion HS Army JROTC Marion, Indiana	Pueblo West HS Army JROTC Pueblo West, Colorado	Spotsylvania HS Army JROTC Spotsylvania, Virginia	William G. Enloe HS Army JROTC Raleigh, North Carolina
Des Moines Central Campus HS Army JROTC Des Moines, Iowa		Marmion Academy Army JROTC Aurora, Illinois	Pulaski County HS Army JROTC Somerset, Kentucky	Springboro HS Air Force JROTC Springboro, Ohio	William J. Brennan HS Air Force JROTC San Antonio, Texas
Dixie M. Hollins HS Army JROTC St. Petersburg, Florida		Mattoon HS Army JROTC Mattoon, Illinois	Reading HS Marine Corps JROTC Reading, Pennsylvania	Springfield HS Army JROTC Holland, Ohio	
East Aurora HS Navy JROTC Aurora, Illinois	John Jay HS Air Force JROTC San Antonio, Texas	North Bullitt HS Army JROTC Shepherdsville, Kentucky	Ridge Community HS Army JROTC Davenport, Florida	Summerlin Academy Army JROTC Bartow, Florida	Xavier HS Army JROTC New York, New York

2019 ALL-SERVICE JUDGING CORPS & GUEST SPEAKER



Judges listed from left to right beginning with bottom row

Army: 1SG Mona Venning, SFC Yolanda Johnson,
SFC Bernard Johnson, CPT Adam Renn,
SFC Kevin Mixon, CPL Andres Ryan

Marine Corps: Sgt Jazmin Penado, MGySgt Andrew Johnson,
SSgt Alice Garcia, Sgt Hunter Kussman, GySgt Brandon Williams,
Sgt Jonathan Lopez, Sgt Brent Hawkins, Sgt Matthew Gilbo,
Sgt Antonio Goodson

Navy: PO2 Kyle Ducey, PO2 Lillian McMillan, ENS Andrew Louvat,
PO2 John Lose, PO1 Richard Mahoney, PO1 Ryan Green,
PO2 Ian Bartholomew, CPO Caleb Walser

Air Force: SrA Hafiz Golam Rabbi, TSgt Sabrina Siegele,
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National Military Drill Hall of Fame

Begun in 2012 with 13 original inductees, the National Drill Hall of Fame was formed to recognize those individuals present & past who have made immeasurable contributions to either competition or performance drill. Annually at the National High School Drill Team Championships each May, at least one more name is added to the illustrious hall. 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. 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.

2019 Drill Hall of Fame Inductees

- Baron Friedrich von Steuben
- John "Black Jack" Pershing & the Pershing Rifles
- The U.S. Army Drill Team (TOG)
- Mr. Paul Naki & The King's Guard
- The National High School Drill Team Championships & Sports Network International
- Mr. Constantine H. Wilson & New Guard America
- USMC Silent Drill Platoon
- USAF Honor Guard Drill Team
- LaSalle Military Academy
- CMSgt Frank Killebrew & Oxon Hill H.S.
- Major Odell Graves
- MGySgt Douglas Dunlapp & Fern Creek High School
- LTC James Rose & Riderettes Theodore Roosevelt H.S.
- Major Greg Mikesell & Black Watch Winston Churchill H.S.
- MSgt. Ken Madden
- CDR Armando Solis & Flour Bluff H.S.
- SGM Johnny Snodgrass & The Belles of the Blue Knights
- LCDR Ken Bingham, CPO Edwin Morales & Boca Raton NJROTC
- MSgt Richard Killian, John Jay H.S. AFJROTC, & the Silver Eagles
- SMSgt Antonio Ruiz & Tom C. Clark H.S. AFJROTC
- Mr. Abdul Al-Romaizan
- Mr. Donovan White
- 1stSgt. Christopher Borghese
- MSgt. Dick Lebel
- LtCol. Peter Duggan
- Capt. Joe Matthews
- Mr. M. Keith Warren
- SGM John Gissel & Marmion Academy Flannigan Rifles Drill Team
- MSG Lawrence Badia & Francis Lewis HS Patriot Pride & Patriot Guard Drill Teams
- Mr. Matthew Wendling

SGM John Gissel & the Marmion Academy Flannigan Rifles Drill Team



Sergeant Major John Gissel is a 1969 graduate of Marmion Academy who served 26 years on active military service in Infantry. SGM Gissel took his tough, no nonsense drill training approach and has parlayed that by using a strong motivational style to power the Marmion Academy drill team to national prominence without parallel now for over two decades. His drill cadets learn far more than drill as the team learns much from the senior leadership. SGM has developed a culture of excellence that will likely carry on even after he departs - the most telling aspect of a great leader found in few programs nationally.

