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# N.B. Forrest Regains National Title

The 1st Annual National High School Drill Team Championships in 1983 saw the performance of one of the most unique unarmed drill units in the country. N.B. Forrest High School's Air Force JROTC drill team of Jacksonville, Florida triumphed in 1983, winning the National Championship in Without Arms. Their dazzling exhibition routine captured another national title in 1984. Following a period of redevelopment in which new drill instructor, Senior Master Sergeant Rick Crosby, took over the program, N.B. Forrest began to reassert its' prominence in regional drill meets throughout the Southeast.

"The cadets decided that they wanted to come back, it was their decision. Also, they had done extremely well in a lot of drill meets earlier in the year. I was all for it," commented Crosby. The cadets whole-heartedly took on the preparation for the 1988 National High School Drill Team Championships.

"The team put in a lot of hard work. They were very dedicated throughout the year," said Crosby. "It takes hours and hours of practice. Especially in the weekends," said Cadet 2nd Lt. Rommel Salgado, Deputy Commander of N.B. Forrest. The drill team knew from experience that while they would have to perform their compulsory skills such as inspection, color guard and regulation drill perfectly, the national championship would be decided by their exhibition routine.

Most unarmed drill units devise exhibition performances that hinge on perfectly synchronized movements,



unusual cadences and complex interweaving movements. N.B. Forrest perfected all of these elements and added their final trademark. All of their routine is done without verbal commands, and is performed under thick, pitch black hoods.

A concept that was brought to Jacksonville from California by former instructor Colonel Russell Weller, the black hoods have proved to be the decisive factor in N.B. Forrest's victories at numerous drill meets throughout the years. "There are several teams (at the Nationals) that perform their unarmed exhibition routines flawlessly. So the decisive factor has to be the complexity of their performance," said Master Chief Joseph Draper, head judge for the Nationals. "I put on one of the hoods following their routine. It was absolutely impossible to see anything through it. It was a truly spectacular performance."

Preparing new members of the drill team for performing with the hoods is a slow process. "I won't let the cadets put on the hoods until the routine is down pat. Then come the hoods," said

Crosby. "When we first started with the hoods, the team was pretty hesitant about being able to perform in them. Now they can't wait to get them on."

"It's like marching in a black dark room, but once you learn a sense of direction, you're o.k.," said Salgado. "Although it takes a long time to perfect, I think it gives us an edge. When you travel to the meet you get psyched, going over the routine in your mind."

The hazards of performing on group

instinct multiply when nerves become a factor. "We made a couple of small mistakes that only we could see," said Crosby. "They worried too much and let the pressure get to them."

The awards ceremony on Saturday evening had N.B. Forrest sitting on the edge of their seats. "We saw that the National Champion was going to get this enormous 6-foot sub sandwich, but I told everyone that they shouldn't get too hungry," said Salgado. "The adrenaline was pumping, big time," continued Cadet Tech. Sgt. Bernard Berania.

Their concerns quickly dissolved into a flood of applause. N.B. Forrest's months of hard work had paid off. They were the new Without Arms National Champions. "The school congratulated us, and the principal gave us special pins," said Salgado. "The people were all amazed, I mean, a 6'3" trophy?" Though the challenge will once again be on in 1989, N.B. Forrest High School has proven to have the precision, determination, and innovation necessary to successfully defend its National Championship. □

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# Sports Network International

Sports Network International, Inc., the nation's oldest youth competition manager, and event producer for the National High School Drill Team Championships, began with little fanfare on January 1, 1970 at a meeting of the Ft. Lauderdale, Florida Optimist Club. Kip Horton, SNI founder and president was telling the Club's Board of Directors that he could no longer absorb from his household budget the long distance phone bills he got each year to set up the Club's Thanksgiving Bowl games for visiting Northern youth football teams.

"My wife had given me an ultimatum after receiving the October phone bill for \$400.00," he recalls. "It was me or those phone bills, and one of us had to give. I started Sports Network as a means of covering those expenses." The company's first competition was not until November 1972 and featured youth football teams from McKeesport, Pennsylvania; Buffalo, New York; Atlanta, Georgia; and Miami, Florida against four local Ft. Lauderdale teams in the first Junior Super Bowl. "We played on fields that were marked out over existing baseball diamonds and one of them somehow went uphill toward one end zone," Horton says.

In the ensuing years, the Junior Super Bowl expanded from 16 teams and today is the premiere youth football competition in the

country with over 70 teams competing in Daytona Beach, Florida and over 30 teams competing in Sacramento, California for the Pacific Youth Football Championships. In addition to football, the company serves as event manager for regional soccer competitions and the Airline Softball Challenge, an event featuring teams from nearly every domestic airline flying into Central Florida.

However, the crowning achievement of the company remains the annual National High School Drill Team Championships, begun in the Spring of 1982 in Orlando, Florida. Looking back, Horton says, just having such an event as the drill team Nationals was the result of a fluke of chance and some very good luck. "What we have today didn't start out that way," Horton recalls. Bill Squires, the Ft. Knox High School Drill Team instructor called us to ask if we would consider putting on a truly national drill meet for high schools . . . We thought he was talking about girl's drill teams with pom poms and flags. He took one look at my drill meet outline and sent me in return a copy of FM 22-5 and a note saying simply " . . . this is about rifles, not ruffles."

Seven years later, Sports Network now holds the National High School Drill Team Championships at the Daytona Beach Ocean Center and the event attracts most

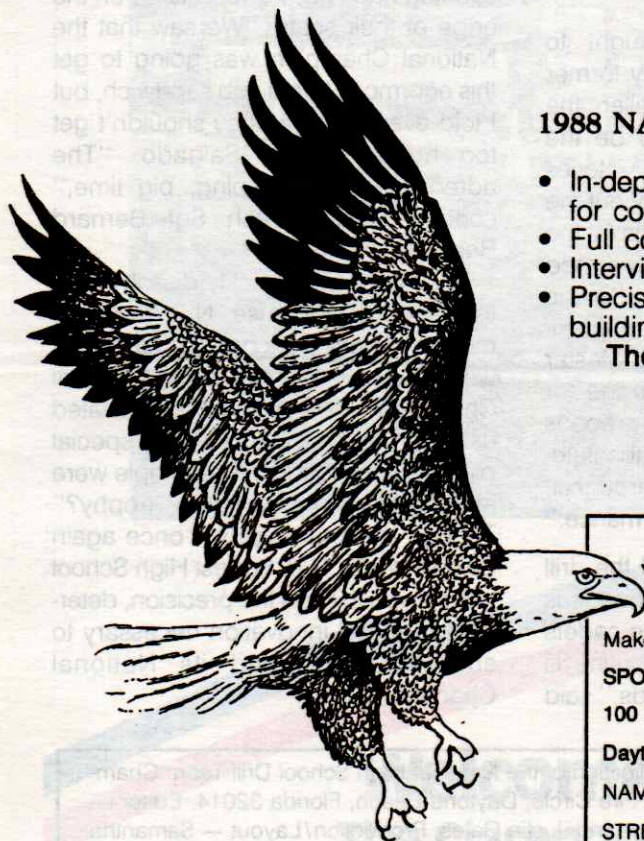
of the top military rifle drill teams in the country. The company is gearing toward having the event on national cable television, possibly in 1989. Although the smallest of SNI's events, the National High School Drill Team Championships more than makes up for this with the quality and commitment of its participants. The cadet's own dedication to excellence keeps Sports Network striving to improve the Nationals to the satisfaction of those like Cadet Major Mike Cook of Cedar Shoals High School of Athens, Georgia who commented, "I'm glad that you have the Nationals every year . . . it's such an opportunity . . . something to look forward to . . . something great."

In addition to the lengthening list of youth competitions it now manages, SNI is well along in plans for a 100-acre sports complex to be built in Volusia County. The complex will feature football and soccer fields, two four-field softball centreplexes, an olympic swimming pool, a two-field baseball dualplex, a family recreation park, and a 60,000 square foot open-air pavilion. Designed to serve the needs of Sports Network's competitions, the pavilion will have ample room for two 100' x 100' drill areas which will be used in the future in conjunction with the Ocean Center. Plans call for complex completion by Spring 1990. □

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# The Luck O' the Irish Shines in Ohio



*Springfield High School marches to celebrate the Millenium of the founding of the city of Dublin, Ireland while 400,000 line the parade route.*

Most drill teams have competition schedules that are filled out by local and regional drill meets throughout the year. Famous for boxed-in gymnasiums with plywood floors, or rain-soaked football fields, most drill meets are not known for their glamorous surroundings.

However, the Army JROTC unit at Springfield High School in Holland, Ohio is not likely to measure future drill meets by those standards. On March 17, 1988, Springfield performed at a drill meet celebrated by millions. That St. Patrick's Day they marched in a parade that was the crowning festivity of the Millennium of the founding of the City of Dublin, Ireland.

