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John Marshall High School

San Antonio, Texas

*Schreiber's Rifles
A Navy Star Shines in Texas*

At the National High School Drill Team Championships, many drill teams exhibit that incredible talent display that catches the eyes of every judge; branding them as one of the premier drill units in the country. Up & down years are normal in most drill units but a truly great drill unit is always up.

With a history of top five finishes at the National High School Drill Team Championships, coupled with winning the highly competitive four state 8th District Navy Drill Meet five times in six years, the Navy JROTC unit from John Marshall High School in San Antonio, Texas has earned the lofty reputation as the team to catch.

With only the most qualified judges obtained service-wide for the NHSDTC, false-praise is an unknown commodity. When any team receives quality performance feedback, it is richly deserved. Some of these bold judge's comments regarding the 1990 John Marshall performance included: "The Best (Color Guard) performance I have ever witnessed at any level"; "Few service units could provide better" (Color Guard) and "Locked-On, Tight-a most impressive (Inspection) performance". Anyone witnessing this unit had little doubt these accolades were justly deserved.

"We practice 90 minutes a day, five days a week during the season," stated Commander Chris Frierson. "Being on the drill team doesn't leave much time for other extracurricular activities. People don't understand how much dedication it takes to get to this level. They think we're just lucky to be this good...anyone can do it but it takes a lot of hard work."

The John Marshall Drill Unit is named the "Schreiber's Rifles" after former JM school principal Fred Schreiber who died of cancer in 1987. "He was our biggest supporter...he used to visit our

practices all the time," stated Program Director, Captain Joe Larocca. "If there was a special function in the community or the school, he always counted on us to be there and we never let him down. He understood the value of the program and fought to make sure everyone else did, too."

Because of this dedication, the school and community hold the unit in high esteem. "I can't tell you how proud I am of our cadets. They work very hard during the year," stated Drill Instructor Sgt. Hank Pomerance. "I would put my herd up against anyone, especially in Inspection -- we live for inspection."

John Marshall's preparation for inspection is fairly routine with a slight twist used during drill meets. "We try to get ready for anything, read current events, standard stuff," stated Cadet Lieutenant Max Smith. "Mostly, we're into uniformity, everyone giving the same answer. If an inspector cuts a cadet for a wrong answer, we'll follow with the right one. If the inspector doesn't mark him off, we'll give the same wrong one. And you had better give the same exact wrong answer. You have to block out everything and only hear what the inspector says along with the responses."

Anyone having experienced a John Marshall inspection knows what a feat that is. Each cadet responds to the inspector in the same voice: solid, clear, and loud. To pick out one cadet's response in the midst of

a sea of booming voices is nothing short of miraculous. Their inspection demeanor stands alone at the Nationals.

No team looks forward to receiving their invitation to attend the NHSDTC more than John Marshall. "Our main goal every year remains to do well at the Nationals," stated Company Commander Woodrow Halstead. "We get to the event on military air. The flight is five hours long. It goes through Corpus Christi and Pensacola before reaching Orlando. It's quite a trip."

Two years ago, when the gun turret exploded on the USS Iowa, their military transport was canceled only 48 hours before they were to leave for the Nationals. "I'll always remember the preparation and the disappointment. We go to meets across Texas but there's nothing like the Nationals. The competition is the toughest you'll face. LaSalle, Lincoln, McKinley and Springfield, they're all great teams. First place at every other drill meet would be like fifth or sixth place at the Nationals."

With the current situation in the Middle East, a dark cloud has been placed over John Marshall's ability to attend the 1991 NHSDTC on military air. The Navy could not have a better representative than the always impressive drill team from John Marshall High School. Maybe with a little luck this gifted school will once again give the best teams in the country another run for the money. *Aye, Aye, Sir!*



John Marshall displays their own level of excellence at the NHSDTC

Questions & Answers...

The National High School Drill Team Championships

Sports Network International, the event manager for the National High School Drill Team Championships, annually receives many calls and letters from units throughout the world looking for information on this highly prestigious and enjoyable season-ending drill competition. This informational page will answer the most frequently asked questions pertaining to the National High School Drill Team Championships.

#1) How do teams get invited and then attend the NHS DTC?

The NHS DTC is an invitation-only event. Preliminary invitations to attend are mailed to over 1,700 high school/military academies and non-affiliated drill units around the world every year in the late Fall. Interested units should then have their Senior Drill Instructor call Sports Network International or simply mail back the enclosed NHS DTC Registration Card, along with the entry fee. All teams are then notified of their acceptance into the event.

#2) Are all teams who register to attend the NHS DTC accepted?

Unfortunately, no. The competition committee of Sports Network International accepts entries based on many factors. Most teams are immediately accepted through their placement in other regional or local drill meets. A limited number of teams are also accepted that do not have this historical strength but could greatly enhance their program through attending the NHS DTC. All entries are given careful consideration and every effort is made to accommodate as many quality teams as possible. However the NHS DTC has received maximum entries for the past three years.

#3) How many total schools can be accepted into the event?

As each school may enter multiple competition units, this number is determined solely by the total teams entered in each competition division. Because of this, the number of schools filling the NHS DTC each year fluctuates. Generally, between 30 and 35 schools would represent a full competition. In 1990, the

event was filled with 32 schools from across the country. The competition committee anticipates a similar number of schools will be accepted in future years.

