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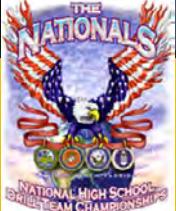
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Cadet Captain Isabelle Stanocheck proudly accepts the Division 1 Masters Armed Division National Championship trophy for The Woodlands College Park High School from Colonel Maurice O. Barnett, Deputy Commanding Officer for United States Army Cadet Command.

## MAGAZINE DEDICATION

With troop deployments that stretch across the globe, the 2022-23 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 former cadets 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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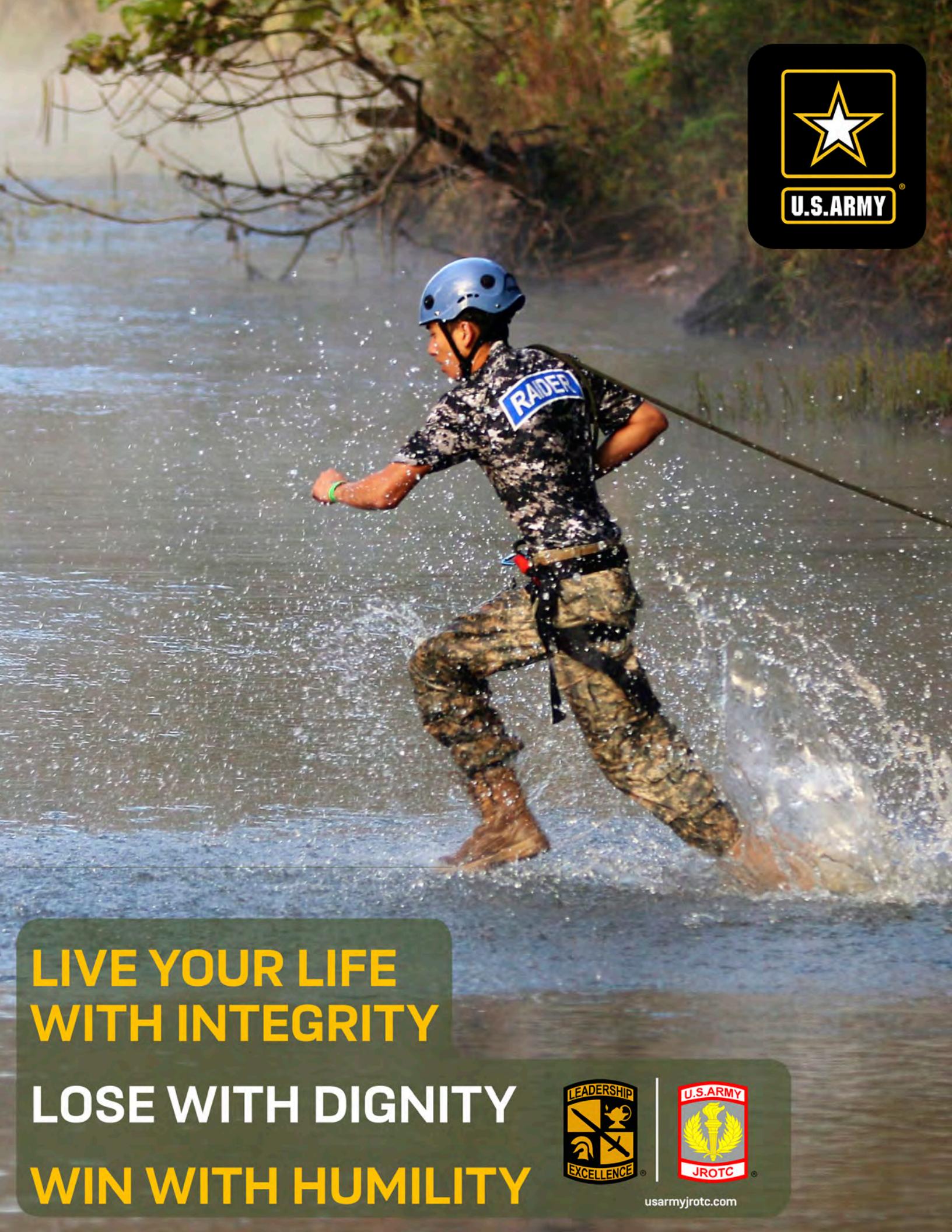
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# Raider Nationals Cadets Prove That **RAIDER** Just Lets Them Know They're Not **DEAD** Yet!

## 2022 Army JROTC National Raider Challenge Championships

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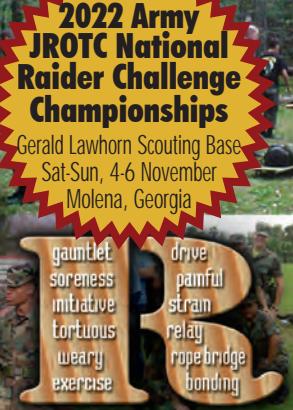
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With the extreme effects of the pandemic mostly in the rearview, the attendance for the Army Raider Nationals jumped from only 31 teams in February (the rescheduled 2020 event) to 75 teams in November of 2021. Masks were optional and spectators were encouraged. The competition was approaching "normal." You could feel the exhilaration from the cadets at being able compete again against their peers. The teams had been practicing for months and their diligence showed.

**FEMALE DIVISION:** Although Adairsville HS Lady Tigers from Adairsville, Georgia had dominated this division for years, last year's Runner-Up Leavenworth HS Lady Pioneers from Leavenworth, Kansas made sure there was no room for doubt that they were taking home the championship. They swept four out of the five events only falling to 2nd in CCR. This pushed the Adairsville Lady Tigers to the Runner-Up position as they took 2nd in PTT, Gauntlet, and Rope Bridge, 3rd in CCR and 4th in 5K. Osborne HS Lady Cardinals from Marietta, Georgia were just one placement point behind Adairsville with 1st in CCR, 3rd in PTT, 5K and Gauntlet, and 4th in Rope Bridge. With a very packed competition field in 2022, Leavenworth HS will need to fight hard to stay on top of the leaderboard.

**MIXED DIVISION:** With 29 teams in the hunt in the mixed division over only 15 last year, it was surprising that the top three teams stayed exactly the same. Ozark HS Mixed Team from Ozark, Missouri again took top honors with 1st in PTT, 2nd in CCR, 3rd in 5K and Gauntlet, and 5th in Rope Bridge being the only team with five trophy placements. Again in the overall Runner-Up position was North Fort Myers HS Red Knight Raiders from Florida who took home 1st in Rope Bridge, 2nd in Gauntlet and 4th in PTT and CCR but landing 6th in 5K. The SMA Mixed Eagles from Sarasota MA also from Florida again landed in the Third Overall spot with 1st in Gauntlet, 2nd in PTT and 5K, and 3rd in CCR. Competition will be fierce this November.

**MALE DIVISION:** The Male division is always extremely competitive with Rope Bridge times sometimes under two minutes and PTT times as low as three minutes which can make these teams extremely fun to watch. Teams have to practice HARD during the summer and fall. This year the Eagles A Team from Riverside Military Academy from Gainesville, Georgia found their way to the top even though they didn't place in all events (1st Rope Bridge, 2nd 5K & CCR, 4th Gauntlet). After being the Runner-Up last year, they came ready to fight. The Pioneers from Leavenworth HS was the only team to trophy in all five events (1st 5K, 3rd Rope Bridge, 5th PTT, Gauntlet, CCR) but came just two placement points shy of capturing the Overall Championship. Last year's champion Adairsville HS Tiger Price found themselves in Third Place Overall this year with 1st in Gauntlet and 3rd in PTT and CCR. Only slight misses in Rope Bridge (6th) and 5K (8th) kept them from a repeat win. These teams and many more are already poised to battle it out this November.