In honor of Dublin's 1000-year anniversary, 127 drill units from 27 countries came to Ireland to march in the St. Patrick's Day parade. "We had received an invitation from the Mayor of Dublin. Someone had seen us perform before," said Major John Gardiner, instructor for Springfield's drill team.

Before getting to Ireland, Springfield High School had to take on the challenge of raising \$860.00 per cadet. It would take them eighteen months to reach this goal. "We sold a lot of cheese, sausage, and candy bars,"

said Gardiner. "We also received donations from special groups that we would perform for. But it was worth it. We took 67 people, including 27 parents, to Dublin. We toured London and Ireland. It was very special for me because I was born in Ireland — just a few miles from Dublin. It was great to go back to the town I was born in."

"There were two divisions of competition — drill teams and band units; 70 teams were in our division," continued Gardiner. "International adjudicators judged your four-minute sequence in front of the parade's reviewing stand."

The parade route wound its way past over 400,000 spectators. "We marched for two hours before we came in front of the reviewing stand," said Gardiner. "And it was cold!...the temperature was in the the 40's. To keep the cadets warm we performed our exhibition before the crowds as we marched past them. We must have done the routine 20 times just to keep from getting too cold before we got to the reviewing stand to compete."

Following the St. Patrick's Day parade, Major Gardiner attended the Lord Mayor's Banquet where the winner would be announced and the

trophy presentations would be made. "There were over 1000 people there," said Gardiner. "I could see the trophies, but I didn't know who had won. When they called out 'Champions — Springfield High School' I nearly choked."

With their Irish victory behind them, Springfield High School immediately registered for the 1989 National High School Drill Team Championships. They now look forward to the competition to be held in Daytona Beach in April, 1989. "Our long range goal was to reach the Nationals. And win," said Gardiner. "I feel that our performance in Ireland will make us more capable at the Nationals. We have a better sense of what is involved in becoming a championship team. And although we lost some seniors, we'll be ready. Some of the cadets have been practicing all summer, working with the new cadets."

With the experience of attending an international drill meet, Springfield has seen a great variety of movements that will add to the strength of their exhibition routine. And if the Luck O' the Irish is still with them at the Nationals, Springfield High School's drill team may just march away with it all. □



# Crestwood — The Right Stuff

## Second time's a charm for repeating National Champions

The 1988 National High School Drill Team Championships saw a tight race to the finish for the With Arms National Championship. Following the first day of competition in which Inspection Squad Regulation, Squad Exhibition, and Color Guard were held, it was clear that no single school was running away with the lead in the Nationals. Nine schools had made an extremely strong showing on Friday, the opening day of competition. The National Championship would all come down to the Platoon Exhibition performances on Saturday.

Few spectators that watched all performances of Platoon Exhibition that day would disagree on the championship exhibition given by Crestwood High School. The routine is composed of elaborate formations and skill positions that require the lead man to throw his weapon backwards over the full line of 12 cadets to a cadet over 50 feet behind him. The judges were clearly impressed by the level of difficulty undertaken by Crestwood High School. But that's nothing new to this suburban Atlanta drill team.

In the 1987 Nationals, Crestwood High School's Army JROTC drill team was competing in its first year of inception. Not only were their cadets trained extensively enough to attend the Nationals in their first year of competition, but they swept the event with two first place team events and the National Championship in With Arms. Crestwood left everyone at the 1987 Nationals with their jaws on the ground, wondering where this team came from. And all those same teams spent the next year setting their sights on Crestwood's crown.

Preparing for the 1988 National

High School Drill Team Championships posed a different challenge to Crestwood. In 1987, they came out of nowhere. In 1988, everyone knew who they were, knew their routines, and had benefited from their innovative exhibition performances. "Other schools being able to take our routine doesn't upset me. It adds to the competitiveness," said Cadet Lt. Colonel Chris Harris, cadet commander for the upcoming 1988-89 drill team. "It will push us harder. We will have to add more difficult moves, execute them, and get it to a tee."

The practice schedule and training regimen of Crestwood High School is rapidly gaining legendary status. Under the instruction of Major Robert Holt, Crestwood is driven to excellence through hour upon hour of practice. "During the Nationals themselves we would practice from daylight until dusk as a team," said Cadet Lt. Brett Campbell. "Practice would begin at 6:30 A.M. and go on until an 8:30 A.M. breakfast. Then we practice until lunch and after lunch we practice until dinner. After dinner the Individual and Dual Exhibition and Color Guard teams go off on their own to practice until curfew."

During the year, Crestwood's practice sessions occasionally took on a different light in order to break up the tension. "For a short while, Major Holt was teaching Driver's Ed during our practice time," said Harris. "Once we decided

to play war games with the rifles during practice. We ran through the halls, hiding behind corners. When we got caught, Major Holt said he understood perfectly and then told us to run laps and do pushups until he came back . . . If he came back."

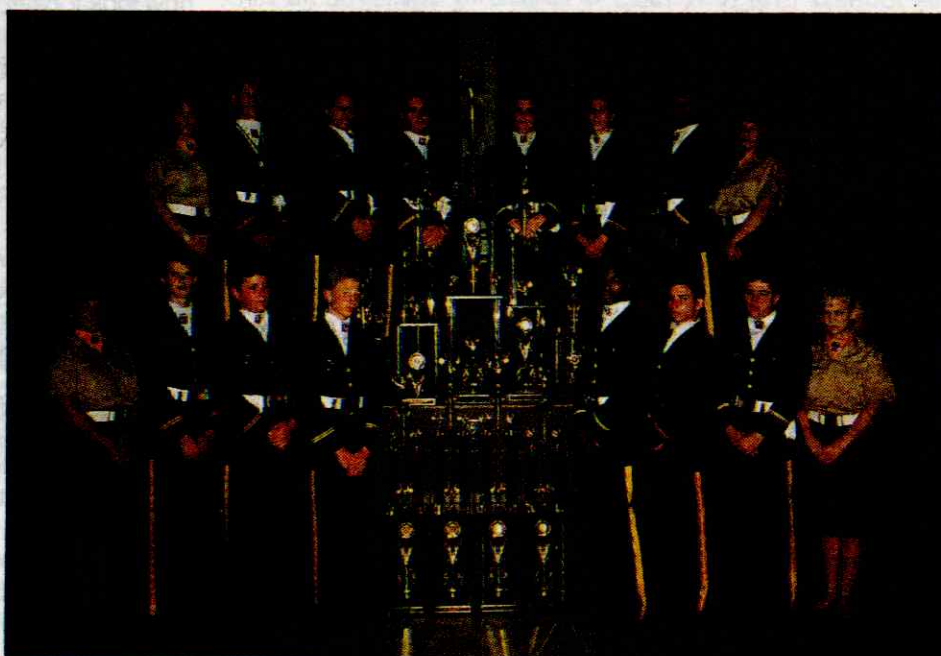
The build-up to the Nationals and preparation for the event has made Crestwood very aware of the competition they face in Daytona Beach. "I was impressed by a lot of the schools there. The competition is very tough, and it was a balanced meet. No one ran away with everything," said Harris.

As the 1989 Nationals loom in the distance, Crestwood will have its' final opportunity to be National Champions. As of the 1989-90 school year, Crestwood High School will be converted into a Middle School and as happens in school changes such as this, the cadets will be moved to different high schools in different districts.

Drill Teams across the country will be vying for their title, and Crestwood knows that the challenge is on. "We'll be there for the 1989 Nationals," said Cadet MSgt. Thomas Dale Campbell. "As far as the other schools are concerned, if they can handle the rifles, hey, gung ho, throw them in there with us. The best team will always come out on top at the Nationals."

As other drill teams study Crestwood High School and continue where they leave off, so will Crestwood in their

search for excellence. Always further perfecting their already perfect routine. Creating more complex formations with more intricate rifle maneuvers, Crestwood High School continues on their quest for gold. And at the 1989 National High School Drill Team Championships they will seek the third jewel in their triple crown. □





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## Cadet Commander Captain Alex MacCalman



*"I feel a great responsibility in the success or failure of the drill team this year."*

With winning four National Championships in five years through the early 1980s, Alex MacCalman at La Salle Military Academy of Oakdale, New York has more pressure on him to perform well than most drill team cadet commanders. "The La Salle Rifles (LSR) embody the esprit de corps of the Academy. They are the elite. The entire school is behind us and being the commander is a huge responsibility. I feel it's my job to

ensure that we have a winning team," said MacCalman.

Unlike most schools, the drill instructor (also known as a moderator) at La Salle functions at arm's length from the drill team. "Our moderator only handles the paperwork. The LSR are totally responsible for everything, from devising the routine to preparation for the drill meets. We only get instruction from ourselves. It's an evolutionary process and only through total commitment have we come this far."