#4) Are schools required to enter every event within a division?

No, entrants may enter single events or every event within a competition division, or any combination of events in between. Therefore, an entrant is not required to be involved in the chase for the overall National Championship within a particular competition division. Reduced entry fees for schools wishing to enter only a single event, just individual/dual exhibition, or maybe just the armed and unarmed knockout drill at the NHS DTC are available by contacting Sports Network International. Teams electing this style of limited entry must provide proper chaperoning for all competitors.

#5) When do most schools register to attend the NHS DTC?

While some teams enter as early as August of the current school year, most schools register in December and January of the current school year. Teams who wait to register after this time risk having no competition slot available. All teams attempting to register after February 15th are encouraged to contact Sports Network International before sending their registration. No unit should begin fundraising or otherwise plan on attending before they contact or receive official confirmation of acceptance from Sports Network International.

#6) How do most schools raise the money to attend the NHS DTC?

Methods are as diverse as the backgrounds of attendees! The common denominator between every successful fund raising effort is to start early and to involve several methods. Most teams raise the bulk of their funds through some type of direct sales (candy, flowers, etc.). Also, many are supplemented through local retired military organizations (American Legion, VFW, etc.) and on some occasions, through their own

branch of the service. More enterprising teams solicit donations from local corporations who wish to help support their trip.

#7) Can our drill team "hold" a competition space before we register to attend the event?

While top national finishers from previous NHS DTC competitions may be contacted when a division is nearing capacity to encourage their entry, no competition space is ever held open for any school until a registration card and fee have been received from that school.

#8) Should we register to hold a competition space if we're not certain we will be attending?

Absolutely not! The \$300.00 school registration fee is completely non-refundable to ensure only teams who fully intend to make the trip to the NHS DTC occupy a valuable competition slot. However, this pragmatism must be balanced by a knowledge that qualified school entries are accepted on an earliest post-mark basis. Teams should register IMMEDIATELY upon making the firm decision to attend.

#9) Will the Persian Gulf War affect the running of the NHS DTC?

Plans have already been made to obtain fully qualified and highly respected drill & ceremony judges representing each branch of the military, regardless of any changes in the Middle East situation. In fact, SNI looks forward to the 1991 Nationals as the best event ever and dedicates the event to the fighting spirit of all of our deployed troops.

#10) We can't attend this year, but would like to come next year, should we do anything now?

Yes, you should. Contact Sports Network International and let them know that you are planning to attend the 1992 Nationals (April 30th-May 2nd, 1992). You will then receive any additional information sent to annual attendees on the NHS DTC during the school year. SNI also encourages you to begin your fund-raising plans early. 1992 may seem far away, but it always helps to start early. Good Luck!

1990 NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DRILL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

★ Team Standings ★

DEMILITARIZED ARMS DIVISION

INSPECTION

John Marshall H.S.- Schreiber's Rifles.....	1158
La Salle M.A.- LaSalle Rifles.....	1133
Mac Arthur H.S.- Blue Guard.....	1095
Freedom H.S.- Phenominal Patriots.....	1077
Springfield H.S.- Grenadiers.....	1047

SQUAD REGULATION

Springfield H.S.- Grenadiers.....	1107
La Salle M.A.- La Salle Rifles.....	1082
Lincoln H.S.- Scarlet Team.....	1066
Springfield H.S.- Coldstream Guards.....	1063
Fern Creek H.S.- Leathernecks.....	1041

COLOR GUARD

La Salle M.A.- La Salle Rifles.....	1059
John Marshall H.S.- Schreiber's Rifles.....	1015
Springfield H.S.- Coldstream Guards.....	1013
Crestwood H.S.- Northridge Rifles.....	1010
Fork Union M.A.- Retan Rifles.....	949

SQUAD EXHIBITION

Fern Creek H.S.- Leathernecks.....	1133
Mac Arthur H.S.- Blue Guard.....	1133
Springfield H.S.- Coldstream Guards.....	1124
Cedar Shoals H.S.- Silent Knights.....	1100
Springfield H.S.- Grenadiers.....	1090

PLATOON EXHIBITION

La Salle M.A.- La Salle Rifles.....	1141
Riverside M.A.- Fusiliers.....	1100
Mc Kinley H.S.- Tiger Rifles.....	1067
John Marshall H.S.- Schreiber's Rifles.....	1031
Fern Creek H.S.- Leathernecks.....	1003

FACSIMILE ARMS DIVISION

INSPECTION

Daniel Boone H.S.- Lady Trailblazers.....	1089
Fern Creek H.S.- Tigers.....	1026
Warren County H.S.- Sarge's Dream Team.....	918

COLOR GUARD

Daniel Boone H.S.- Lady Trailblazers.....	1026
Fern Creek H.S.- Tigers.....	970
Oxon Hill H.S.- Raw Elegance.....	966

SQUAD REGULATION

Daniel Boone H.S.- Lady Trailblazers.....	930
Fern Creek H.S.- Tigers.....	921
Warren County H.S.- Sarge's Dream Team.....	850

SQUAD EXHIBITION

Daniel Boone H.S.- Boonettes.....	1059
Warren County H.S.- Sarge's Dream Team.....	1001
Daniel Boone H.S.- Lady Trailblazers.....	986