On Sunday morning individual Raider cadets fight for the bragging rights in the Ultimate Raider Competition where one male and one female from each team compete in a grueling run and obstacle course with 35 pound rucks. Only the strongest with the most stamina can win. This year Logan Dawson from George Rogers Clark HS took first place Male and Rebecca Pilcher from Sarasota MA took first for the Females.

The Raider Nationals are sponsored by U.S. Army Cadet Command and supported by the U.S. Army Recruiting Company Athens who served as judges for this unique and challenging event. Rutland HS MCJROTC unit and W.H. Harrison HS (AJROTC) worked very hard helping to set up the courses and serve as runners and staff. These volunteers make this event possible!

Things are changing in 2022 with the addition of a "Challenge Level" in the Army Raider Nationals allowing an additional 50 teams to compete and as of this writing, the competition field is completely full.

**The 2022 Raider Nationals has 170+ teams!**  
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# All-Service Raider Challenge Championships

## Molena, Georgia

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



Raider started as an Army JROTC event, but as the popularity grows, we are seeing more and more Air Force, Marine Corps, and Navy JROTC units participate in the All Service Raider competition. At the 2021 event, exactly half of the units were non-Army and over 30% of the trophies were captured by those teams. The trend continues as a full 60% of the upcoming 2022 event are units from the other three services.

### FEMALE DIVISION

The Lady Wolfpack (A) from Live Oaks HS from Milford, Ohio led the charge and could not be caught. They captured a 1st in 5K, Gauntlet, and Rope Bridge and a 2nd place in PTT. Close on their heels were the Ozark Ladies (A) from Ozark HS in Ozark, Missouri. These ladies took 1st in PTT, 2nd in Gauntlet and Rope Bridge, and 3rd in the 5K Mountain Run. The Lady Raiders (MC) from North Forsyth HS in Cummings, Georgia rounded out the top three and was the only other unit to place top five in all four events. They took 2nd in 5K, 3rd in PTT, 4th in Gauntlet, and 5th in Rope Bridge. With only eight total units in the female division, only the top three placements in each event received team trophies.

### MIXED DIVISION

This year was a bit different than in the past. Instead of all of the top five trophies being grouped together, placements were spread over more than half of the attending units. Only one team captured a top-five placement in all four events. The final battle came down to the Mixed Jays from Junction City HS (A) in Junction City, Kansas and Blue Springs South HS's Jaguars (AF) from Blue Springs, Missouri. The Jays took 1st in Rope Bridge and 3rd in PTT and 5K but 6th in Gauntlet while the Jaguars grabbed 2nd in PTT and Rope Bridge, 4th in 5K and 5th in Gauntlet. This had both teams tied with 13 placement points each – on to the tie-breaker. Junction City Jays took top honors by winning the most events leaving the Jaguars in the Runner-Up spot. Third place overall went to Hobart HS (A) from Hobart, Indiana (1st Gauntlet, 4th Rope Bridge, 5th PTT).

### MALE DIVISION

The Male division which is typically the largest and most competitive hosted two Army units, two Air Force units and one Marine Corps unit in the top five overall. When the scores were tallied, the Long Knives from George Rogers Clark HS (A) from Winchester, Kentucky were the clear winners. They took home 1st in Gauntlet, 3rd in PTT and 5th in Rope Bridge giving them the Championship trophy. Landing in the Runner-Up position were the Panthers from Perry HS (AF) from Perry, Georgia with 3rd in Rope Bridge, 4th in 5K, and 5th in Gauntlet. Third place overall went to the Etowah HS Eagles (AF) from Woodstock, Georgia as they took 2nd in PTT, 3rd in 5K and 4th in Gauntlet.

The All-Service Raider competition in 2022 will be held on Thursday, November 3rd as we add an extra day to the Army Raider Nationals and is completely full with teams queued on a waiting list in case slots become available. The competition and Raider as a sport is gaining amazing momentum.

Keep in mind that spectators are always welcome during the weekend in the hills of Georgia so feel free to join us to cheer on these amazing teenagers as they once again face the challenges presented by the All-Service Raider Challenge Championships.

**For more information and  
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Overcoming obstacles and hard work brought the dream home for three outstanding programs! Junction City High School Mixed Jays (Army-left) nabbed the Mixed Division Championship, George Rogers Clark High School - Long Knives (Army-center) took the Male Division Championship, Live Oaks High School Lady Wolfpack (Army-right) garnered the Female Division Championship.

# Daytona Beach Puts the FIT in the JROTC Fitness Nationals

Standing on the shores of the "World's Most Famous Beach" every year, watching the sunrise and knowing that cadets, instructors and parents will soon undertake something that will change their life, in victory or defeat. The memories from this event will be something each person carries with them forever. The event is so unique, so soul-capturing and so fitting to JROTC, it has no other ability but to remind us all of the planning, preparation, sweat, teamwork, complete effort, and dozens of other learned behaviors that really best epitomizes what Junior ROTC is all about.



\* 2023 COMPETITION DATE - SATURDAY 6 MAY - SUNNY DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA \*



Staying on the beach for event number two, the grueling Physical Team Test gets more difficult to plan for and execute every year. The half-mile jaunt through every form of obstacle remains a true test of planning, teamwork, strength, and stamina. Tunnels, medicine balls, tires, vaults, a giant maze, even deer sleds, in the Florida heat - make this beachside course as memorable as they come. The Haines City HS Hornets (A/Florida) took down the Male Division Championship, GMC Prep took the Mixed Division, and the Lady Mules from Alamo Heights HS (A/Texas) took first in the Female Division. The teams, parents and judges catch a lunch break as the event repositions into the Ocean Center for the three stationary events: Standing Broad Jump, Seated Power Throw, and Pull-ups/Flexed Arm-Hang.

In the Male Pull-ups, Alamo Heights Mighty Mules won the event by a single pull-up! Mixed Division uses the Pull-up / Flexed Arm Hang Combo where the Clarkrange HS Buffaloes (A/Tennessee) topped the field. The Female Flexed Arm Hang winner was Alamo Heights Lady Mules.

The Seated Power Throw is a huge crowd pleaser and the Male Division was a squeaker. Green HS Jocko Fueled (AF/Ohio) captured the title with a team total of 2,248.5 inches (almost 190 feet) yet won by only 3 inches! The Mixed Division was grabbed by the Prairie HS Iron Falcons (AF/Washington) and the Female Division was cleaned up by Flagler-Palm Coast Lady Bulldogs.

The final team event brought forth the Standing Broad Jump. Long an Olympic event, the stretch to gain every inch after a long day was evident on most every cadets' jump. Haines City HS Hornets powered to first in the Male Division with the Mixed Division won by Dr. Phillips HS PT Team (AF/Florida). The Female Division was won by the Montgomery Central Rampaging Indians #1 (A/Tennessee) team.

All schools reassembled early that evening for the raucous Awards Ceremony held at the glorious Ocean Center Arena where some of the most spectacular trophies ever made are given to the deserving cadets.

SNI hard-capped the event last year at 40 schools. With some modifications the event MAY be able to ramp to 45 teams this year. But these are HARD LIMITS and we do not "overbook" like an airline - when we hit the maximum, we accept no more teams as drops are rare! Therefore, if you believe that an entry in the Fitness Nationals would be a great test and boost to your JROTC program, GO TO THE WEBSITE NOW to look over the event, read through the regs, and maybe grab a competition slot before they are all gone!