Even with all the pressure, Alex MacCalman maintains his focus. "I try to be very fair, even though I yell and scream a lot. I don't try to degrade anybody. Being a commander can be hard on friendships at times, especially with the other senior LSR cadets. But it's nice to know that LSR really sup-

ports me as the commander."

With so much of the La Salle Rifles left up to the cadets, the pride of accomplishment is much greater than the average drill team. "It's nerve wracking going through the pressure of the Nationals. You have no idea how you've done until the awards ceremony. The drill meet at Daytona Beach has gotten so big. I'm honored to be competing for the National Championship."

MacCalman also had the unique experience of winning the 1988 With Arms Knockout Drill. Feeling sick the morning before Knockout, MacCalman almost didn't enter the event, but decided at the last minute that he would stick it out. A decision that proved excellent for the cadet that outperformed the 650+ other cadets entered in the knockout drill.

For Alex MacCalman, the future holds a military career with unlimited potential. "I'd like to be an officer in the Army. The discipline and the organization appeals to me." With the responsibility of the La Salle Rifle's performance at the Nationals square on his shoulders, MacCalman has made strong moves towards preparing for the challenge of being an Army officer. "One of my biggest goals is to attend West Point."

The legacy of La Salle has been carried on by great cadet commanders throughout the history of the La Salle Rifles. Alex MacCalman will now make his mark, reaching for what others would never attempt. □

## Cadet Commander Lt. Colonel Chris Harris



*"I can't wait to get back to the Nationals and defend our title."*

Taking over the command of a two-time National Championship team, Platoon commander Chris Harris at Crestwood High School of Atlanta, Georgia, welcomes the challenge. "We knew 1988 would be more difficult to repeat. We'll have to work even harder and come up with an even more difficult routine to repeat in 1989," said Harris. With this type of attitude, Harris sees few problems with egos. "There's a balance ... we know we're good but

(drill instructor) Major Holt doesn't let our heads get too big. We'll do a routine in practice that seems very good that Major Holt will tear apart."

Between playing varsity football and performing on the drill unit, Harris has little time for other extracurricular activities. "Football and the drill team are very time consuming and similar in many respects: the physical training, the discipline, the practice of skills. Last year, I pulled a hamstring and was out (of football) for several weeks. While I was out, I helped teach many of the new players the playbook. I feel this experience will help me as a cadet commander in the upcoming year."

Although Crestwood High School attends many local and regional drill meets annually, Harris says that the Daytona trip to the Nationals is special. "We start thinking about it in October and we don't stop thinking about it until we get here. We spend a lot of our extra time raising money for the trip. When our practices get tough and we're all dragging, we'll usually pick up extra sharpness just by somebody mentioning going to the Nationals."

Lt. Colonel Harris says the National High School Drill Team Championships have a way of humbling even the finest drill squads from the beginning. "If anybody was cocky going into the Nationals, the inspection we had right away with the Parris Island D.I.'s sure straightened that out. They got right up at you and made you sweat. The tension through the entire inspection never slackened up."

After high school, Harris looks forward to going on to college. "I'd like to get into the University of North Carolina, Morehouse State, or Howard University if I could. I think I have a natural gift for teaching that I would like to use after college to coach football and track and field."

Harris knows of the obstacles involved in trying to win the National Championships for a third time. "Both years (1987 and 1988) that we came to the Nationals, we thought we had something to prove, to ourselves and to everyone at the competition. Winning a third consecutive championship would be incredible. We'll need to give the best effort of our lives to win it again ... and I think we will." □



## Cadet Commander Major Tallis Randy Ford

He was a wanted man from the start. "They (the Oxon Hill JROTC program) recruited me right out of middle school," stated Tallis Ford, cadet commander at Oxon Hill High School of Oxon Hill, Maryland. "They told me how the program prepares you for the future, how it will help you grow. Boy, were they right!" Swayed to join the Air Force JROTC by the snappy uniforms, this senior credits the JROTC as a positive influence on his life. "If it wasn't for JROTC, I could have ended up a hoodlum. The dedication JROTC gave me helped me get on the honor roll, and stay there."

The role of the drill team commander varies from school to school. Ford acknowledges that much of the team's success relies on him. "It's like an inner drive, you get so intense. You can't help it . . . you want to be the best. You know what it takes to get there. Ten hours of practice a week is the hard part. When we're at practice, there are no friendships. I'm their commander and that doesn't affect the friendships. The power of the cadet commander can't be overused. In fact, in my case, I wouldn't call it power, I'd call it authority."

A large portion of Ford's job involves keeping his cadets' outlook in perspective. "You can't let your guard down. If you begin to underestimate other teams or take things too lightly in practice or in drill meets, especially at the Nationals, you're going to get beat. It's my responsibility to make sure this never happens."

Coming to the Nationals for three straight years gives Cadet

Major Ford a unique outlook on the National High School Drill Team Championships. "I've seen so many good schools come here for the first time. I think a lot of them let the competition and the surroundings get to them; they get so nervous. I guess we did also, our first time here, but it's been so long ago, I can't remember. It takes so much discipline to win here. There's so many things to take your mind off your work in Daytona. From staying at the Plaza, surrounded by other cadets, to having the pool and the beach right outside; it's tough to concentrate on the business at hand.

Ford sees his future lying in the armed forces. "I'm going to shoot for a scholarship, either to Hampton University or Howard University. I'm going into the ROTC and then the Air Force where I want to be involved with computers."

Such lofty goals may be too much for some young men, but Ford sees it as a challenge. "I let others that have done it before inspire me. By praying, and with God on your side, there's nothing that can stop you." □



*"I'm like the father of a family. I help the cadets solve problems. That's part of my responsibility."*

## Cadet Commander Lt. Tonya Renee Forbes

Growing up in an Army household, it's easy to understand the attraction JROTC would present to a young person. Tonya Renee Forbes, cadet commander at John Marshall High School in San Antonio, Texas, got involved in JROTC initially as an incoming freshman. "Three of my friends and I made a pact and decided to join the program. After I joined, I realized it was the neatest thing since sliced bread. The discipline, the sense of purpose, the control over myself, I love it!"

Being a cadet commander and a senior in 1988-89 brings on many challenges in the upcoming year. "I see other students doing things I just don't understand. I set goals for myself and try my best to attain them. Being in command of the drill team has put me into situations that I need to solve. I've learned a lot from that. Being a part of the drill team has been an experience I wouldn't trade away for anything in the world."

Working with her cadets seems to be the key to her success. "I establish a good basis of friendship and they respect it when you tell them the facts. On the drill area it's commander/cadet, otherwise it's just friends. I tell them what's going on, and how we're going to deal with it. I'm the commander and they have to understand that and accept it. If they can't stand the heat, they'll get out of the kitchen!"

Competition can unnerve some of the finest drill units. Forbes' outlook on competition is a healthy one. "For me,

it's 'let's go out there and have fun.' If you mess up, you can't change it. Sure, you feel bad, but you've got to have the attitude that you'll make it up somehow. I try to help people through as much as I can. I put the team before myself."

Being a novice at the National High School Drill Team Championships, Forbes was slightly awed by the scope of the competition. "1988 was my first time at the Nationals and I was so surprised when we won . . . there were so many good teams in Daytona. It really makes me look forward to coming back again in 1989."

Another military career looks to be born as Forbes is leaning towards enlistment after high school. "I want to enlist in the Navy or the Air Force, working in the operating room as a technician or in the nursing field."

Forbes knows other schools will be gunning for their title at the 1989 National High School Drill Team Championships. "We're going to keep our trophy. We won't give it to anyone. I know the competition will be stiff in 1989, but we're not going to let anyone take it away from us!" □



*"My dedication and motivation is what put me up as the cadet commander."*



# 1989 National High School

Sports Network International, Inc. is pleased and proud to extend this invitation to attend the Seventh Annual National High School Drill Team Championships, the premiere high school drill meet in the country. The Nationals will be held in Daytona Beach, Florida on April 20th, 21st, and 22nd, 1989. The competition is open to all precision drill units, performing both with and without arms, demilitarized or facsimile weapons, in all JROTC units and other specialized drill squads. This event will be the culmination of every drill unit's intense training and dedication throughout the school year.

The 1988 Nationals began a new era of competition in the Daytona Beach Ocean Center Arena, the prestigious environment that a drill meet of this stature deserves. This magnificent civic center features permanent seating for over 6,000 with outstanding acoustics for a marching drill team championship. Unlike most typical drill meet environments, usually requiring teams to dress on buses, the Ocean Center features two sets of male and female dressing rooms with shower facilities. Many cadets at the 1988 event emphasized that the Ocean Center was the most outstanding highlight of the drill meet.

The Daytona Beach Ocean Center will accommodate a variety of events at the 1989 Nationals. The drill meet will utilize two main drill areas of 100' x 100' each, an inspection area of 40' x 55', and a color guard drill area of 65' x 65'. Due to the increase in the number of registrants and events for 1989, the Daytona Beach National Guard Armory will also be in use for various with and without arms events. Most schools entered in the 1989 Nationals will be competing at both locations which are within eight blocks of each other.