PLATOON EXHIBITION

Daniel Boone H.S.- Boonettes.....	1124
Daniel Boone H.S.- Lady Trailblazers.....	1009
Warren County H.S.- Sarge's Dream Team.....	906

WITHOUT ARMS DIVISION

INSPECTION

Mac Arthur H.S.- Blue Angels.....	1106
John Marshall H.S.- Bandoleers.....	1087
Freedom H.S.- Lady Patriots.....	1031
N.B. Forrest H.S.- Marching Rebels.....	1021
Lincoln H.S.- Gold Team.....	1011

REGULATION DRILL

Lincoln H.S.- Gold Team.....	988
N.B. Forrest H.S.- Marching Rebels.....	953
N.B. Forrest H.S.- 1st Coast Crusaders.....	919
Cocoa H.S.- Tiger Battalion.....	874
Miami Sunset H.S.- The Outlaws.....	868

COLOR GUARD

E.H. White H.S.- The Commanders.....	1121
Parkdale H.S.- The Chosen Few.....	1093
John Marshall H.S.- Bandoleers.....	1041
Freedom H.S.- Lady Patriots.....	1033
Oxon Hill H.S.- Blue Guard.....	1024

EXHIBITION DRILL

N.B. Forrest H.S.- 1st Coast Crusaders.....	1125
Oxon Hill H.S.- Blue Guard.....	1110
N.B. Forrest H.S.- Marching Rebels.....	1100
John Marshall H.S.- Bandoleers.....	1093
Cocoa H.S.- Tiger Battalion.....	1086

Overall National Championship Totals

Demilitarized Arms (possible 6,000)

1st-LaSalle Military Rifles.....	5459
2nd-John Marshall Schreiber's Rifles.....	5149
3rd-Springfield Coldstream Guards....	5133
4th-Riverside Military Fusiliers.....	5029
5th-MacArthur Blue Guard.....	5011

Facsimile Arms (possible 6,000)

1st-Daniel Boone Lady Trailblazers.....	5040
2nd-Fern Creek Tigers.....	4658
3rd-Daniel Boone Boonettes.....	4606

Best Demilitarized Girls Team

1st-Springfield Grenadiers	
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Without Arms (possible 4,800)

1st-N.B. Forrest Marching Rebels.....	4074
2nd-N.B. Forrest 1st Coast Crusaders.....	4025
3rd-MacArthur Blue Angels.....	3998
4th-Oxon Hill Blue Guard.....	3962
5th-Lincoln Gold Team.....	3943

1990 NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DRILL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Roster of Attendees • Individual Awards

Athens High School
Golden Eagles
Army JROTC
Athens, Georgia

Benedictine High School
Green Machine
Army JROTC
Richmond, Virginia

Cedar Shoals High School
Silent Knights
Army JROTC
Athens, Georgia

Cocoa High School
Tiger Battalion
Army JROTC
Cocoa, Florida

Colonel White High School
Black Knights
Army JROTC
Dayton, Ohio

Crestwood High School
Northridge Rifles
Army JROTC
Atlanta, Georgia

Daniel Boone High School
Trailblazers / Lady Trailblazers
Marine Corps JROTC
Gray, Tennessee

Daniel Boone High School
The Boonettes
Non-affiliated
Gray, Tennessee

Englewood High School
Untouchable Gold
Navy JROTC
Jacksonville, Florida

Fern Creek High School
Leathernecks / Tigers
Marine Corps JROTC
Fern Creek, Kentucky

Fork Union Military Academy
Retan Rifles
Non-Affiliated
Fork Union, Virginia

Franklin Military School
Franklin Knights
Army JROTC
Richmond, Virginia

Freedom High School
Phenominal Patriots
Army JROTC
Morganton, North Carolina

Gaithersburg High School
Blue Team / Gold Team
Navy JROTC
Gaithersburg, Maryland

Jeffersontown High School
Devil Dogs
Marine Corps JROTC
Jeffersontown, Kentucky



Major General Wallace Arnold salutes cadets at the NHSDTC Awards Ceremony

John Marshall High School
Schreiber's Rifles / Bandoleers
Navy JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

La Salle Military Academy
La Salle Rifles
Army JROTC
Oakdale, New York

Lincoln High School
Scarlet Team / Gold Team
Marine Corps JROTC
Yonkers, New York

Mac Arthur High School
Blue Guard / Blue Angels
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

McKinley High School
Tiger Rifles
Army JROTC
Honolulu, Hawaii

Miami Sunset High School
Outlaws / Silver Knights
Army JROTC
Miami, Florida

N.B. Forrest High School
Marching Rebels / 1st Coast Crusaders
Air Force JROTC
Jacksonville, Florida

Northeast High School
Vikings
Army JROTC
Kansas City, Missouri

Oxon Hill High School
Blue Guard / Raw Elegance
Lords of Discipline / New Breed
Air Force JROTC
Oxon Hill, Maryland

Palm Bay High School
Pirate Drill Team
Marine Corps JROTC
Melbourne, Florida

Parkdale High School
The Chosen Few
Army JROTC
Riverdale, Maryland

R.E. Lee High School
Rebel Guard
Army JROTC
Thomaston, Georgia

Riverside Military Academy
Fusiliers
Army JROTC
Gainesville, Georgia

Springfield High School
Coldstream Guards / Grenadiers
Army JROTC
Holland, Ohio

Warren County High School
Pioneer Rifles / Sarge's Dream Team
Army JROTC
McMinnville, Tennessee

COMMANDER'S TROPHY

Demilitarized Arms

1st Place: Cadet Simon - La Salle Military Academy
2nd: Cadet Kujawa-Springfield / 3rd: Cadet Price-Lincoln

Facsimile Arms

1st Place: Cadet Wicks - Fern Creek High School
2nd: Cadet Hopson-Daniel Boone / 3rd: Cadet Jackson-Warren Co.