The largest competition field in history brought 45 teams to the groomed shores of Daytona Beach. Several were "Raider without the Rope Bridge" teams attempting the Fitness event for the first time. They all looked at that soft sand and said, "Well, this will not FEEL like a 3k Team Run". Just to the boardwalk and back, that sand can be a punisher. Denver North Vikings (AF/Colorado) grabbed the Male Division, GMC Prep Bulldogs (A/Georgia) nailed down the Mixed Division, and Flagler-Palm Coast Lady Bulldogs (AF/Florida) powered to the win in the Female Division.



**Major General Johnny Davis**, Commanding General, U.S. Army Cadet Command and Fort Knox, delivered the keynote speech in front of the assembled cadets, instructors, parents and supporters at the Awards Ceremony for the JROTC Fitness Nationals. He also distributed the Overall Championship and Runner Up trophies.



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# U.S. Army Cadet Command JROTC National Drill Championships

*What Was Old Is New Again at the 2022 Army Championships*



Sports Network International (SNI) has hosted the Army Nationals in all its many iterations for 18 years, so we remember many feel-good stories from years past. Decades ago, powerful Army teams from San Antonio, Texas littered the stage at many national competitions practically sucking the oxygen and trophies out of the room. “Can’t we make a separate division for San Antonio” more than one instructor exasperatedly wrote to SNI during the siege. This forced other teams to up their game and get much better. New dynasties pushed out much of the San Antonio crowd over time and more voices were called to the trophy stage in the many years that followed. However, 2022 brought back several spirits from the past – and it warmed the hearts of many.

In the Unarmed Division, ten time past-National Champion Theodore Roosevelt High School Riderettes (Texas) resurrected excellence and gained the Overall Division Championship over 40 total schools. They trophied in Exhibition (1st), Inspection (2nd), and Regulation (4th) giving them plenty of points to gain the lofty finish. Ridge Community High School Lady Bolts (North Carolina) surprised many gaining the Unarmed Overall Runner-up title despite winning only one trophy, a coveted first-place trophy in the ultra-competitive Color Guard competition.

3rd Place Overall Thomas Jefferson High School Crimson Brigade (Texas) placed 3rd in Color Guard and 5th in Exhibition. 4th Place Overall North Miami Beach Sr. High School Lady Chargers (Florida) grabbed 2nd in Regulation and Exhibition, and 5th in Inspection. Rounding out the top five were the Lady Vikings from North Salem High School (Oregon) with 1st in Regulation and 4th in Exhibition.

In the Armed Division, scoring was tight. But watching the floor all day, one got a sense that one of the greatest dynasties in JROTC drill was resurrecting the power that saw them DOMINATE drill in the 1960s and 1970s all over again. Central Catholic High School Chaminade Guard (Texas – 1st in Color Guard, 2nd in Regulation) regained some past glory and achieved the Overall Division Championship over 40 total schools. So awe-inspiring in their heyday, the unit was inducted into the Nationals Drill Hall of Fame! Theodore

Roosevelt High School (Texas) earned the Armed Overall Runner-up title. The San Juan Guard drill team grabbed 1st place in Regulation, 2nd place in Exhibition and 3rd place in Inspection.

3rd Place Overall were the Golden Talons from Airport High School (South Carolina – 1st Inspection, 5th in Regulation & Color Guard); 4th Place Overall Marmion Academy Flannigan Rifles (Illinois – 2nd Inspection, 4th in Regulation, 3rd in Exhibition); and 5th Place Overall Missouri Military Academy Armed Fusileers (Missouri – 3rd in Regulation).

All teams gathered for the Awards Ceremony in the beautiful Ocean Center Arena as Command Sergeant Major Daniel T. Hendrex, CSM of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, gave an inspiring keynote speech congratulating everyone for surviving the last two years and fighting hard to pull their teams back together making a strong comeback this year.

The “Army Nationals” is without parallel the largest and finest collection of single-service drill excellence event maintained. Each year, roughly 1,700 performing cadets are amassed to compete in a world-class venue with static military displays, college booths, sales vendors and other items make this entire day something special.

Being held the day prior to the famous “Grand Nationals”, the National High School Drill Team Championships, the international World Drill Championships, the beach-fest All-Service Fitness Nationals, teams often compete in more than one event when making the trip to the Army Nationals. To see complete results for the Army Nationals weekend, go to the official homepage for the event at: <https://thenationals.net/army-nationals.htm>.

Being a part of this event it simply is something that must be experienced to describe. If your school wants to be a part of this drill & ceremony spectacular, set Friday, May 5th aside on your school calendar and contact your Brigade IMMEDIATELY to see what it will take to have you on the floor at this once-in-a-lifetime JROTC Weekend of Excellence!



*CSM Daniel T. Hendrex, CSM of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command presented the Runner Up and Overall trophies to the deserving teams. Pictured (left top) are the Armed Overall Champions, Central Catholic HS Chaminade Guard and (left bottom) the Unarmed Overall Champions, Theodore Roosevelt HS Riderettes.*



## 2023 U.S. ARMY CADET COMMAND NATIONAL DRILL CHAMPIONSHIPS



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National Western Complex - Denver, Colorado  
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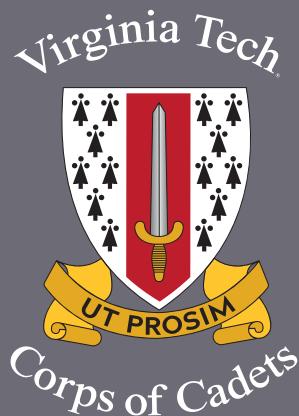


While other services are remaining status quo or even reducing units, U.S. Army Cadet Command is increasing the number of Junior ROTC programs. Many of these programs will be found in the western United States. So what does USACC Headquarters do? They support the massive expansion of an existing high quality Denver meet to better service schools in the Western USA and all points west! **See the Hill, Take the Hill!**

The **Rocky Mountain Invitational Drill Classic** has a new name and a renewed focus, to give ALL-SERVICE drill programs in the Western USA (and even DODDS schools farther west) a first-class, high-visibility, destination meet that the cadets, parents and instructors will remember for a long time. Within those parameters, everyone is invited and the "**ROCKY MOUNTAIN CLASSIC**" we believe has the potential to become something special for all teams in the western part of the JROTC Universe!

This meet is going to be primarily filled with teams that are solid in drill and some that are still learning every year. They are climbing the mountain of success and what better place in the Western USA than at the Rocky Mountain Classic? Say you want to climb Pike's Peak? See the Air Force Academy? See a concert at Red Rock? Go to the Denver Zoo? Take a few hours at the Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum? There is so much to do in & around Denver it makes attending this meet a great drill meet AND a great year-end trip for your team!

The meet is patterned from the scoresheets and SOP of the All-Service NHS DTC Nationals in Daytona Beach, Florida so drill cards are universal. The website for the Rocky Mountain Classic is under transition currently but for the details on how your program can attend this meet, please go to the current homepage at: <https://sites.google.com/ffc8.org/rockymountainnationals>.