With a style that is not even attempted with large-scale copying due to the complexity and talent needed to display it, the Flannigan Rifles have led the way in military drill & ceremony across the midwest. Their name is synonymous with high-risk (but high reward) movements and high flying rifles for Demilitarized exhibition fun! The team has constantly innovated and introduced new complex rifle maneuvers, marching formations, and transitions never before seen in the world of competition drill. Anything less is simply not Marmion drill.



MSG Lawrence Badia & Francis Lewis High School Patriot Guard and Patriot Pride Drill Teams

With over 20 years involved in JROTC, you simply can't speak about excellence and longevity in competition JROTC drill without talking about the Army JROTC program at Francis Lewis H.S. in Fresh Meadows, New York. And while many leaders at Francis Lewis over the years have played varying roles in the excellence on display annually within the drill pads, one name continues to not only stand the test of time, but continue to shine like a beacon displaying what is good about military drill & ceremony in all forms. This individual would be MSG Lawrence (Larry) Badia. Few teams maintain a National reputation with more accolades than this program. And there is nobody involved in JROTC that works harder



and devotes more time and energy to developing his cadets into something special on the drill floor than MSG Larry Badia, devoting countless hours annually to all things drill is just the start of his excellence. His military career did NOT prepare him to train anyone in military drill, undertaking basic training only. Yet it was this vacuum of detailed knowledge combined with an intense competitive fire that drove this amazing instructor to learn and perfect his craft. He doesn't just read the drill manual, he voraciously devours the drill manual asking questions and gaining insight to this day, forever readying his team for battle.



Always in contention for a National Championship and with more than a few trophies in their trophy case back home, the Armed Division Patriot Guard drill team DOMINATES the floor and most every meet in all areas of drill, not just exhibition. As one of the largest JROTC programs in the nation, it would be easy to say their powerful teams are simply a natural outgrowth from their size. But this amazingly competitive academic-focused student body often leaves few members able to devote the time to excellence for competition drill but they fold time and space to create the hours to practice and it is evident on the drill floor. The Unarmed Patriot Pride drill team is just as dominant in their competition division. Their trademark swinging gate "L" they form with a rigid precision during the Platoon Exhibition routine has become something impossible to duplicate. The dress, alignment, and cover combined with unyielding precision makes those who would wish to try the same maneuver slink away in defeat. Done well by the originators, it is exceptional! The Unarmed team is in many ways even MORE dominant and noteworthy than their armed counterparts, having numerous national championship titles and countless top overall finishes at the National HS Drill Team Championships as well. Their cadets are extremely approachable and have an easy demeanor about themselves. But put them in uniform and get them on the drill floor and they display an intensity and a preparedness in every drill event that makes them unstoppable.



Mr. Matthew Wendling

It seems improbable that someone who is still so young could make such impact within the military drill & ceremony community to rate inclusion within the National Military Drill Hall of Fame, and it certainly is. Matthew Wendling has become the youngest inductee ever to reach the hallowed walls of this august group. "Matt" began his journey in Ohio in high school within Air Force JROTC where he drilled both as a team member and an award-winning soloist in armed exhibition. After high school, he landed on the world stage by winning multiple trophies over many years at the World Drill Championships in Daytona Beach including World Champion Soloist. Within minutes of meeting him, you could see the passion for exactness and excellence. He wanted to know not only the rules but the reasons behind them. His inquisitive mind would serve him well going forward. After propelling his team and himself to top finishes at numerous drill & ceremony competitions both locally and nationally in high school, Matt continued his work in college drilling with the Illinois State drill team. After college, Matt continued to expand his drill excellence through others, working with dozens of schools personally in the last several years while also reaching hundreds of schools at the Nationals Drill Camp hosted annually at Texas A&M University in July. His work is seen in scores of teams who are top competitors at drill meets across the nation including the National HS Drill Team Championships through his efforts as a trainer and co-founders of training organization Drill-Team Dynamics Inc. which travels the country delivering targeted, on-site consulting services to JROTC and other paramilitary cadet programs seeking to improve their competitive drill team units.