The National High School Drill Team Championships will include the following National Divisions: — **With Arms Demilitarized, With**

**Arms Facsimile, and Without Arms.** The 1989 Nationals will include the following team events: **With Arms Demilitarized** — Inspection, Squad IDR (Regulation Drill), Squad Exhibition (Trick/Fancy), Platoon Exhibition (Trick/Fancy), and Color Guard Drill. **With Arms Facsimile** — Inspection, Squad IDR (Regulation Drill), Squad Exhibition (Trick/Fancy), Platoon Exhibition (Trick/Fancy), and Color Guard Drill. **Without Arms** — Inspection, Regulation Drill, Exhibition Drill, and Color Guard. Schools may enter all of the above National Divisions providing that no cadet competes in more than one of the divisions. Within each division, only two teams may be entered from one school and they must compete separately from one another for each team event and for the national championship of that division.

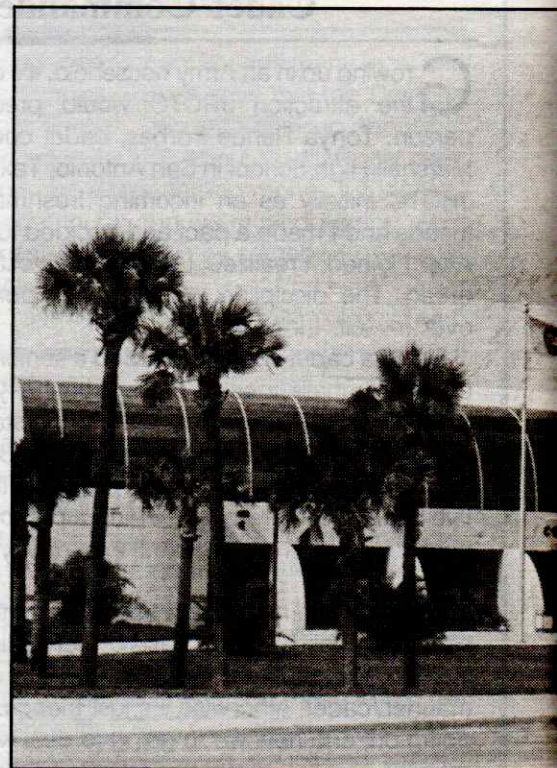
Each team event will be awarded trophies in first through fifth place. A Championship and Runner-Up trophy will be awarded to the Best Girls' Team in With Arms Demilitarized and Without Arms. To be eligible for National Championship and Runner-Up National Championship trophies in each National Division, your school must enter at least one team in each of the events listed for that Division above.

Individual events will include separate competitions for both Demilitarized and Facsimile Individual and Dual Exhibition, which will receive first through third place trophies; With and Without Arms IDR Knockout Drill, which will award special medals to the top 30 finishers in both Knockouts, as well as trophies for first through third place cadets in both events. Finally, there will be first through third place trophies awarded as the Commander's Trophy in With Arms Demilitarized, With Arms Facsimile, and Without Arms Divisions.

All competing drill teams will be housed at either the Headquarters

Hotel, the Clarendon Plaza, or the Whitehall Inn which is located to the immediate north of the Plaza, both highrise luxury oceanfront hotels. The itinerary for the competition begins with most schools arriving by 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 20th. A Commanders Call will be held at 8 p.m. in the Ocean Room of the Plaza where teams will draw for starting positions and be briefed by the Head Judge, Master Chief Joseph Draper, U.S. Navy, former chief drill instructor for the Naval Recruit Command of Orlando, Florida.

The competition itself will begin at 7 a.m. Friday morning. Friday morning/afternoon events at the Ocean Center will be With Arms Demilitarized Inspection, Squad Regulation, Squad Exhibition, and Color Guard. Friday morning/afternoon events in the Armory will be With Arms Facsimile Inspection and Squad Regulation as well as Without Arms Inspection and Regulation. Friday evening



Located in the heart of Daytona Beach, the  
is the location against which a



# Drill Team Championships

events at the Ocean Center will be Without Arms Inspection, Exhibition, and Color Guard as well as With Arms Facsimile Squad Exhibition.

The only Saturday morning/afternoon event at the Armory will be With Arms Facsimile Platoon Exhibition. The Ocean Center events for Saturday will be Color Guard for With Arms Facsimile, With Arms Demilitarized Platoon Exhibition, all Individual and Dual Exhibition events, and both Knockout Drills. The event will wrap up on Saturday evening with the Awards Ceremony which will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Clarendon Plaza at 9 p.m.

The S.O.P. for the 1989 National High School Drill Team Championships will be based on the latest revision of Army Field Manual 22-5 for With Arms and Air Force 50-14 for Without Arms. In order to best comply with procedures used by all four services, slight modifications will be

made on these manuals as a part of the event's S.O.P. These S.O.P.s will be prepared for mailing by January 9, 1989 and will be sent out to schools upon registration.

The 1989 Nationals will be judged primarily by active military personnel having an extensive background in training/judging military drill and ceremonies. Judges will be drawn from Parris Island, SC and 8th & I in Washington, D.C. for the Marine Corps, from the Naval Training Center in Orlando, FL, from Patrick Air Force Base Honor Guard in Melbourne, FL, and from Army Drill Sergeants out of Ft. Benning, GA. This impressive corps of judges will be briefed extensively in the S.O.P. of this drill meet. In 1989, for the first time, judging at every team event will have one judge representing each branch of the armed services.

As is customary of Sports Network and the National High School Drill Team Championships, all schools will attend the competition using the team package cost system.

The Team Package for the 1989 Nationals will include:

- Three nights accommodations at one of the luxury oceanfront hotels being used during the event.
- Bronze medallion of the event on a gold necklace chain
- Competition T-shirt, ordered to size
- Swiss-embroidered 4½" patch of the event
- 8" x 10" color glossy print of each drill team
- Open VIP Hospitality Suite for instructors, open throughout the event
- Food discount tickets for local fast food restaurants

The price of this team package, based on four-to-a-room accommodations, is \$82.00 per person for the entire three day package. Prices

are also available for 3, 2, and 1 per room team packages. Two-day team packages are also available for those few schools that will have to arrive late. These schools can still be entered into the competition by compressing their schedule.

The school registration fee will again be \$300.00 per school. The registration fee has been made non-refundable so as to ensure that teams which do register, do so with a firm belief that they will be attending. There are no additional costs at the competition for entering Individual and Dual Exhibition or the IDR Knockout Drills.

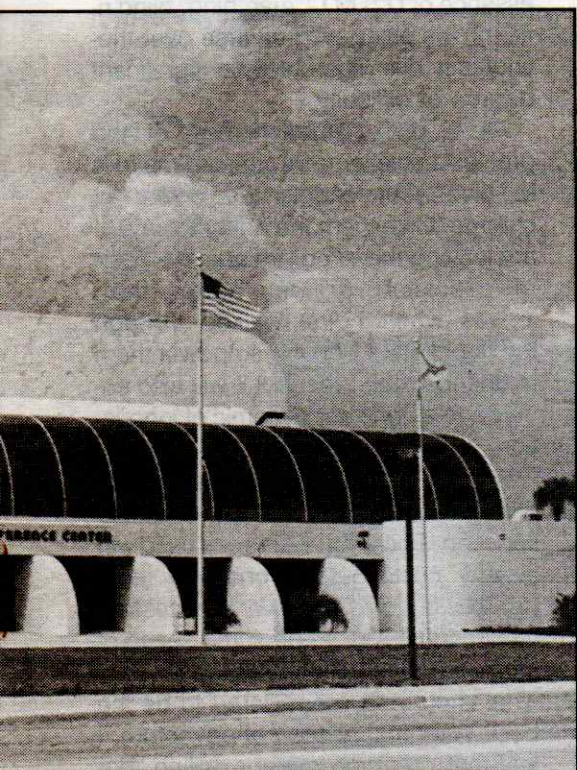
Deadlines for the event are:

January 15, 1989	Registration Deadline
March 15, 1989	25% of all team package fees due
April 15, 1989	75% (balance) of all team package fees due

In order to register your school in the competition, please complete the enclosed registration form and send to Sports Network along with the registration fee. All registrations and correspondence should be sent to the address listed below. If you have any questions, please feel free to call SNI's national headquarters at the telephone numbers listed below. Join the remarkable drill team programs that have made the Nationals the culmination of their competitive season. Making the Nationals an annual part of your drill team program will not only increase the size of your drill unit, but it will also give your cadets the prestige they deserve.