Without Arms

1st Place: Cadet Munoz - Lincoln High School
2nd: Cadet Neave-NB Forrest / 3rd: Cadet Berania-NB Forrest

KNOCKOUT DRILL

Armed Competition

1st Place: Cadet Corr - John Marshall High School
2nd: Cadet Frierson-John Marshall / 3rd: Cadet Marin-LaSalle

Unarmed Competition

1st Place: Cadet Schaffer - Fern Creek High School
2nd: Cadet Carino-Gaithersburg / 3rd: Cadet Goolsby-NB Forrest

INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITION

Demilitarized Arms

1st Place: Cadet Mosteller - Freedom High School
2nd: Cadet Pulido-McKinley / 3rd: Cadet Kaku-McKinley

Facsimile Arms

1st Place: Cadet Land - Daniel Boone H.S. Boonettes
2nd: Cadet Black-Boonettes / 3rd: Cadet Jackson-Warren County

DUAL EXHIBITION

Demilitarized Arms

1st Place: Cadets Marin & Muro - LaSalle Military Academy
2nd Place: Cadets Frierson & Smith - John Marshall High School
3rd Place: Cadets Ka'anapu & Figueroa - McKinley High School

Facsimile Arms

1st Place: Cadets Ling & Poole - Fern Creek High School
2nd Place: Cadets Jackson & March - Warren Co. High School
3rd Place: Cadets Deakins & Black - Daniel Boone High School

An Interview with.....

Major General Wallace C. Arnold

Commanding General
of the
Army ROTC-Cadet Command

Attending the National High School Drill Team Championships in 1990 was Major General Wallace C. Arnold, Commanding General of the Army R.O.T.C.-Cadet Command. Sports Network International Event Director Justin Gates was fortunate enough to speak briefly with this personable man; gaining some valuable insights into many aspects of Army Junior R.O.T.C.....

JG: Welcome to Daytona Beach, Florida, General.

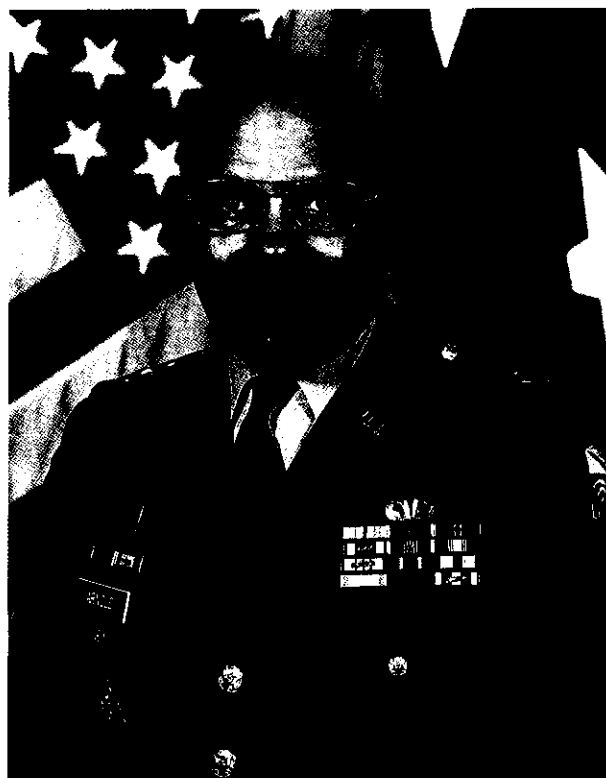
GA: I appreciate the opportunity to be here among these fine cadets

JG: I guess the question everyone is talking about concerns the JROTC program budgetary concerns?:

GA: Ah, well it was never in any immediate danger. It WAS however, targeted on the budget several years from now for elimination. What had occurred with the Junior ROTC is that it had been zeroed in the 5 year program that is 2 years away from beginning. So it wasn't in imminent danger for next year, but it was in danger for 2 years from now when that program would have been executed. Now, whether someone thought that JROTC was a big money item that could be dropped without much notice, I don't know. It's not a big money item at all, about 35 million dollars a year.

JG: What percentage of the defense budget does JROTC represent?:

GA: Oh, a small percentage -- very small. I think the important thing to be communicated about the possible reduction of those funds is the groundswell that occurred across the country in support of JROTC. I don't think there was any desire to hoodwink anyone. However, once it was discovered that it had been taken out, obviously within the framework of the services and the people involved, we were going to fight very hard to try to get it back.



But what happened is that the word reached out completely across this country. With 856 Army Junior ROTC programs and over 1,500 programs service-wide, that has an impact on a large number of communities. And I think the thing that the groundswell pointed out best was that Junior ROTC is buried in the fabric of many communities in this country. It is an important asset to local communities...folks support it very strongly, and see the importance of it. When you have that sort of belief at the grass roots level, it can pay big dividends.