For the full stories and details on all inductees, please visit: <http://www.drillhalloffame.com>



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Third Place: **Langston & Cromwell**



NATIONALS

A Look Around the Nationals and JROTC Universe



An Icon Passed But Is Not Forgotten

1SG Michael M. Anderson was a highly decorated enlisted Army soldier earning more than his share of personal accolades. After a lengthy career of active duty, he took the reigns of J.H. Reagan HS in Houston, Texas (renamed Heights HS). Using his passion & knowledge for military drill, he gave his youngsters tools for excellence.

Quickly the team began dominating drill in the massive Houston ISD program, capturing HSD drill championships NINE consecutive years and also annually

competing for the National Championship at the National High School Drill Team Championships in Daytona Beach, Florida. The program always finished near the top overall and finally powered their way to a National Championship in 2015. In fact, the Rough Riders remain the only school in over a quarter century to win a National Championship over the long-dominating Fern Creek HS Lady Leathernecks. His passing on May 8th of this year forever changed the drill landscape. His bigger-than-life persona and fierce competitive spirit he instilled in his cadets, as well as his legacy on and off the drill floor will never be forgotten.

2020 New Great Western Drill Championships (GWDC)

Looking to Begin In Mid-March with Drill Awesomeness!

Western drill excellence continues to get better and SNI is honored to work with one of the newest competitions. The Great Western Drill Championships (GWDC) began as a way for western JROTC programs to compete with quality surroundings, solid rules and non-partisan judging - something not as easily found as one might think! The all-service competition will grow in the coming years as many schools in Colorado and surrounding states have the opportunity to compete closer to home. The website is being populated as we speak. SNI will have representatives on site to help ensure fairness and excellence. The organizers will do a fantastic job and will strive to make the meet even better year after year. Visit the website to learn more:

<https://sites.google.com/ffc8.org/rockymountainnationals/home>

The \$1K Jean K. Weil Scholarships are in Good Hands with These Two Amazing Seniors



Selecting only TWO graduating seniors annually at the NHSDTC as the most outstanding overall cadets is always tough. The finalists submit their transcripts, an essay, personal recommendations and more. Five finalists are then chosen to go through on-site interviews at the Nationals. It is much work, much pressure and much glory!

Morgan Paige Belcher (pictured above) from the Army JROTC program at **Pulaski County HS - Somerset, Kentucky**, and **Dylan Cole Snedeker** (pictured below) from Air Force JROTC program at **John Jay HS in San Antonio, Texas** are the deserving 2019 recipients. Amazingly impressive overall packages and on-site interviews sealed their selection. BOTH of these young people are immensely impressive almost beyond words and will do great things in their lives. ALL of the five cadets who earned on-site nominations and interviews were outstanding and remain prominently listed on the JKW website.



Along with the notoriety of the title, each of these phenomenal graduating cadets earned a \$1,000 scholarship to be used for future scholastic expenses. To see more on this prestigious award, as well as how to ensure your top graduating senior cadets at the NHSDTC can apply for the award at the 2020 Nationals, go to the on-line home: <http://jkw.thenationals.net>.

Prestigious 2019 Nationals Spirit Banner Nabbed by Lynn English HS

At the NHSDTC, SNI annually selects a single school that best displays the hard work, excellence in the face of adversity, overall champion spirit and glorification of all things drill to reign as the Spirit Award winner for the following school year. For the 2019-2020 School Year, this prestigious school is the Marine Corps JROTC unit from **Lynn English HS from Lynn, Massachusetts**.



Ms. Jennifer Ladd of SNI is shown during the Nationals Masters Level Awards Ceremony presenting the banner to cadet commander c/COL Mirelys Feliciano Perez. These bulldogs are tenacious, powerful and loyal! This diverse and exceptional program attended BOTH the USMC JROTC Nationals and the all-service Nationals and have attended Daytona for over a decade. Win or lose they give everything, bare no excuses and the event is always improved with their inclusion. Join SNI in congratulating this top program which continues to set the standard of overall drill excellence. To learn more, see the Spirit Banner website: <https://thenationals.net/dt-spiritaward.htm>.

Scores of JROTCs Attend D-Day Remembrance in Europe

Well over 1,000 JROTC cadets headed across the pond to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the June 6, 1944, Allied troop landings and the liberation of France and Great Britain during World War II. Official ceremonies took place at the American Cemeteries in Brittany and Normandy along with the official D-Day Memorial Parade.