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## Risky Complexity or Perfect Simplicity: A Battle of Drill Styles

*"The most important thing is not to win but to take part. Just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph, but the struggle."*

— Baron Pierre de Coubertin, founder, Modern Olympic Games

Winning. It's the name of the game. Today's society has little respect for finishing second. It seems that the only people who will remember the silver and bronze medalists of the Olympic Games will be the statisticians. There's no longer any appreciation for the quality of a competitor's struggle; the honesty of an all-out effort. All that counts is who crosses the finish line first. Just as at the National High School Drill Team Championships, it seems only to matter who walks away with the 6'3" national championship trophy.

By awarding trophies in first through fifth place in all team events at the Nationals, Sports Network International has taken the position that the calibre of teams competing requires this quantity of trophies. SNI realizes that trophies are the most visible form of recognition and reward for the dedication and determination that these cadets put into their performances. While winning the championship trophy is, and should be, the goal of every unit, attention must be paid to the quality and content of the competition for this trophy.

Many highly competitive schools compete with routines that have a distressing lack of difficulty. To the crowds (and, they hope, to the judges) a slick performance that is absolutely flawless will be so impressive that any lack of complex content will be overlooked. They seem to think, "Hey, the routine was P-E-R-F-E-C-T, and how can we lose with a perfect routine?" They have been conditioned for so long to think that competitive drilling rises and sets on synchronization. Perhaps there is a trauma of sorts associated with that long, lonely sound of a 10-pound rifle falling from 20-feet and smacking the concrete.

But there must come a point in the growth of a drill team when being in perfect synch becomes a given. Perfection

(or performing without a mistake) is not the zenith; it is little more than a basic. In getting beyond the "out-of-synch-o-phobia" of drilling, perfection can be approached as an established fact, and a drill team has the chance to get into the "meat and potatoes" of first-class drill routines.

In every event in which a judge views a participant's performance and then has to assess a value judgement as to its merit, there must be the consideration of a performance's difficulty. From diving to figure skating to gymnastics, the degree of difficulty is always foremost in a judge's mind. As judges score routines in more advanced drill competitions such as the National High School Drill Team Championships, this level of difficulty becomes more and more expected. It's no longer a case of an extremely complex routine being just a welcome surprise. It is now displayed so often, in fact, it is almost a prerequisite to placing highly at these drill meets.

The 1988 Summer Olympics lends itself to a "perfect" comparison. In the gymnastics competition, the Soviets became the first gymnasts to display, in international competition, a triple somersault in their floor routines. The rest of the world's gymnasts competed with routines that 4 years ago would have been gold medal performances. Alongside the Soviets, however, their "perfect 10.0" routines were now 9.8's at best. This was because the level of difficulty by which to measure a perfect 10.0 had been raised even though their skill level had remained the same.

There should exist a balance between the respect for tradition and the courage of invention. By retaining key elements of a school's traditional routine, the drill team can satisfy its need to honor the past while still keeping a strong foothold on the future. There are, however,

teams that have performed the same routine for years simply because "it's worked all these years, why change it now?" These teams are finding that they can't defeat the teams that have embraced change.

The United States Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon has the perfect blend of tradition, precision, and complexity. Upon seeing their exhibition at the 1988 Nationals, the difficulty and effectiveness of exact synchronization is certainly not to be underestimated. However, the impact of their performance would be greatly diminished if all they had going for them was synchronization. Along with the infamous slow march that captures the traditional essence of U.S.M.C. marching, blind rifle throws along with reverse over-the-shoulder rifle flips create a significant degree of difficulty.

As a drill instructor, one of the greatest achievements you can make is to give your cadets the power of change. Give them the ability to say, "I am leaving this program and the sport of precision drilling better than it was when I first walked through the door." It will not only empower them to change their lives, but it will also encourage a constant dynamic of innovation.

Every teacher, instructor, and coach is continuously aware of the pressure to succeed. Society encourages us to win at any cost. But beyond the technicalities of doing whatever is necessary to win, there should be some sense of moral responsibility to test the limits of what is currently considered to be the best. Without that spirit of adventure, I feel that precision military drilling, like anything else in the world, would only stagnate. And without growth, there is no hope for a brighter future. □

— Samantha Ste. Claire



# Cadets Speak Out . . .

## On the Nationals . . .

- "I thought it was outstanding. There were a lot of competitive teams, and it means something to triumph over that many teams."  
— Major Jason Young, Cedar Shoals High School
- "It's a better experience than other meets . . . more states and therefore more competition. The rules are stricter and you can see what it is like to be up against stiff competition."  
— 2nd Lt. Dwayne Smith, Heritage High School
- "All our sweat is for the national drill meet, and we put that into effect. I like the glory you get there . . . it means something just to be there, just to compete (at that level)."  
— Cadet Major Mike Cook, Cedar Shoals High School

## On the Awards Ceremonies . . .

- "All I could think of then was our chance at victory, and looking good for the cameras. I just hoped that I would be able to go up and get a trophy."  
— 2nd Lt. Dwayne Smith, Heritage High School
- "I knew we had performed as well as we could. You're taught to do your best, you work hard and awards are just what come to you when you do."  
— Cadet Commander Keith Faust, Cedar Shoals High School
- "The Drill Team loves the trophies. Anyone seeing a trophy that size can say that the team has done something incredible."  
— Major Jason Young, Cedar Shoals High School

## On Daytona Beach . . .

- "I think it's wonderful compared to anywhere we've been. The ocean is incredible . . . there are always things to do in Daytona Beach when you're not at the drill meet."  
— 2nd Lt. Dwayne Smith, Heritage High School
- "It's the place to be."  
— Cadet Captain Reginald White, Oxon Hill High School

## On the Ocean Center . . .

- "The one thing I will remember most about the Nationals was the Ocean Center . . . it was very impressive, and very well organized within one location, not having to run all over."  
— Lt. Colonel Chris Harris, Crestwood High School
- "The surrounding conditions were better than other meets. The Ocean Center made a big difference, the acoustics (for performing) were great."  
— Captain Robert Williams, Heritage High School
- "I love performing in front of a lot of people, as long as I'm performing my best, and the Ocean Center is great for that."  
— Major Jason Young, Cedar Shoals High School

## On the Knockout Drills . . .

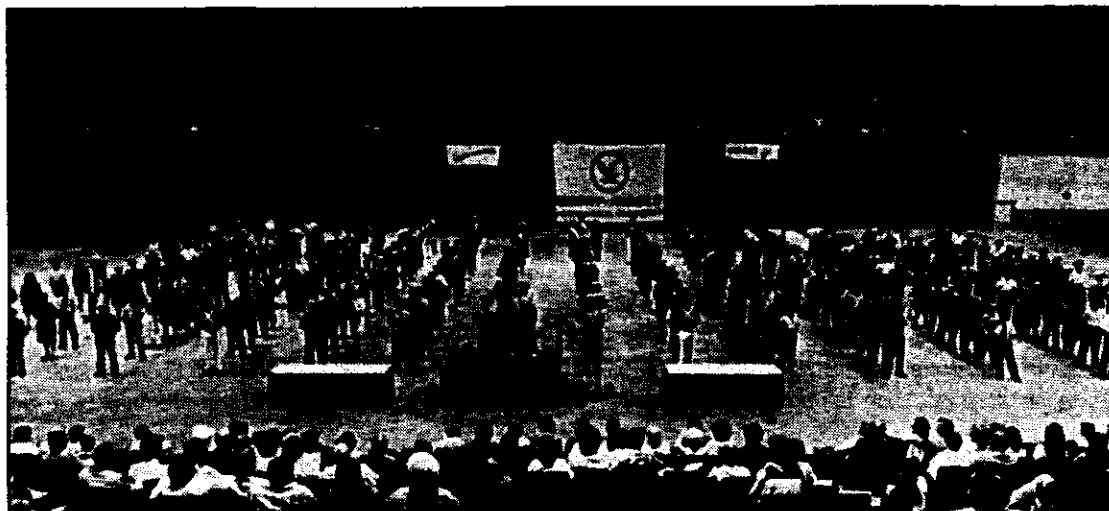
- "I was very nervous throughout it . . . before we went onto the drill floor everyone around me was either meditating or getting really pumped up . . . I certainly didn't think I'd win."  
— Cadet Major Donna Motely, Knockout Champion, Oxon Hill High School
- "The judging was amazing . . . how fast everyone got knocked out . . . Marine Judge Willoughby could catch you out of the corner of his eye . . . it was the toughest knockout I've ever been to."  
— Sgt. Jeff Stephenson, Heritage High School
- "Judge Willoughby is my hero. You need a hard judge that knows the rules — what's wrong and right, and he will pick the best. It all comes down to being the best."  
— 2nd Lt. Dwayne Smith, Heritage High School



The U.S. Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon exhibits the mirror perfection that has awed crowds throughout the nation.

## On Becoming the Best . . .

- "It takes motivation, desire to win, team work, and incredibly hard training."  
— MSgt. Rudolph Tidwell, Heritage High School
- "It's like an inner drive, you get so intense. The practicing is the hard part . . . 10 hours a week. Just remember what you've been through, don't let your guard down, and don't underestimate the other teams."  
— Cadet Commander Major Tallis Ford, La Salle Military Academy



The drill floor has a full complement of cadets awaiting the Head Judge and the call to attention for the Without Arms Knockout Drill.