JG: I understand that there is a good possibility of an increase in funding?:

GA: Well regarding some programs that we are trying to initiate there will be, hopefully, an increase in funding.

JG: I've heard a lot about some of these programs...Operation Capitol, Operation Windy City, and various other programs which you are presently looking to fund. Could you tell me more about these?:

GA: My predecessor, Major General Robert Wagner, had an idea which he deserves full credit for and we're totally behind implementing. As we look at what's happening in our major metropolitan areas, particularly our inner-city areas, we are confronted more and more with

drugs and the problems they create, and with the growing nature of single parent homes, kids today are reaching out for something to do. Couple this with crumbling structures and infrastructures that deal with the athletic programs for young people and you have a real roadmap for trouble.

We have an unparalleled infrastructure already in place in our high schools -- especially within the inner-cities where we need it most. So Operation Capitol was born out of that idea that we could use that structure to assist in the drug war in the way of education with our young people, in the way of providing a larger number of constructive activities for them to do -- to

proliferate things like drill teams. Things that we call "the way to challenge" (athletic/military competitions) -- also, to increase the number of summer camps that we send our JROTC cadets to, particularly those from inner-city populations and then to incorporate more community action and to push the cadets further into the community as well, so that they could assist in community action projects, that sort of thing.

JG: Do you see a major difference between the rural JROTC units and inner-city JROTC units?:

GA: Well, there are some differences, and then there are some similarities. I think in the rural communities you have a wider variety of individuals who take JROTC and the parental support is much greater. Now, you move into the larger metropolitan cities and you'll find that many of the very smart youngsters, so to speak, in the school are not involved in JROTC...it's the middle ground that is involved in JROTC. You'll find that they don't come out of an environment with an awful lot of structure, so you find that your instructors are replacing parents in a lot of instances.

I think the similarities are what the JROTC program brings to the schools--as well as the end product. And it's probably more important, if

you will, in the large city areas than it is in the rural areas. You'll probably find that it is not as deeply buried in the fabric and the foundation of the community in the city areas as it is in the rural areas where it is THE activity.

JG: How do you see the primary focus of JROTC across the country?:

GA: That focus is laid down for us very clearly in our charter. Our mission is to teach high school students to become better Americans. And we have designed the program of instruction around that. What we have done in JROTC over the past 3 years is to shift from a primarily military orientation, where we concentrated heavily in our previous mission on developing military skills with high school students, to a system that builds within young people a sort of responsible value system. We're trying to expose them, if you will, to our society at large, and prepare them to be responsible citizens as they emerge from high school. This is why the program has become a big part of many communities who fought hard to keep it.

We're not trying to train them to become soldiers. That is not our purpose. Our focus is on citizenship, those attributes that build good Americans, build responsible people, build people that want to get & keep jobs, build people that want to contribute in their community, be good fathers, respect each other, that sort of thing. But through self-respect and building respect for each other, it teaches young people to work with each other, to compete with each other, but to do it with a positive outcome.

JG: How do you view Drill and Ceremony at this level and at other, less prestigious levels, as part of the overall JROTC experience?:

GA: I think it does very positive things for them. I talked about team work, it also instills a heightened sense of discipline, it lets you know what hard work is all about, it builds your confidence, it develops some toughness inside of you, stick-to-it-ness, all of those very positive attributes that we want young people to carry into adulthood with them. And then of course, you see leaders emerge out of that process and you have young people that are willing to step up and take charge.

JG: To an incoming freshman considering joining JROTC -- what would you say to convince him or her that this is something they should consider?:

GA: Well, I'm not absolutely certain what to say to them! I think the thing that you have to do is try to appeal to young people in terms of their sense of adventure, their sense of wanting to try something new, their sense of wanting to be with a group that might be a little bit different, appeal to their sense of "do you think you're mentally tough enough to do this" -- for boys and girls! I think you have to take that sort of approach to it, and then there is coaxing, if you will, and some of them will see it as an opportunity to pursue some things that they are at least curious about.

JG: On that note, obviously the instructors are primarily accountable to your office?:

GA: Not very accountable to me, mainly accountable to the school district (chuckle)!. We support the program in several ways, we provide some of the pay, we don't provide the facilities, but the Army provides the uniforms, and the equipment that each one of them has, so there is some accountability of course back to us. We also do all the certification for the instructors, as well as the curriculum....Our main leverage is the certification process, so in order to remain certified, they have to maintain a pretty good program, and at the same time, the school district hires them and they have the authority to fire them as well.

JG: What do you see for the future in JROTC?:

GA: I'm very optimistic about the future. We will need to be properly funded, and that is the only limitation I can see to our success. There are certainly some very interesting and innovative things that we can do under the emphasis of Operation Capitol, Windy City, etc. that we are undertaking. We think we could have a significant impact in the inner city. We are going to try to use our infrastructure to

proliferate that. We hope to move that program to a large number of cities in this country. We hope we'll be able to get the funding for that and really begin to make a difference. Off the top of my head, the first cities will include: Baltimore, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, El Paso and Shreveport. Eventually, we'd like to include Atlanta and San Diego, as well as a few other cities across the country.