The purpose of the D-Day Memorial Parade and Allied Musical Salute was to honor WWII Veterans for their service and sacrifice to our nation to preserve freedom for the world. This is a reminder of history and to learn from our past. While in France, the students visited other historic sites, including Mont-Saint-Michel, Utah Beach, the Eiffel Tower, Notre-Dame Cathedral, the Avenue des Champs-Élysées and the Arc de Triomphe. During their time in London, the cadets participated in two ceremonies commemorating D-Day and tour Hyde Park, Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey and Piccadilly Circus.

These trips required massive fundraising and could not have been possible without the generous contributions of school boards, veterans groups and other Americans who saw value in this once-in-a-lifetime educational opportunity.

SCIDM Involves SNI to Promote Drill Competition Excellence! The Southern California Invitational Drill Meet (SCIDM) has a powerful legacy. The cadre in recent years have done a fantastic job in making the meet better annually. This year they will take another huge step in that direction and SNI is excited at the prospects!



Held in February on the left coast annually, SCIDM will again bring in Sports Network International to provide on-site expertise to assist and improve procedures, judging quality, event logistics, etc. Western teams should STRONGLY CONSIDER attending this fantastic event early in their Spring calendar. The new event website has everything you need to prep, so look to register your school today! <http://www.airmenoftroy.com/scidm>

U.S. Army Golden Knights will "Drop In" during the 2019 Raider Championships Weekend in Molena, Georgia. Cadets will get a huge treat when the U.S. Army aerial demonstration team, **The Army Golden Knights**, descends upon the **Raider Nationals Weekend** in Molena, Georgia on Friday, 01 November. The Golden Knights are one of three Department of Defense-sanctioned aerial demonstration teams, along with the U.S. Navy Blue Angels and U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.



The Fort Bragg, North Carolina-based team has four parachute units, a tandem team, and an aviation unit. It uses five dedicated aircraft to perform at both domestic and international events. Since 1962 the Golden Knights have performed in more than 16,000 shows. They've earned the Army more than 400 national championships and more than 60 world championships. What an amazing honor to have such a high profile part of Army excellence crashing the big stage with thousands of cadets on-hand.

US Army Pushes to Expand the Raider/Fitness Universe

Hearing the famous words uttered by Horace Greeley, SNI will indeed be "Going West" to explore options for expanding the exciting Fitness & Raider competitions from the southeastern United States to a point far closer to western schools nationally.

SNI staff recently had meetings with facility directors from many states and will now will be conducting an on-site review of the top site in preparation for a late 2020 rollout!

SNI will be working with U.S. Army Cadet Command, Brigades and Areas from all services to hopefully formulate



a successful all-service event to provide a first-class competition that can grow to support the growing interest from Western schools seeking their own championship event. This will allow many schools to no longer travel across the country! Western schools should keep their antenna up as this event dream becomes a reality.

"We practice DRILL but we want to become BETTER!"



Nothing in JROTC is more difficult to master than drill excellence! Thousands of individual cadets and hundreds of entire JROTC programs strive to improve annually but find it daunting. Most instructors have little background in drill and their cadets often have motivation without direction.

For over ten years cadets have traveled across the globe living the dream of training for a week at the famous Nationals Drill Camp. But what about training the other 51 weeks of the year? Well, many quality individuals and groups have emerged to assist that do a fantastic job. The most popular and well respected of these entities remain **Drill-Team Dynamics** (Drill@Drill-Dynamics.com-770/616-4545 and **Elite E&T** (elitesupport@elite-et.com-210/334-1322. If you are looking to get better, start with these pros for proven results!

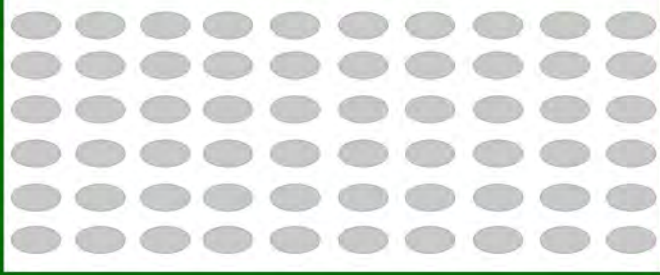


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