# 1988 National High School Drill Team Championships

## EVENT STANDINGS

### WITHOUT ARMS INSPECTION

1st	Riverside Military Academy	1304
2nd	Palm Bay High School	1281
3rd	Fork Union Military Academy	1265
4th	John Marshall High School	1260
5th	Bullitt Central High School	1225

### WITHOUT ARMS REGULATION

1st	Heritage High School	993
2nd	Holmes High School (Girls)	939
3rd	Bullitt Central High School (Team A)	917
4th	Fork Union Military Academy	907
5th	N.B. Forrest High School	881

### WITHOUT ARMS EXHIBITION

1st	Oxon Hill High School	1329
2nd	N.B. Forrest High School	1305
3rd	John Marshall High School	1269
4th	Heritage High School	1111
5th	Oxon Hill High School (Girls)	1007

### WITH ARMS INSPECTION

1st	John Marshall High School	515
2nd	Heritage High School	453
3rd	La Salle Military Academy	445
4th	Enterprise High School	444
5th	Riverside Military Academy	431

### WITH ARMS SQUAD EXHIBITION

1st	Bullitt Central High School (Girls)	1009
2nd	Cedar Shoals High School	1007
3rd	Crestwood High School	969
4th	La Salle Military Academy	893
5th	Riverside Military Academy	812

### WITH ARMS PLATOON EXHIBITION

1st	Crestwood High School	1121
2nd	John Marshall High School	1109
3rd	Riverside Military Academy	1104
4th	Enterprise High School	1089
5th	Enterprise High School (Girls)	1028

### WITH ARMS SQUAD IDR (REGULATION)

1st	Bullitt Central High School	912
2nd	Crestwood High School	911
3rd	Bullitt Central High School (Girls)	878
4th	Cedar Shoals High School	875
5th	Riverside Military Academy	812

### COLOR GUARD

1st	Crestwood High School	739
2nd	Crestwood High School (Girls)	712
3rd	John Marshall High School	695
3rd	Enterprise High School	695
5th	Cedar Shoals High School (Team A)	692

### INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITION

1st	Guy Pennisi	La Salle Military Academy	1103
2nd	Freddie Spears	Camden High School	1090
3rd	Paul Fraser	Riverside Military Academy	1082
4th	Charles Strauss	Camden High School	1037
5th	Chris Cotter	Riverside Military Academy	967

### DUAL EXHIBITION

1st	Fraser & Woodward	Riverside Military	1091
2nd	Keating & Cherwak	Bullitt Central	1072
3rd	French & Farvour	Bullitt Central	1071
4th	Cotter & Howington	Riverside Military	1052
5th	Myrza & Pennisi	La Salle Military	1051

### WITH ARMS COMMANDERS TROPHY

1st	Keith Faust	Cedar Shoals High School
2nd	Kathy Mills	Bullitt Central High School
3rd	Chris Harris	Crestwood High School

### WITHOUT ARMS COMMANDERS TROPHY

1st	James Woodard	N.B. Forrest High School
2nd	Tallis Ford	Oxon Hill High School
3rd	Tonya Forbes	John Marshall High School

### WITH ARMS IDR KNOCKOUT DRILL

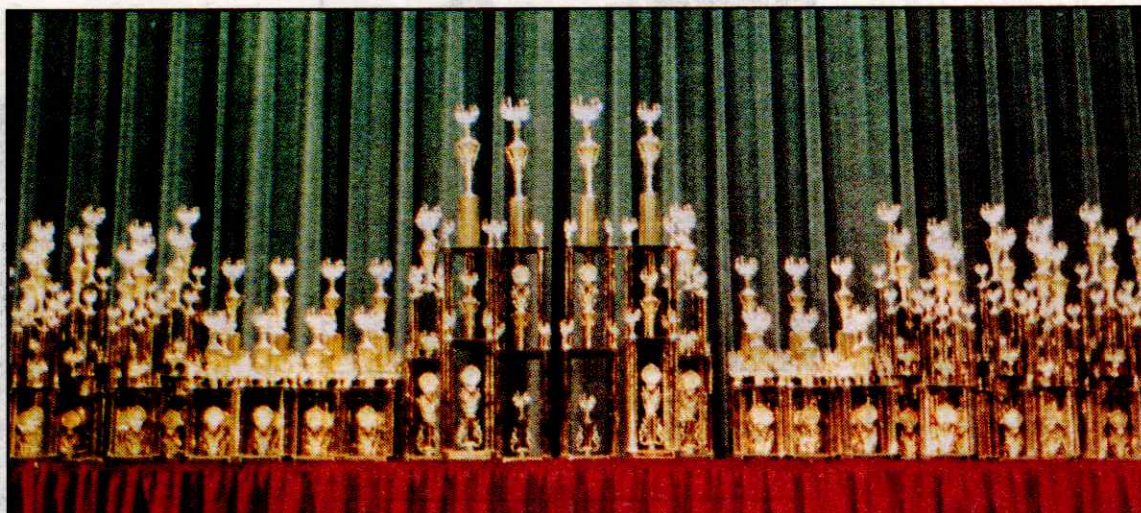
1st	Alex MacCalman	La Salle Military Academy
2nd	Angelia Smiley	Fort Knox High School
3rd	Jodie Weber	Palm Bay High School

### WITHOUT ARMS IDR KNOCKOUT DRILL

1st	Donna Motely	Oxon Hill High School
2nd	Stephanie Motely	Bullitt Central High School
3rd	Steve Bhoro	Fort Knox High School



# 1988 COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS



Cadet Commander Alex MacCalman  
La Salle Military Academy

## *Grand Totals National Championship With Arms*

Crestwood High School	4160
Cedar Shoals High School	3990
Bullitt Central High School	3875
John Marshall High School	3847
Riverside Military Academy	3831

## *National Championship Without Arms*

N.B. Forrest High School	4058
Oxon Hill High School	3966
Heritage High School	3947
John Marshall High School	3912
Riverside Military Academy	3844

## *Best Girls Drill Team With Arms*

Bullitt Central High School	2787
Crestwood High School	2442

## *Best Girls Drill Team Without Arms*

John Marshall High School	1957
Holmes High School	1869



2nd Lt. Dwayne Smith  
Heritage High School

## *Roster of Competing Schools*

Benedictine High School  
Richmond, Virginia

Biloxi High School  
Biloxi, Mississippi

Bullitt Central High School  
Shepherdsville, Kentucky

Camden High School  
Camden, South Carolina

Cedar Shoals High School  
Athens, Georgia

Crestwood High School  
Atlanta, Georgia

Daniel Boone High School  
Gray, Tennessee

Enterprise High School  
Enterprise, Alabama

Fork Union Military Academy  
Fork Union, Virginia

Fort Knox High School  
Fort Knox, Kentucky

Heritage High School  
Lynchburg, Virginia

Holmes High School  
Covington, Kentucky

John Marshall High School  
San Antonio, Texas

La Salle Military Academy  
Oakdale, New York

N.B. Forrest High School  
Jacksonville, Florida

Oxon Hill High School  
Oxon Hill, Maryland

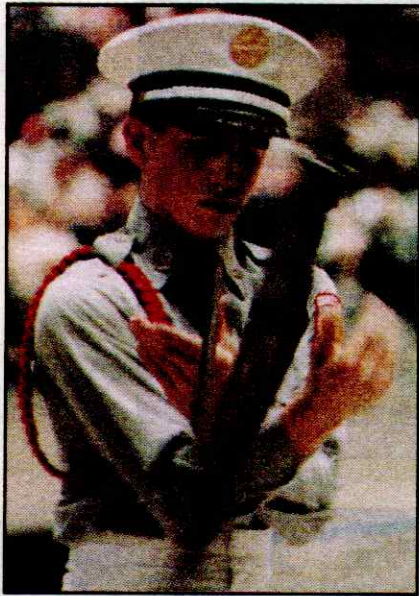
Palm Bay High School  
Palm Bay, Florida

Riverside Military Academy  
Gainesville, Georgia

Spenser High School  
Columbus, Georgia



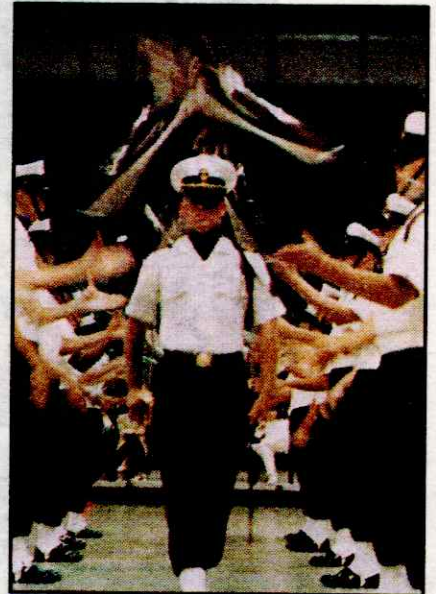




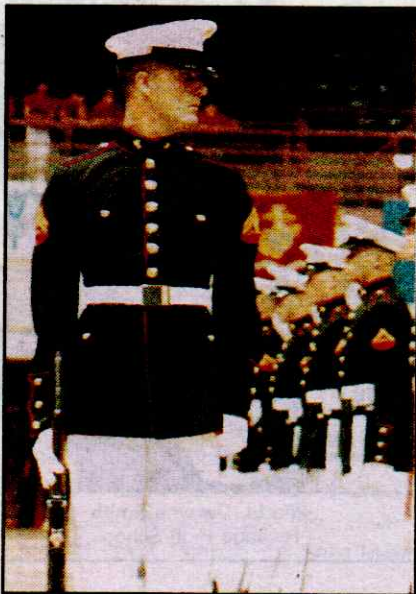
Guy Pennisi of La Salle Military Academy dazzles the crowd with his championship individual exhibition performance.