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# Off We Go, Into the Wild Blue ... Nutter Center



"When everything seems to be against you, remember that an airplane takes off against the wind, not with it." - Henry Ford

*Air Force JROTC units around America were pumped for the return of the 2022 Air Force JROTC Open Nationals after a two-year "against the wind" Covid pause. With many teams still not maintaining all the bullets in their gun, teams were still eager to put together what they had, strap it up tight, and get back on the competition floor.*

*Held annually at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio in the shadows of the largest and finest Air Force museum in the world directly adjacent to Wright-Patterson AFB, the event has the venue, the surroundings and the teams to make magic happen every year! The Nutter Center welcomed back these AFJROTC cadets with open arms after two years but it was like many teams had never missed a beat!*

*A shotgun start in every drill area makes the day go from 0 to 60 in no time! Scoresheets begin streaming into the Tabulation Center almost immediately after the first crack of rifles hitting the concrete in Armed Exhibition or unfurling of colors in Color Guard.*

*Overlooking the lower bowl drill deck at the Air Force JROTC Open, the inspection areas give the privacy, sound barrier and "pucker factor" needed for a truly memorable inspection event. The Armed Inspection event was topped by O'Fallon Township HS Armed Panthers (Illinois), West Aurora HS Thunder Rifles (Illinois), and taking 3rd Place, Waller High School Warhawks (Texas). On the Unarmed side, Springboro HS Panthers (Ohio) convincingly took the top spot, followed by the Beavercreek HS B-2 Bombers (Ohio) in a tie breaker over the John Bowne HS Wildcats (New York).*

*Regulation Drill on the main floor was hugely competitive. Beavercreek HS Armed B-1 Bombers grabbed 1st place, followed by West Aurora HS, then the Jeffersonville HS Red Devils (Indiana). On the Unarmed side, Waller HS Phantoms convincingly powered to 1st, followed by the Jefferson HS Red Dragons (Georgia) and the Newburgh Free Academy Screaming Eagles (New York).*

*The patriotic Color Guard event always impresses and often determines the top overall finishers. Armed Division of Color Guard was razor close and won by always-impressive Jefferson HS Black Dragons, followed by Beavercreek HS and West Aurora HS nabbing 3rd place (just 3 points out of FIRST!). The Unarmed Division side of the event was close as well with Waller HS powering to 1st, Bellevue West HS Silent Sentry Drill Team (Nebraska) taking 2nd place and Beavercreek HS gaining the 3rd place.*

*The Rockstars of the JROTC Republic, the Exhibition drill teams did not disappoint as crowds stood at the railing of the arena all day to watch team after team dazzle the obviously impressed judges. On the Armed side, Jefferson HS convincingly took the top spot, followed by Waller HS with Springfield Central HS Central Guard (Massachusetts) sneaking in for an impressive 3rd place. On the Unarmed side of the house, top finishers all day added to their trophy mass with Waller HS outclassing the field for 1st place, Jefferson HS putting away a 2nd place and West Aurora HS taking care of business for 3rd place.*

*The fixed, raised seating at the closed end of the arena provides a fantastic venue for the Awards Ceremony. Having Chief Wayne Barron attend and speak to the cadets was a special treat. Chief Barron was recently inducted in the Nationals Drill Hall of Fame for a lifetime of work both as an AFJROTC instructor and as AFJROTC Regional 7 Director. His message to the cadets about the importance of shutting things down during Covid but then ROARING BACK was inspirational and really pumped up the crowd before the trophies started flying off the table.*

*Usually winning two events of the four GUARANTEES an overall championship but West Aurora High School Thunder Rifles showed an overall strength gaining two 2nd, a 3rd, and a 4th to win the Overall Armed Championship over the powerful Jefferson High School Black Dragons who won the Armed Color Guard and Exhibition events. On the Unarmed side, Waller High School Phantoms winning three of the four events left no doubt gaining the Overall Unarmed Championship over the dangerous Jefferson High School Red Dragons who gaining the Overall Runner-up crown in BOTH DIVISIONS!*

*Solo & Dual events were also held on the Armed side, while dual events on the Unarmed side were crowd-pleasers as well, along with a spirited Knockout Drill. For complete, top-to-bottom scores in everything held during the AF Open Drill Weekend, look at the complete scoring guides on the weblink to the homepage shown below.*

*Mid-March in 2023 will again bring back many of the nation's best Air Force JROTC cadets for this venerable Air Force JROTC Open event. Dozens of teams have already registered and spaces will be limited. Think about bringing an Armed or Unarmed team to the event today. Go to the home of the AFJROTC Open Drill on-line to read the invitation, the event SOP, or even register to hold your competition space:*

<https://thenationals.net/af-nationals.htm>

# 2022 USMC JROTC Drill Championships

## Dress Blue Devil Dogs Destroy the Drill Deck at the Marine Corps Nationals

*"The Marines have landed, and the situation is well in hand." - Richard Harding Davis*



Marines drill. It's what they do. It's in their DNA. This is why Covid hit this service harder than most. Opting to shut down their 2020 and 2021 Championships due to Covid early on in the decision process left their schools with an emptiness. It is hard to practice with no real direction nor support, they had a drifting despondence. Talking with them on the phone, it was like their best friend had moved away and they didn't know when they would see them again.

But Spring of 2022, the Marine Corps JROTC roared back to full speed like two burly Marines coming down the path at the Parris Island Octagon! The Regional Directors had the same drill passion and pushed their three finest drill programs from each of the four Marine Corps Regions to Daytona Beach, Florida which was the temporary home of the Nationals and despite a scheduling issue that kept two deserving teams home, the drill floor was smoking after two years of pent-up competition fury with ten fantastic representatives of Marine Corps excellence! What an honor for Sports Network International to be a part of this historic and exciting event.

The "Marine JROTC Nationals" begins as always with the venerable Team Inspection event. Cadets lined by school at double-armed interval forward marching into the jaws of waiting active-duty Marines. After a short repositioning break, the Color Guard, Armed & Unarmed Basic, and Armed & Unarmed Exhibition began as dress blues were impressing at every turn.

As the scores began to generate from the clipboard holding, hawk-eyed Marines, it became apparent that six schools were distancing themselves from the field. Sixth place overall to third place was separated by less than two percent of the overall score! Ben Davis HS from Indianapolis, Indiana (6th Overall, 1st Unarmed Basic, 3rd Armed Exhibition) and Clearwater HS from Clearwater, Florida (5th Overall, 1st Inspection, 2nd Color Guard, 3rd Unarmed Basic) grabbed top finishes to buoy their overall strength. Mountain View

HS (Stafford, Virginia) and Brenham HS (Brenham, TX) took a path of overall strength by placing in the top five during five of the six total team events without winning any single event. However, two schools powered away from the pack to make things clear in the end.

South Iredell HS (Troutman, North Carolina) and Caprock HS (Amarillo, Texas) took the event by the throat and both were on a path of excellence that would come down to the final events for each. South Iredell historically excels in the regulation side of the house and 2022 was no exception as they captured first place in both Armed Basic and Color Guard. Caprock's versatile attack was paced by wins in both Armed & Unarmed Exhibition, as well as 2nd place finishes in two events (Inspection and Unarmed Basic). This additional lofty finish gave the cadets from Caprock the overall numbers to power past South Iredell and capture the Overall Championship for the 2022 Marine Corps JROTC National Drill Championship.

All cadets, instructors and parents moved across the street to the historic Daytona Beach Peabody Auditorium where the Col. Robert Oltman, Director MCJROTC was on-hand personally to present the trophies to the winning schools. Standing on the stage, Colonel Oltman's message hit home as he praised the cadets, their support staffs and the parents for their years of work through the world-wide adversity no one had faced in generations. He thanked those who made the event possible and all departed with a sense of normalcy that had been missing for far too long.