JG: That will take some significant funding!:

GA: Sure, and the other thing that we are going to be looking to do is to try to include more private funding for public schools systems, and we're going to be looking to try to incorporate this concept in what we're talking about. We've got an inroad or two already, but I can't say what they are right now. I think it will all work out successfully but the key remains the funding.

I'm going to the Baltimore school board very soon to see if I can get them fully lined up and behind the program. This could be the most effective method yet in helping our young people and I think it has a great chance for success...In fact, I'm counting on it!

JG: General, thank you very much for your time.

GA: Thank you, I enjoyed it!



THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Introduction

Sports Network International, Inc. is both pleased and proud to extend this preliminary invitation to all Junior ROTC and other non-affiliated high school-age precision drill units to attend the National High School Drill Team Championships from Daytona Beach, Florida. This event is open to all public and private high schools, military academies and private drill and ceremony units performing with Demilitarized Arms, Facsimile Arms, and Without Arms.

The National High School Drill Team Championships / All-Service Drill Competition is considered by many to be the premiere high school drill competition in the nation. This event represents the culmination of every drill team's spirit, dedication and hard work displayed throughout their entire school year.

Sports Network International, Inc. will serve as the event manager for the Nationals. Presenting only the finest athletic and military drill competitions since 1972, SNI holds the distinction of being the nation's oldest and most prestigious youth and young adult event manager. The National High School Drill Team Championships are sponsored in part by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and by the U.S. Army ROTC-Cadet Command.

Competition Guidelines

The competition manual for the event is based on the latest edition of Army Field Manual 22-5 (December-1986) for both the Demilitarized and Facsimile Arms Divisions. The Without Arms Division will be based on Air Force Manual 50-14. Due to the all-service format of the event, slight modifications have been made to each of these service manuals to allow all teams, regardless of their service affiliation, the fairest competition possible.

Each division S.O.P. is finalized by January 15th every year and then mailed to all schools following their registration into the event. Schools having questions regarding the event

S.O.P. before receiving this extensive document are encouraged to contact SNI.

Event Judging

Each judge selected to work at the NHSDTC maintains a comprehensive background in the training of military drill & ceremonies at recruit training depots across the nation. Judges are active duty military personnel representing the four branches of the armed forces from: Parris Island Recruit Depot, Ft. Benning Drill Instructor School, Orlando Naval Training Center, and MacDill & Patrick AFB.

All of these judges receive a special judges S.O.P. training manual before attending the event. Along with this, each judge is extensively briefed on the judging criteria used at the NHSDTC upon their arrival preceding the competition. As you are no doubt aware, a drill meet is only as good as the quality and preparation of the judges used. No other drill meet in the nation goes to this much effort to ensure all judges will do an exceptional job and this remains a major factor in why teams continue to attend the NHSDTC.

Competition Events

The NHSDTC includes the following competition divisions and events:

With Arms Demilitarized and

With Arms Facsimile

- Team Inspection
- Squad Regulation (IDR)
- Color Guard
- Squad Exhibition (Trick)
- Platoon Exhibition (Trick)

Without Arms

- Team Inspection
- Regulation Drill (IDR)
- Color Guard
- Exhibition Drill (Trick)

Each school may enter up to two complete teams in each competition division, providing that no individual cadet competes for more than one team. This will require all schools with multiple team entries (male & female, etc.) to submit separate

rosters for each of their teams. This rule will enable teams from the same school to compete individually for the Overall Championships.

Additionally, armed units may enter competitors into the individual & dual exhibition competition. Also, all cadets are eligible and encouraged to compete in both the Armed & Unarmed Knockout competitions.

Recently, many teams have chosen to bring "fragmented" units (units who only compete in color guard or other single team events). Also, a dramatic increase has occurred in the number of schools who have chosen to enter only individual & dual exhibition and/or the Knockout Drills. This is encouraged by SNI and a limited number of these spaces will remain available until they are filled. In some events, these may remain open until just days before the event begins. Entrants should contact SNI as soon as possible to guarantee competition space is available.

Awards and Trophies

The National High School Drill Team Championships feature the most beautiful trophies available anywhere in the world. National Champion and Runner-Up National Champion trophies will be awarded in all three competition divisions. Additionally, the Best Demilitarized Girls' Drill Team will also be awarded a Championship Trophy.

All team events in the Demilitarized and Without Arms Divisions are trophyed in first through fifth place. The Facsimile Arms Division team events will receive first through third place trophies. Additionally, the teams representing each service branch with the highest point totals will receive a best-of-service trophy.

Individual awards are included at both the Armed and Unarmed Knockout Drills. The top 30 finishers in both events will receive a special hand-painted, cloissone medallion, as well as trophies for the first through third place cadets. Finally, trophies will be awarded to the first through third place finishers in every

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competition division to the most outstanding Cadet Commanders. This total is derived during the Regulation Drill competition.

NHSDTC Event Specifics

The National High School Drill Team Championships are annually held at the prestigious Daytona Beach Ocean Center Arena in Daytona Beach, Florida. This state-of-the-art, first-class facility features permanent seating for over 6,000 with outstanding acoustics for a drill team competition the size and scope of the Nationals. The Ocean Center also features complete concession areas, plentiful bus & automobile parking and ample male and female dressing room areas with full shower facilities. Any cadet or instructor who has ever attended the Nationals will attest that the Ocean Center Arena is by far one of the most outstanding competition drill areas in the nation.