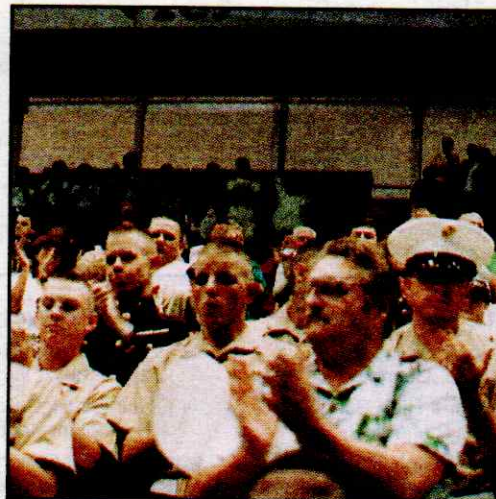
This precision and military bearing ensured Cedar Shoals High School of their Runner-Up National Championship in With Arms.



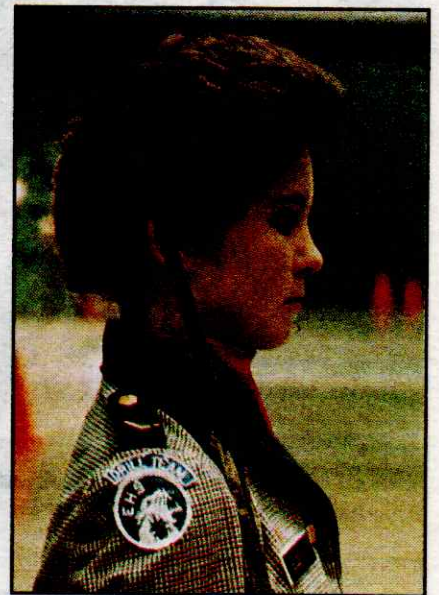
John Marshall High School's Cadet Commander marches through columns of spinning rifles in their 2nd place Platoon Exhibition routine.



The U.S. Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon epitomizes the level of excellence that every cadet strives to attain.



Thousands of spectators cheered on the Knockout Drills and USMC Silent Drill Platoon at the 6,000 seat Daytona Beach Ocean Center Arena.



Lea Bozeman of Enterprise High School displays the concentration necessary to excel at the Nationals.



# Drill Formation — Starting A Team From Scratch

The Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps is one of the strongest existing programs that currently benefits the nation's high schools. Designed to promote citizenship and discipline, and with an all-encompassing emphasis on the military sciences, the JROTC would appear to have completely satisfied the needs of all enrolled cadets.

On the surface it would seem improbable that a single program extension could add multiple dimensions and increase significantly the effectiveness of the entire JROTC program. But there does exist a single facet of the JROTC that has proven this accomplishment. This extension involves the formation of a precision drill team and can have many far-reaching benefits for your school, your JROTC program, and your cadets.

## BENEFITS TO THE SCHOOL

Just as the athletic department is supported through its' football, basketball, etc. teams, so will the drill team act as a focal point for the JROTC when the school interacts with the program. "At McKinley Tech High School in Washington D.C., the school has rallied around the drill team," said Sgt. Major Calvin Foster of the U.S. Army Cadet Command, High School Division, at Ft. Monroe, Virginia. "The Navy JROTC program there has been greatly benefited by their drill team. It gives the student body a good name."

At Cedar Shoals High School in Athens, Georgia, the Army JROTC drill team makes the school a better place for not only the cadets, but also for the student body as a whole. "We involve our drill unit in the community as much as possible. Parades, holiday celebrations, etc.," said Colonel Joe Byrd, instructor for the drill team. "We Also perform for the student body during assemblies. What we in the program would consider an average performance, the crowds who watch consider to be outstanding. We're around the performances so often, we tend to lose sight of how impressive the routines look to someone who may have never seen it before. It really makes the school look first-rate."

The drill team, not unlike all other extracurricular teams and activities, has not only a duty but also an obligation to

represent the school in the finest possible light. This responsibility will develop school spirit in the drill team's cadets and in turn, the school will have great pride for its' drill team.

## BENEFITS TO THE JROTC PROGRAM

"Nothing can increase the recruitment effort of your program more than a drill team," said Foster. "Being such a visible part of the program, people will talk about not only the drill unit, but the JROTC program in general and people will want to join. This type of enthusiasm can generate new life's blood into your JROTC program. In the long run, if it's overseen competently, it can't do anything but enhance the program. But it will take someone who cares and is concerned for the cadets."

Colonel Byrd takes this idea even further. "Not only does the drill team assist in recruitment, but the travel we do feeds our program. Our drill team is probably the most respected group in our school." "The spirit a drill team can give to your program is great," said Sgt. Hank Pomerance, instructor for the Navy JROTC at John Marshall High School in San Antonio, Texas. "There's no such thing as a bad drill team."

## BENEFITS TO THE CADETS

Colonel Byrd realized the personal benefits to a drill team cadet early on. "A precision drill unit represents all the things that the military tries to instill in its' cadets: discipline, hardwork, respect, dedication, and teamwork. It gives a sense of direction to a cadet; it gives them something to shoot for."

As an experienced drill instructor, Sgt. Pomerance agrees. "A drill team instills discipline. Not only the discipline of learning required movements, but also the discipline to train hard and work as a team. I believe this sense of loyalty, teamwork and esprit de corps is what it's all about."

"Being a member of a precision drill team gives cadets an identity within the school," said Foster. "They are part of something that is recognizable within the student body. It will bolster their self-esteem and self-worth."

## HOW TO GET STARTED

Once you have made the decision to undertake the formation of a drill team, there are many initial approaches to consider. Conventional wisdom sug-

gests that you begin the program slowly. "Find one or two good kids. Work with them over the summer if you can," suggests Colonel Byrd, describing his proven course of action. "Those cadets will become leaders and the drill team will have someone to look up to, to pattern themselves after. Also, you'll then have three people (the drill instructor and the two cadet leaders) that can teach the basics to the balance of the drill team."

"Start the drill team as an intramural activity after school. Stress the basic movements with very basic routines. Fancy uniforms aren't necessary," continued Byrd. "Get them ready to perform as soon as possible, but don't expect anything fancy the first year. Some teams try and wait until they get real good before they go out and compete. Their team will never be good that way. You have to go and face defeat and see what it feels like to lose in a tough drill meet. Only then will the team see and appreciate what it takes to be the best."

Although most drill teams take 2-4 years to become effective, there are always exceptions to this rule. With Arms defending National Champions, Crestwood High School began their drill team in September, 1986. 7 months and thousands of hours of practice later, Crestwood won their first National Championship. "I had a great group of cadets," said Major Robert Holt, instructor for Crestwood. "There were a few great leaders that really pulled things together."

Though Major Holt's modesty is overwhelming, history and his cadets paint a different picture. After showing well with his Campbell High School drill team the previous year, it was Holt's experience and enthusiasm that led Crestwood to its' two consecutive National Championships.

The actual approach that you take in forming your drill team will have to be based on the strengths and weaknesses of your existing JROTC program. The cadets you have and the time they are willing to devote to practice will establish the competitive direction that you take. But without question, what you as the drill instructor are prepared to put into the drill team is equal to the success that you will derive. The effort will be significant, but the rewards will be infinite. □



# A Balance of Mind and Flight

## Embry-Riddle soars as world's leader in aviation education

1988 saw the joining of forces between the National High School Drill Team Championships and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU). It was a match made in heaven (or at the very least, in the skies). Embry-Riddle's sponsorship of the Nationals was brought about by a meeting of the minds between Sports Network International (SNI), the event manager for the Nationals, and Mrs. Betty Campbell, Director of Recruitment and School Relations for ERAU. "Sports Network felt from the beginning that Embry-Riddle's shining reputation as an aviation university, and their location in Daytona Beach, would benefit the Nationals immeasurably," said Kip Horton, president of SNI.