The 2023 USMC JROTC Nationals chase kicks off as the Marines move their championship to deeply historic Fredericksburg, Virginia in the shadows of the USMC JROTC Headquarters at Quantico and the nearby Nation's Capital. Teams are eagerly preparing and everyone is looking forward to being in a great new home of this exciting competition. For full details, go to the online home of the event:

<https://thenationals.net/mc-main.htm>

**Caprock High School poses with their Overall Championship Trophy along with five event trophies.**





# NAVY NATIONALS

## ACADEMIC, ATHLETIC & DRILL CHAMPIONSHIP



*The first year back to an in-person competition after the Covid-19 pandemic, the cadets, instructors, spectators, and Area Managers were more than ready. This Navy Nationals event was truly spectacular for everyone!*

The JROTC seas like all others have been a choppy Covid mess, like watching Oscar floating around during a man-overboard drill on a Cruiser (ask a sailor). But Navy JROTC HQ was vastly ahead of the curve in keeping their programs safe yet as normal as could happen during a worldwide pandemic. Even with a change of personnel at the HQ, the events had a continuity going from virtual to live that yielded a calm during something that could have been very stormy. The Navy JROTC Headquarters decided to continue their academic, athletic and drill championship in an on-line virtual format in 2021, keeping the competition appetite alive for teams and cadets! Wonderfully, the 2022 event was back on track, LIVE and ELECTRIC at the annual home of this amazing all-around test of JROTC excellence in NAS Pensacola, Florida.

A record 27 schools nominated from the multiple Navy Area Managers came together to compete. Some with a myriad of hurdles that needed to be overcome, one could make the argument this was the most impressive overall meet ever held in this historic arena. The NJROTC Area Managers worked extremely hard both before and during the competition to give all of the cadets a great Navy weekend. They are among the hardest working people in the drill world on game day!

In the layout that has become customary at the Navy Nationals, the high-pressure Uniformed Personnel Inspection started Friday morning extremely early for those unlucky first draws. Familiar names dominated with 2021 National Champion Pace HS (Florida), Nease HS (Florida), and Gaither HS (Florida) bringing the Florida "boom" earning top finishes (2022 UPI 1st through 3rd respectively). Every cadet on the bus to Pensacola on your team stands the inspection so even your biggest academic mind, your fastest athletic runner, and your proudest Color Guard cadets "stand before the man" (or woman!)

Then each team peeled off four cadets who harnessed up and moved directly across the hangar to execute Color Guard competition. Grabbing top honors was again Pace HS, along with western powers Troy HS (California), Centennial HS (Nevada) and Colts Neck HS (New Jersey) 1st through 4th respectively.

Teams then hurriedly began throwing on athletic gear to ready for their athletic afternoon. Flowing from indoors to outdoors on the grass for curl-ups then push-ups, this exciting display is always a huge crowd pleaser. Colts Neck HS powered their curl-ups up teams to a top finish, followed by always-tough Shawnee Mission North HS (Kansas) and Green Run HS (Virginia). When push-up counts were totalled, Pace HS grabbed 1st place, with Troy 2nd place and Nease HS 3rd place topping the standings.

Then, closing out athletics was the exciting 4 heats of the 16-person Shuttle Relay Run. After a bit of last-minute site selection changes were undertaken, the human bullets began to fly back and forth to the cheering of hundreds. Generally, Florida schools DOMINATE the runs and 2022 had the Sunshine State grab both 1st (Nease) and 2nd (Pace) with first-time attendee Peachtree Ridge HS from Georgia grabbing an impressive 3rd place.

Moved back indoors tired and a bit sunburned, the Team Academic Exam closed out day one with Gaither HS topping the field with Pace HS and Troy HS close behind. A long day one gave competitors a short night sleep before drill finalized the competition on day two.

The Armed & Unarmed Basic, as well as Armed & Unarmed Exhibition Drill completed the competition which ended up putting Pace HS, Troy HS, and Shawnee Mission North HS at the top of the leader board for the Overall Drill trophies. As the competition drew to a close, the teams got ready for the closing night Awards Ceremony at the Naval Aviation Museum nearby. Complete top-to-bottom scoring to include all events, as well as individual placements in athletics are found on the Navy Nationals website (<https://thenationals.net/navynats.htm>).

A beautiful night set the stage for guest speaker Rear Admiral Peter A. Garvin, Commander, Naval Education and Training Command, was greeted with a beautiful sunset outside and a standing ovation inside after he was piped aboard! His inspiring speech gave recognition of the teams and especially the cadets, as well as providing solid life advice to these deserving cadets.

Justin Gates of Sports Network then stepped forward to announce the winners of each trophy and the emotions and tensions were high and when the final announcement was made, Pace HS turned the room into pandemonium as they were announced the overall 2022 Navy Nationals Championships.

What a weekend, what an event! And we do it all again the first weekend in April in 2023 on the shores of beautiful Pensacola, Florida.

## 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

### ACADEMICS

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Gaither HS
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Pace HS
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Troy HS
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Green Run HS
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Nease HS

### DRILL

Champion - Pace HS  
Runner-up - Troy HS  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Shawnee Mission N HS

### ATHLETICS

Champion - Colts Neck HS  
Runner-up - Pace HS  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Nease HS

### OVERALL EVENT

Champion: Pace HS  
Runner-Up: Troy HS  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Nease HS  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Green Run HS  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Gaither HS

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# NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DRILL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

## 2022 EVENT

As the largest and most widely known Junior ROTC drill & ceremony competition in the nation, change can come painfully slow in the eyes of some at the National High School Drill Team Championships. That said, looking over the decades, "The Nationals" has led the way in many areas. Not since the addition of the Challenge Level concept in the mid-1990's has the event undergone the major changes that occurred in 2022. Feedback is in and the overall feeling is it has been a home run!

These changes included consolidating the event to maintain one high visibility, glorious awards ceremony filled with the grandeur befitting teams attending this historic event, moving from two competition levels to three levels allowed more teams to compete against teams closer in standing to their own strength, thereby giving more schools that "edge of your seat" experience when the final results are presented.

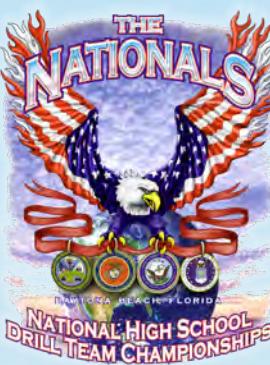
Combining the event divisions and having the entire competition over two days allows all schools access to enter the world-renowned solo & dual competition. Though not part of the overall scoring, this high-visibility facet of the event is a giant crowd pleaser. It also allows access for schools to witness the greatest gathering of solo drill talent ever – the World Drill Championships. These post-high school drillers maintain the passion for creative competition drill. Seeing their efforts annually does nothing but make the entire JROTC weekend even more special. Combine this with the venerable and popular Open Level Color Guard competition maintaining upwards of 30 units annually.

In light of the unnerving worldwide pandemic that gripped everyone and everything for the previous two years, the changes implemented at The Nationals helped to make the event more special in several ways. The egalitarian concept of lifting up ALL CADETS in one larger event regardless of their skills on the drill floor, giving them a bigger stage to shine at all levels, played well with a nation and a JROTC community trying to get back to a better sense of normalcy. And the future looks bright moving forward!

IN 2022, the Division 1 (D1-Masters), Division 2 (D2-Advanced) and Division 3 (D3-Basic) concept made an exciting score tabulation table through the weekend! It also for the first time allowed a better score comparison between schools at all levels within the entire scope of attending teams.

### Division 3 Basic

In the D3 Basic Level Armed Division, Harlingen HS from Harlingen, Texas CRUSHED the competition in runaway fashion. The Black Guard team won three of the four team events and grabbed a 2nd place finish in Regulation drill, beaten in Regulation by West Creek HS Coyote Guard. Xavier HS grabbed the Overall Division Runner-up finish with Dunedin HS Falcon Navy finishing strong in 3rd place overall. In the Unarmed side of the house, three schools finished within 1% of each other. West Creek HS Coyote Pride from Tennessee (1st-Inspection), Enloe HS Blue Diamonds of North Carolina (1st-Team Exhibition) and Abraham Lincoln HS of Colorado (1st-Regulation & Color Guard) each spread the wealth winning specific events setting up a furious race to the top. When the calculators waived the white flag, the Stinging Lynx of Abraham Lincoln HS had won the Overall Unarmed D3 Championship by just 28 points out of 4,800!