All drill teams competing at the Nationals will be housed directly on Daytona Beach at one of several high-rise, oceanfront hotels located within minutes of the Ocean Center Arena. All units will attend the Commander's Call on the arrival day (Thursday). Teams will then draw for starting grid positions, clarify any last-minute competition or S.O.P. questions and be briefed by the NHSDTC Judging Director.

The drill competition will begin the following morning (Friday) at 8AM. The event opens with the Demilitarized Arms Division, followed by Facsimile Arms and then Without Arms. Team Inspection, Regulation Drill, Color Guard and Squad Exhibition (Demilitarized & Facsimile Arms only) will be held on Friday. All other team Exhibition performances (including Without Arms Exhibition), Individual & Dual Exhibition events, as well as Knockout Drills, are held Saturday afternoon.

The competition concludes Saturday evening with all schools attending the NHSDTC Awards Ceremony. This ceremony will be held in the Ocean Center's Conference Center.

Costs to Attend

All schools attending the National High School Drill Team Championships attend through the Team Package Plan. This plan is designed to allow cadets, instructors, and any other team followers in attendance to enjoy excellent hotel accommodations, treasured competition mementos, and a top-quality, first-class drill competition all at a reasonable price. While there are many drill & ceremony competitions that are less expensive to attend, NO drill competition maintains the high quality and incredible value more than the National High School Drill Team Championships.

The Team Package Plan includes:

- Four day/three night deluxe hotel billeting in Daytona Beach
 - NHSDTC competition medallion hung on a goldtone neckchain
 - NHSDTC T-shirt for all cadets, ordered to size
 - NHSDTC Sports shirt for adults, ordered to size
 - Specially-designed 4" patch of the NHSDTC event
 - 8" X 10" color team photo
 - Discount coupons at fast food shops & all-you-can-eat buffets
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The complete price of the Team Package Plan, based on cadets staying four-to-a-room, is only **\$86.00 per person** for the full three-day package. A shortened Team Package is also available (two days/three nights) for those schools who choose to condense their stay.

The registration fee for the event is \$300.00 per school. This registration fee is entirely non-refundable to ensure that only schools who are totally committed to attend occupy a valuable team slot. The costs set forth above cover all competition expenses required; thus allowing entry into the National High School Drill Team Championships.

Teams or individuals who are planning to attend the NHSDTC should make all arrangements to submit their NHSDTC Event Registration no later

than February 1st every year. Teams who decide to wait until after this date to register should contact the Event Manager, SNI, to determine if a competition space is still available. All units, as well as schools and individual teams, are entered on an earliest post-mark basis only. With competition spaces severely limited, interested schools should contact SNI immediately to make our office aware of your intentions to enter the event.

To Register for the NHSDTC

To register your school into the NHSDTC, please complete the enclosed registration card and send to Sports Network International along with your school's registration fee. Upon receipt by SNI, your school will receive official acceptance into the event as well as a registration receipt. Teams that do not receive final confirmation (are not accepted into the event) will have their registration card & check returned within 10 working days of their receipt by SNI.

All registrations, correspondence, or telephone contact for either event should be directed to the Sports Network National Headquarters listed below. Should you have any questions or need any further information, please feel free to contact SNI.

In Closing

We invite you to accept this challenge to join the remarkable drill programs that continue to make the National High School Drill Team Championships an annual part of their competition season. Your attendance at the event will become the highlight of your drill season, a significant means of attracting interest in the drill unit and a truly memorable experience for all of your cadets to remember for the rest of their lives.

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Cadet Colonel Jordan Alexander

Cedar Shoals High School ★ Athens, Georgia

Upon becoming the Battalion Commander of the highly respected Cedar Shoals High School Army Junior ROTC program, Cadet Colonel Jordan Alexander realized the pressure to succeed. "Ever since I can remember, the Army has been what I

wanted to be a part of," states Alexander. "I've been working hard for this opportunity since I joined the program ... I'm going to make everyone proud."

While participating in soccer and cross country outside the Junior ROTC program, Cadet Alexander's passion has been as a member of the Cedar Shoals drill team for many years and has learned a great deal from that experience. "When you're on a drill team that is so visible like the one here at Cedar Shoals, you really become a second family inside the program," laughed Alexander. "You work so hard that tensions can run high. Most of the time that's a very good thing, it means everybody is giving 100%. No matter what happens to us, we stick together. I've learned so much about how to lead directly from the drill team."

While attending 6 to 8 drill meets annually, one meet sticks out in Cadet Alexander's mind. "When we think

about going to Daytona (The Nationals), all the other meets almost seem like practice. The intensity and the concentration required to win in Daytona are truly challenging. It's all I'm thinking about now. La Salle Military Academy is the team we go to Daytona to gun down...I've got a lot of respect for them, they're a great team, but we're going to bust our butts to take away their title in 1991."

This discipline and spirit displayed by Cadet Alexander is the focus of his command. "I try to lead by example," states Alexander. "Everyone has their own style of leadership but every good leader must set a good example and I try to do that at all times. I try to be as fair as possible and I think my cadets respect that."