Embry-Riddle's response to the sponsorship inquiries made by Sports Network was overwhelming. "I was very impressed when Sports Network proposed the sponsorship. I was interested in what they were doing for young people. As serious, dedicated students, they are what we're looking for at Embry-Riddle," said Mrs. Campbell. And what Embry-Riddle had to offer was just what Sports Network was looking for. As the world's premiere university for aviation, Embry-Riddle is in a stratosphere of its own.

Founded by barnstorming pilot John Paul Riddle and entrepreneur T. Hybee Embry, the Embry-Riddle Company opened in 1925 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Training over 25,000 pilots, mechanics, and aviation technicians of all kinds throughout World War II and beyond, Embry-Riddle's contribution to aviation history has become legendary. Commonly known as the "Harvard of the Skies," ERAU operates two campuses — the well-known Daytona Beach, Florida campus, and the 510-acre western campus in Prescott, Arizona. As the world's largest aeronautical university, currently enrolling over 13,000 students, Embry-Riddle continues to set the standard in aviation education.

Embry-Riddle is unique in that it is totally aviation-oriented. The environment that surrounds ERAU's students is full of the flavor and excitement of be-

ing joined by the entire student body into one club — the pursuit of flight. "I'm extremely proud of Embry-Riddle," said Mrs. Campbell. "And the aviation industry knows about Embry-Riddle . . . they seek out our students. That makes me proud."

The university can also boast that with the exception of the Air Force Academy, they have the country's largest Air Force ROTC detachment. With over 600 men and women, the Air Force ROTC program provides an even greater incentive for high school students trained in the military disciplines and interested in aviation. Embry-Riddle also has a very strong Army ROTC program that can include in its membership a National High School Drill Team Championships alumnus. Steven Briede, former cadet commander of the 1987-88 Marine Corps JROTC drill team from Holmes High School in Covington, Kentucky received the Army ROTC's highest scholarship and has chosen to attend Embry-Riddle in pursuit of his career in aviation.

"Any student interested in aviation should consider Embry-Riddle," said Mrs. Campbell. "Outside of the Air Force Academy, the aviation industry draws more flight positions from Embry-Riddle than any university in the country. And that's just the beginning. The students are helped a great deal by the Alumni program at ERAU. The Alumni are willing to devote their time and money to recruit our students."

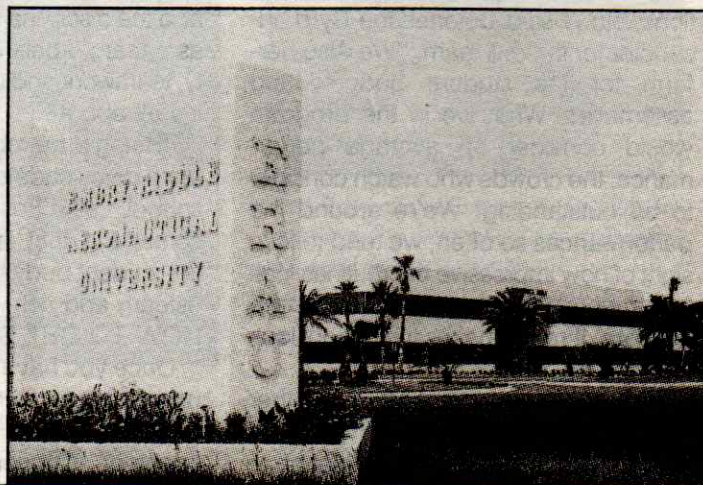
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University seeks to enroll students who have prepared themselves for the challenges of higher education by beginning to challenge themselves throughout high school. "The cadets (that compete at the Nationals) are so dedicated . . . that is the kind of quality student that we look for," commented Mrs. Campbell. Embry-Riddle's evaluation of the National's participants became even more substantiated follow-

ing their initial attendance to the 1988 Nationals.

"It's about the discipline that they have. You have to put in that much time and energy and devotion. What you put into it is what you get out of it. To be a winner you have to commit yourself," said Mrs. Campbell. The commitment and dedication that the National's competitors possess will give them a definitive collegiate edge. Developing the skill of balancing priorities, along with time management and the total dedication necessary to be a part of a championship drill team will set cadets off on the right pathway towards becoming a successful college student.

At the Awards Ceremony for the 1988 Nationals, Mrs. Campbell had the opportunity to meet and study the commitment of over 650 cadets. "I can see the hours of practice in the looks on their faces when they're receiving trophies . . . it's very American. It feels that it's part of what our country stands for — working together, team spirit," recalled Mrs. Campbell. "But even when other teams won, they hugged each other. I got caught up in the spirit. It makes you feel proud and I feel fortunate to be involved. I look forward to having them as our future leaders. And the people at Sports Network were a delight to work with. It's their caring for young people that comes through."

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's dedication to the Nationals is certain to be a long standing involvement. Their support will help the Nationals and its' cadets to soar higher, farther, and faster into the wild blue yonder that they know so well. □





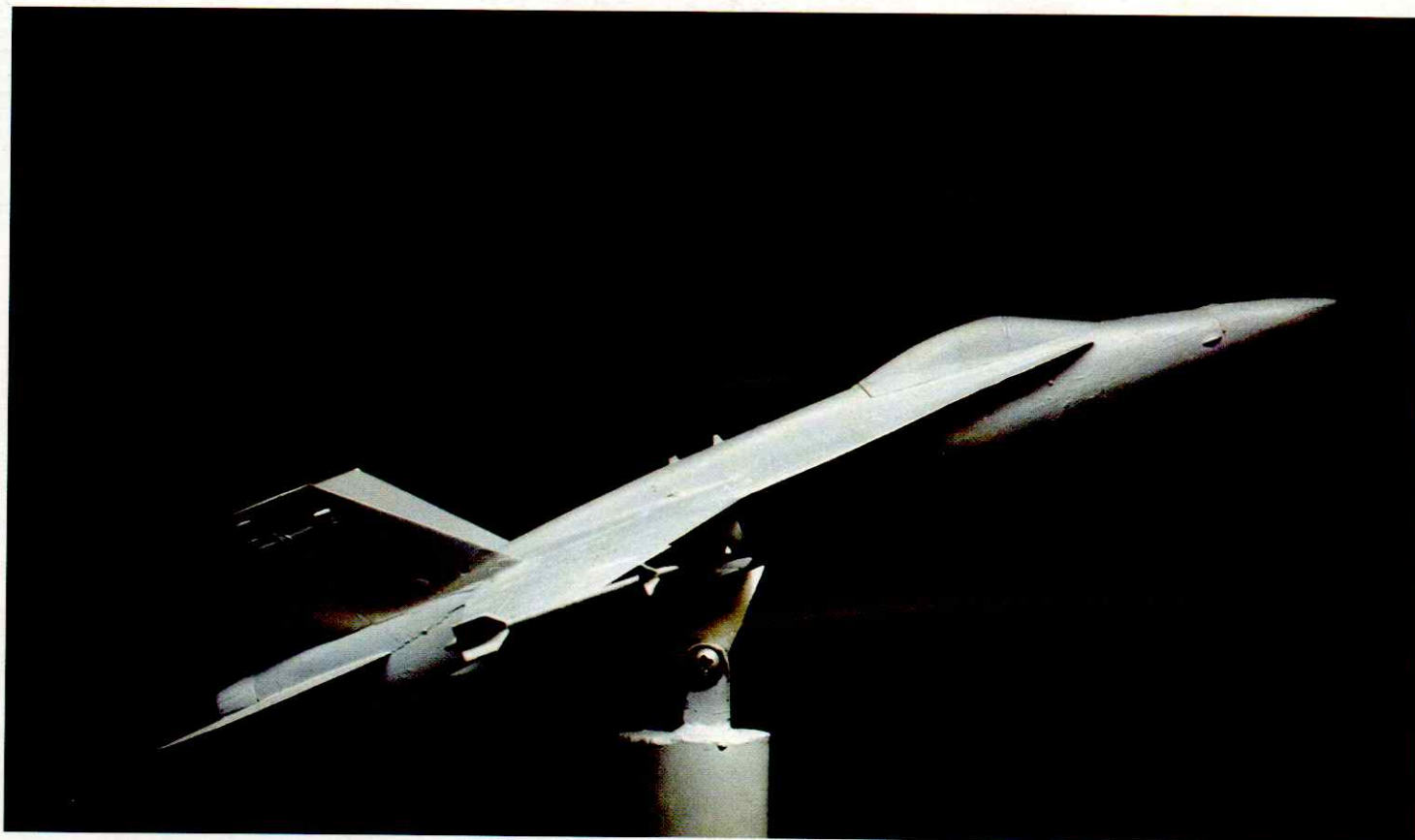


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