**Division 3 Champions**

### Division 2 Advanced

In the D2 Advanced competition, the Armed side had a clear champion and three schools fighting for runner-up. The Phoenix Drill Team from William J. Brennan HS (Texas) overruled the field grabbing 1st in both Team Inspection and Exhibition and just as importantly 2nd in both Regulation and Color Guard to produce the overall strength needed to take home the biggest hardware. Long-time assassins Airport HS Golden Talons (S. Carolina) grabbed 1st in Regulation and 2nd in Inspection and nailed down the Overall Runner-up crown with Ringgold HS Tiger Guard (Georgia) narrowly eking out an overall 3rd



**Division 2 Champions**

# DRILL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS



## HIGHLIGHTS

place over Ridge Community HS Striking Bolts (Florida) despite the RCHS win in Color Guard competition. On the Unarmed side, clear lines were drawn as the John Paul Stevens HS Silver Legion (Texas) drill team powered to the top winning Inspection, Regulation and Exhibition events! Bob Jones HS Blue Knights won the Color Guard event and got just enough points to take the Unarmed Runner-up title over the venerable Queen's Guard drill team from Winston Churchill HS (Texas) who finished in 3rd place.

### Division 1 Masters

The D1 Armed competition proved to be the closest overall finish in the 40+ year history of the National High School Drill Team Championships. Nine schools finished within roughly 100 points of the winner out of 4,800 total points available. Central Catholic HS Chaminade Guard (Texas) brought back past glory storming in to win the Exhibition event and gaining 3rd place overall over the Missouri Military Academy Armed Fusileers. Thomas Jefferson HS Crimson Guard (Texas) parlayed three top five event finishes into an Overall Runner-up title and The Woodlands College Park HS Green Horns (Texas) in their first appearance at the Nationals grabbed a Regulation first place and held on tight to win the overall Armed Division title by EIGHT POINTS! This is the first time a Marine Corps JROTC team has won the Masters Level Armed title in decades and in their first year attending! The D1 Unarmed Division was "One, Two, Three TEXAS!"



as the Brandeis HS Blue Aces continued their domination of the division they have owned for several years by grabbing another overall Championship. William J. Brennan HS Blue Elite

served notice they are ready to storm the castle grabbing a top three finish in EVERY team event. The Riderettes from Theodore Roosevelt HS grabbed 1st place in Exhibition AND Regulation but a tough finish in Color Guard left these proud ladies in 3rd place overall.

The awards ceremony on Saturday evening was filled with excitement from over 2,000 cadets, instructors, parents and supporters in attendance. Colonel Maurice O. Barnett, Deputy Commanding Officer for United States Army Cadet Command gave an inspiring speech giving incredibly helpful advice to the cadets as they navigate preparing themselves not only for national competitions but for life itself.

Full scores for every event, along with team photos and more are available for download and review at the NHSDTC website <https://thenationals.net/nhsdtc.htm>). Congratulations to all attendees as the 2022 event was ground-breaking in so many ways!



Division 1 Champions

## NHSDTC OPEN LEVEL COLOR GUARD HIGHLIGHTS

### Alaska shines during the always tough Open Level Color Guard Competition

The Open Level Color Guard event is open to any unit regardless of talent level and typically attracts between 30-40 teams. The Wolves, an Air Force JROTC team from Eagle River High School in Eagle River, Alaska travelled 4600 miles to attend and dominated by besting the nearest competitor by 60 points awarding them the First Place trophy. The remaining teams filling out the top five were within 37 points of one another. Capturing second place were the Panthers from Perry HS in Perry, Georgia (Air Force). Tulsa Memorial HS's Charger Gold (Army) from Tulsa, Oklahoma landed in third place with the Silver Talons from Enid HS in Enid, Oklahoma taking home fourth. Rounding out the top five were the Airedale Pride from Alma HS in Alma, Arkansas (Navy). The Open Level Color Guard event always have extremely tough competition and this year was no exception. Congratulations to the deserving teams taking home hardware. See you next year!





# 2022 National High School Drill Team Championships

## Attending Schools - All Levels



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<b>AIRPORT High School</b> Army JROTC West Columbia, S Carolina	<b>DUNEDIN High School</b> Navy JROTC Dunedin, Florida	<b>JOLIET WEST High School</b> Army JROTC Joliet, Illinois	<b>PERRY High School</b> Air Force JROTC Perry, Georgia	<b>THOMAS JEFFERSON High School</b> Army JROTC Denver, Colorado	<b>WILLIAM J BRENNAN High School</b> Air Force JROTC San Antonio, Texas
<b>ALAMO HEIGHTS High School</b> Army JROTC San Antonio, Texas	<b>EAGLE RIVER High School</b> Air Force JROTC Eagle River, Alaska	<b>JONES COUNTY High School</b> Army JROTC Gray, Georgia	<b>RAE High School</b> Air Force JROTC Vancouver, Washington	<b>THOMAS JEFFERSON High School</b> Army JROTC San Antonio, Texas	<b>WINSTON CHURCHILL High School</b> Army JROTC San Antonio, Texas
<b>ALMA High School</b> Navy JROTC Alma, Arkansas	<b>EAST AURORA High School</b> Navy JROTC Aurora, Illinois	<b>KAREN WAGNER High School</b> Army JROTC San Antonio, Texas	<b>READING High School</b> Marine Corps JROTC Reading, Pennsylvania	<b>TULSA MEMORIAL High School</b> Army JROTC Tulsa, Oklahoma	<b>XAVIER High School</b> Army JROTC New York, New York
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<b>BLYTHEWOOD High School</b> Army JROTC Blythewood, S Carolina	<b>ENLOE High School</b> Army JROTC Garner, N Carolina	<b>LEAVENWORTH High School</b> Army JROTC Leavenworth, Kansas	<b>RONALD REAGAN High School</b> Army JROTC San Antonio, Texas	<b>WANDO High School</b> Air Force JROTC Mount Pleasant, S Carolina	
<b>BOB JONES High School</b> Air Force JROTC Madison, Alabama	<b>FERN CREEK High School</b> Marine Corps JROTC Louisville, Kentucky	<b>MANSFIELD High School</b> Army JROTC Mansfield, Texas	<b>SAM HOUSTON High School</b> Army JROTC San Antonio, Texas	<b>WARE COUNTY High School</b> Army JROTC Waycross, Georgia	
<b>BRACKENRIDGE High School</b> Army JROTC San Antonio, Texas	<b>G.C. SCARBOROUGH High School</b> Army JROTC Houston, Texas	<b>MARMION Academy</b> Army JROTC Aurora, Illinois	<b>SEBASTIAN RIVER High School</b> Navy JROTC Sebastian, Florida	<b>WAUKEGAN High School</b> Army JROTC Waukegan, Illinois	
<b>BRADFORD High School</b> Army JROTC Starke, Florida	<b>GEN BEN O. DAVIS High School</b> Air Force JROTC Houston, Texas	<b>MISSOURI MILITARY Academy</b> Army JROTC Mexico, Missouri	<b>SOUTHWOOD High School</b> Army JROTC Shreveport, Louisiana	<b>WEST CREEK High School</b> Army JROTC Clarksville, Tennessee	
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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 Spring, 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 at the National High School Drill Team Championships.

## 2022 Drill Hall of Fame Inductee

### 1SG James Tadyeski and the Maroon Knights Drill Team

With just over 21 years in active duty, U.S. Army 1SG James Tadyeski made a solid transition to civilian life. He has countless stories of his job in the civilian world working at an FBO airport on the west coast of the Florida peninsula. But he knew two things. He missed the structured environment the military provided and he knew he had the passion and knowledge to teach young adults. And with that, a JROTC legend was born in the rural area of Grant High School Army JROTC in Dry Prong, Louisiana.



NOBODY personified the passion to learn and teach with an exacting nature more than "1SG T". He read, he asked questions, he knew a ton as a 1SG from the Old Guard but he soon DEVoured the Field Manual! "By being in The Old Guard, it forces you to pay attention to detail and the little things. The little things are what count in the overall success of a unit or organization down the road. Plus the focus on precision and excellence in your daily duties as a soldier." stated 1SG Tadyeski. The Army manual and the event SOP were the standards and his teams were ALWAYS prepared knowing every rule, every competition area and every nuance as well or better than the people putting on the meet themselves. It is what propelled this Maroon Knight drill team to excellence on and off the drill floor.



In the Spring of 2010 in the Alamo Dome in San Antonio, Texas. the biggest of the bigs had assembled to compete in the U.S. Army JROTC Western Drill Championships. A well disciplined little team without a lot of flash were competing with a crispness that turned heads. And when the awards ceremony came, "Maroon Guard-Grant High School" was called winning high awards in Inspection, Regulation and Color Guard. Every time, people were whispering back and forth creating almost a buzz with their few dozen parents clapping wildly. Finally, when the Overall Armed Division Championship was called for Grant High School, that overall whisper became a few people actually asking, "Who the HELL is Grant High School?"

The Grant High School Maroon Knights Armed Drill Team soon was known to all across America. They DOMINATED the Army Championships year after year across the 2010's often winning three of the four primary events by wide margins and then later, winning all FOUR events. And in true Hoosiers fashion, this team and this man came to the biggest stage and always finished in the top echelon of teams but finally won the most competitive and highest honor, capturing the Demilitarized Arms All-Service Championship at the National H.S. Drill Team Championships in 2018. Something many schools thought was just impossible for a program with only 90 or so cadets, The Maroon Knights had done it! He retired in 2020 from JROTC but his commitment to excellence continues to this day.

### CMSgt. R. Wayne Barron

With over 30 years in active duty Air Force Chief Master Sergeant R. Wayne Barron knew what it took to gain perfection. One random volunteer request seemed to change his life forever. "While on active duty I was asked to judge at a local AFJROTC drill competition in Arizona in 1996 and it was at this time I knew what I wanted to do when I retired from active duty" said Barron. "When I retired from active duty, I pursued one job - AFJROTC instructor at North Side High School. The school was about 30 miles from my parents. When I began working at North Side, the unit didn't have anything going on but a Color guard team that presented The Colors at home football games. I had a lot of learning to do. I attended the Nationals Drill Camp and took those skills back to my unit and almost overnight, our drill team won numerous local competitions. North Side High School's Blue Thunder Guard became a force." And the lives of hundreds if not thousands of cadets were changed forever.



After 3-years of dominating local drill, they set their sights on "The Nationals" in Daytona Beach. At first they only entered the Open Color Color Guard event. This was in the path of the rarely beaten Alamo Heights powerhouse teams who had won the event seven times! North Point Blue Thunder Guard took all their knowledge, confidence and practice and indeed slayed that dragon capturing the 2012 OLCG National Championship! The next year in 2013, the team competed with distinction in the massively competitive Challenge Level of the Nationals as an entire drill team, picking off several top 5 trophies.

Leaving the school in later 2014, he was hired as one of only seven Air Force Regional Directors overseeing nearly 100 schools throughout the greater geographic area he had once dominated on the drill floor. This is the arena in which his personal background as an instructor gave him a firebranding passion and unique understanding of what drill can do not only for a program, but for the cadets. Among his many duties is to work closely with the schools, conducting unit inspections and answering their questions and concerns. He generally asks every school about the scope and caliber of their drill team. For some, it is just a color guard, for others a drill team, but he is there to explain the unique benefits drill provides, to support and reward those who wish to walk that rigorous path. He understands forming a nationally competitive drill team is a commitment that greatly exceeds most every other co-curricular that can be undertaken.



Chief Barron continues his essential work in a way few could do. Sometimes his passion for all things Air Force JROTC but especially military drill has separated him from his peers. Working with those who have never experienced the change in cadets that can only be brought forth through drill, it is always difficult to ask others to see when their eyes have never been opened. To remember what JROTC is supposed to be about as opposed to what others sometimes want it to be. To change that, he has spent almost a decade bringing members of his command to the Nationals in Daytona and other drill events to see cadets competing at the highest levels. Working intensely and assisting teams - as far away as Alaska - to be a part of drill & ceremony competitions to give their cadets that feeling of pride in hard work when their efforts deserve it. In a phrase, no member of this illustrious world within the Drill Hall of Fame has the unparalleled background of drill work on active duty, retired within JROTC, then keeping the drill flame burning at the Headquarter's Level that CMSgt. R. Wayne Barron has done for decades and continues to do every day. His inclusion has been a unique mosaic of drill passion, drill prowess and drill progress.



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### 2022 Solo Exhibition Winners

First Place: **Neriah Guerin**

Second Place: **Trey Simmonds**

Third Place: **Reace Fitzgerald**

### 2022 Dual Exhibition Winners

First Place: **Arroyo & Simmonds**

Second Place: **Guerin & Smith**

Third Place: **Langston & Cromwell**



# NATIONALS

S C R A P B O O K

## A Look Around the Nationals & JROTC Universe!



**2023 to Have Double Trouble as the Nationals Drill Camp Hosts TWO HUGE Cadet Training Camps next Summer!**  
Where thousands have trained but millions wish they did! So many cadets contacted SNI to attend the NDC in 2022, we look to build on that success in the Summer of 2023.

Schreiner University in Kerrville, Texas will serve as the official host for the dual 7-day training weeks. Cadets annually marvel at the jump start most every attendee maintains through a total immersion into drill with many of the finest instructors available anywhere on this spinning rock! Surrounded by drill lovers, the progress is astounding.

This year the USMC JROTC HQ will be hosting an EXCLUSIVE WEEK-LONG summer drill camp following the long-standing All-Service Nationals Drill Camp. In doing this, BOTH CAMPS will maintain roughly 125 cadets. **USMC JROTC Drill Camp** is slated for July 8th-14th (cadets selected and funded through MCJROTC) with the standard All-Service Nationals Drill Camp June 25th to 1 July.

**Visit the National Drill Camp website to learn more:**

<https://thenationals.net/camp-main.htm>



## The Jean K. Weil Scholarships for 2022 are in GREAT HANDS with these Two Senior Cadets!



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. Finalists are then chosen to go through on-site interviews. The results were the same as always with a dash of even more amazing!

**Shaniya Jacobs-Lanier** (pictured above) from Bob Jones H.S. - Air Force JROTC in Madison, Alabama and **Neharika Vallabhaneni** (pictured below) from William G. Enloe H.S. - Army JROTC in Garner, North Carolina are the deeply deserving 2022 recipients. It was a unique selection process because these two excelled both in the paperwork to apply for the scholarship AND also during the sit down interviews at the event. "Having the chance to talk with both cadets, it was obvious this year's top finishers were both highly impressive" stated Justin Gates, Competition Director. "They BOTH will make a difference in the world and it will be interesting to see the paths they both choose."

Along with the notoriety, each of these graduating cadets earned a \$1,000 scholarship to be used for future scholastic expenses. To see more on this award or how to ensure your top graduating senior cadets apply for the award at the 2023 Nationals, go to the on-line home:

<https://thenationals.net/jkw-main.htm>



## Take a RIDE on the READING with the 2022 Nationals Spirit Award Winners from Reading HS!

Every year 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 drill to reign as the Nationals Spirit Award winner for the following school year. For the 2022-2023 school year, this prestigious school is the venerable Marine Corps JROTC unit from **Reading HS in Reading, PA!**



*learn more at: <https://thenationals.net/dt-spiritaward.htm>*

The program didn't win this award through their drill prowess though they are always VERY competitive wherever they go. Always prepared, they attend drill meets to include "the Nationals" and always do their best which is exceptional! But equally important, they represent their school and their program with purpose. They seem to display at all times they understand that conduct on and off the deck is as important as the final scoring. Combine that with the challenges of coming from a largely locked-down state at the tailend of Covid well, no end of hurdles large and small were thrown in front of them. Please join SNI in congratulating this top program which continues to set the standard of overall drill excellence.

## When the Big Winds Come, Harlingen South HS Make Handy Sandy Bags that are just Dandy!

A few weeks ago, hurricanes began their annual conga line just off the coast of the USA. While the wind can certainly be a huge concern, just as much damage to property often occurs from water.

Cadet Capt. Samuel Nieto remembers waking up one morning many years ago to find his bedroom filled with water. He was only 3 or 4, but the scene still holds a strong memory with him. That's why Nieto, now 17, was shoveling sand into bags to help others in the event storms flood the area.

"It's a great sense of service just to know you are giving back to the community," said Nieto, who worked at a quick pace with many of his fellow Air Force JROTC cadets at Harlingen High School South in Harlingen, Texas.

The cadets, under the direction of Air Force JROTC Instructor Master Sgt. Armando Tsukano, were filling the bags as part of the program's yearly community service project "Operation Rain Block."

"We are giving our time and effort to fill sandbags," Tsukano said. "We have a partnership with Precinct 4 of Cameron County. We're giving them about 2,000 to 3,000 sandbags. We are still at the peak of hurricane season."

The cadets moved quickly and with enthusiasm to fill the bags under a cool sunlit morning. There was the "cahc-cahc-cahc" of shovels grinding into sand and the rustling of plastic bags fitted over PVC pipe, a talented coordination of many tasks coalesced into a singular effort for a specific purpose: ensuring residents are safe in their homes during heavy rains.

Several cadets repeated how entertaining and hands-on this felt, along with how great it felt to help the community. Several had family members affected in their homes as well. And of course no one wants their mother or grandmother to feel unsafe. That's perhaps one of the biggest reasons the bags were filled so quickly and eagerly!

Cadet Capt. Jaelyn Hernandez, 17, was also aware of the great opportunity offered by "Operation Rain Block," both for her and the community.

"It's a great thing to be a part of it," she said. "I am happy to help people out to get what they need," he said. "I would say we're pretty accurate on hitting our target."

## The ARMY Leads the Way in a Major Westward Expansion in Co-Curriculars!

SNI pushed hard for nearly 6 years to try to move the needle to gain JROTC Headquarters support for a western-based JROTC competition. One that could be designed to build skills in a first-class environment. To both save hundreds of thousands in travel expenses, less days off school and make an event these teams could and would get excited early to attend. But Covid stopped that momentum like an A10 Warhog raining thunder on an enemy encampment. Survival was the focus, not expansion.

But as the pandemic lifted, words were remembered and SNI was contacted by the **U.S. Army Cadet Command** and asked if we still had a passion for bringing to the West the type of co-curricular event(s) we sought previously. And not one event, but TWO competitions were dropped to make happen. We had only two words - **giddy up!**

**So much was already fully planned and prepped, SNI has hit the ground running.**

This April in Denver, the Rocky Mountain Invitational Drill Classic will be pushing forward (a story on the event is maintained herein). Already an exceptional meet led by the 5th Brigade Denver DAI office for several years, SNI will simply look to publicize and manage this event for schools of more modest talent levels in the western USA to be a fantastic destination event they will remember for a lifetime.



Equally exciting, a new western Fitness/Raider event will be starting from the ground up beginning in later October in 2023. Camp W. G. Williams, commonly known as Camp Williams, is a multi-service National Guard training site operated by the Utah National Guard. It is located 25 miles south of Salt Lake City, Utah. Beginning as an all-service competition, this event will be the torch to light the fitness bonfire across the Western JROTC universe.



As a fitness event, a Physical Team Test Obstacle Course is planned, along with a 100-yard HumVee pull. A 4k Cross Country Rescue will also be included, along with a few other events still under development. The event will grow in difficulty and stature just like the National JROTC Fitness Championship held on the beach in Daytona annually.

SNI looks forward to working with Brigade leaders to make this something that can scale up and handle the growing interest from Western Raider & Fitness schools. Western schools should keep their antenna up and listen for a final announcement in April/May 2023!



**"We practice DRILL but we just can't get to the next level...we want to be 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? There are solid options. Many quality individuals and groups have emerged to assist and do a fantastic job. The most popular of these entities remain **Drill-Team Dynamics** ([Drill@Drill-Dynamics.com](mailto:Drill@Drill-Dynamics.com) - 815/483-4545). Sports Network has worked with the two primary members and they are quality people and unparalleled drill professionals. If you are looking to get better, they stand ready to assist with your efforts.

## WHAT IS OLD IS NEW AGAIN - AND SCHOOLS IN THE SOUTHEAST AND ELSEWHERE ARE GREATLY BENEFITTING!

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## U.S. Army Raider Nationals Opens a New Single Day "Challenge Level" Event Then TRAINING HAPPENS!

In 2022, SNI opened the Raider Nationals Registration window on 1 June. And like we normally do, we opened that slot a few weeks early for returning teams looking to and gain their competition slot. What happened next was shocking. In just six weeks the event not only filled but maintained over 50 Raider teams on a waiting list.



The last two After Action Reviews identified that Raider was growing and a future expansion would be needed, but SNI did not prepare for anything close to this.

Hoping the problem would solve itself through drops and other attrition did not materialize and SNI was faced with the very real possibility of over 600 cadets just coming off Covid lockdowns and restrictions having no place to compete.

Cadet Command was informed but contracts had previously been finalized. Making the fields very, VERY large was an option but limited by sunrise & sunset! Finally it was decided for safety and other factors SNI could break off the entries into both a "Challenge" and "Masters" competition and thereby not overtax the cadets or the facility and would be the best option - and the Raider world was quickly expanded!

Why the explosion in 2022 Raider? Cadets love it and they are tired of being locked down. Also, surrounding schools LOVE to mentor newer programs and show them things to make them better - and then outwork them to beat them in competition!

Good luck to all 180+ teams at the U.S. Army hosted Raider Nationals Weekend!

## LIKE NEIL ARMSTRONG, SOMEONE HAD TO BE THE FIRST TO DO THIS... DRILL CAMP PIONEERS DRIVE ACROSS COUNTRY TO SPIN!

The Nationals Drill Camp has been ongoing for well over a decade now and the stories of how people attend are varied. Flights and buses, family car trips, and local drop offs are commonplace. But this year, we had our first cross country, Lewis & Clark-like expedition from three intrepid campers. Neither we nor they will ever forget!



Kyle & John Rinehart led this merry trio of cadet travelers. The threesome traveled from Fountain, Colorado to Kerrville, Texas in their modest sedan - a journey of 800 miles! Parents were fully on board and stayed in contact the entire route! Other than a touch of car trouble that was resolved in a timely manner in Kerrville, the trip was uneventful just the way we all wanted it to be!

Well-known western JROTC drill stronghold of Fountain-Ft. Carson HS is the home of these young drill lovers who showed an amazing passion and determination to gain the training and camaraderie they were looking for!

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