With a tremendous talent as an artist, cadet Alexander sees many paths to his future. "I'm not limiting myself right now. I would like to go to college and then possibly a career in the military or maybe a career in architecture. I've got a lot of options at this point."

With the drive, determination, and good natured attitude displayed by Alexander within the JROTC Program, his future should be as successful as the present he has helped create at Cedar Shoals High School. And that perfect note to end on is still out there waiting to be captured, 1991 National Champions.

Cadet Colonel Stephen Louis Ulmer

Apopka High School ★ Apopka, Florida

Students join Junior ROTC for any number of reasons. Cadet Colonel Stephen Louis Ulmer of Apopka High School joined the Marine Corps program in a manner unlike any other recruiting effort we have ever heard of. "Allan Andrews was the previous (Apopka JROTC) regimental commander and a friend of mine. When I first got here, we were talking about the program and the next thing I knew, he picked me up and carried me into the JROTC office. I thought he had lost his mind. After I got there, I was listening and liking what they were saying. I joined the program that day".

Along with his duties as the regimental commander, Ulmer competes on several teams within the JROTC program at Apopka. "I compete on standard drill (regulation), rifle team, primary color guard, and captain the written exam & exhibition drill teams," said Ulmer. "Being on the color guard at Apopka, we go everywhere in the Central Florida area. We've presented colors at some Orlando Magic Games (professional basketball), holiday celebrations, congressional rallies, parades, everywhere."



Ulmer grants that much of his success at Apopka stems from the leadership of his Marine Corps instructors and the support of his peers in the program. "Colonel Louder and Sgt. Major Hoffman are both very organized and highly disciplined. They lead by example. I've also gained a lot from the cadets in the program. You get a real sense of brotherhood here."

While excelling in the Junior ROTC program, Cadet Colonel Ulmer also excels outside the program. As a member of the National Honor Society, Apopka High School Academic Decathlon Team and continuous three year honor roll member, cadet Ulmer will graduate in the top 10% of his class. He also continues to maintain a wide range of school activities. A computer whiz, Cadet Ulmer has placed in the top ten at state computer competitions, serves as president of the Latin Club, Vice-President of the Chess Club and member of the Mu Alpha Theta Trigonometry Team.

Cadet Ulmer has parlayed his many attributes into an ROTC scholarship at the University of Florida. "I'm going to major in computer engineering and electronic engineering. After college, I plan on a career in the military." With the background this young man has gained both in Junior ROTC, as well as outside of the program, Cadet Stephen Louis Ulmer has all the tools to become a great success in anything he attempts in both college and the military in his future.

Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Dan Bush Hixson High School ★ Hixson, Tennessee

Cadet Lt. Colonel Dan Bush knew well before high school what a Junior ROTC program could do. "Both my brother and sister were a part of the military," stated Cadet Bush. "I can't remember back far enough to a time when I didn't want to be involved in JROTC. The military made my brother a better person and it can do the same for anyone who applies themselves."

Cadet Dan Bush has applied himself from becoming a Tech Sergeant as a Sophomore to earning the position of Squadron Commander as a Senior. His hard work and dedicated approach, along with honing the edge put on his leadership style by the Air Force, has made him a better person. "Everything I've practiced all year comes together at Summer Leadership Camp," stated Bush. "I wish every cadet could go through Leadership Camp, it's such an intense learning experience."

Affectionately referred to as "Leadership by Intimidation Camp" or "Motivational Push-ups Camp", the Air Force has made an indelible impression. "They push you so hard...like they're trying to break you...but like they say, "If it doesn't kill you, it just makes you stronger!"

Hixson High School backs the program a great deal and it's getting better every year. "During our Federal Air Force Inspection, the school band played during our final Pass & Review. It was really special," remembered

Bush. "Our new principal, Dr. McCullough, is just starting to get an idea of what we are all about. When he does, things could get even better."

The enrollment in the program is at its highest level in 5 years. "There is a renewed spirit here," beamed Bush. "In the past, things have been a little disorganized sometimes. I'm hoping my training at Leadership Camp will pay off and allow me to provide a more effective, stable environment as the Squadron Commander than we've had in the past."

As an honor student, state Science Olympiad champion, editor of the school paper as a junior and a National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalist, Cadet Bush is hoping his accomplishments both in and out of the JROTC program will get him an appointment into the Air Force Academy. "I'm working hard to get it, but I'm also realistic about my chances," stated Bush. "If I can't get into the Academy, I'll go after an Air Force scholarship to Boston University or M.I.T.. I plan on majoring in Aeronautical or Electrical Engineering." With the taste for excelling that JROTC has given him, it looks like one of these universities has a bright star on the horizon.



Cadet Captain Moira Renteria McKinley High School ★ Honolulu, Hawaii

As a senior this year at McKinley High School, Cadet Captain Moira Renteria saw many intangible benefits when she first joined JROTC. "When I joined as a sophomore, I saw that JROTC was like a family...I made many friends right away. My girlfriend, Battalion Commander Christine Au, encouraged me to join the drill team. It was something I stuck to right away. Now, you couldn't make me leave the drill team," stated Renteria.

The highlight of the 1989-1990 school year came when Captain Renteria flew across the country and led her drill team into the National High School Drill Team Championships. "There were so many people there!" exclaimed Renteria. "Our meets on the Island have maybe 12 schools at most. There was over 1,200 cadets at the Nationals. We got to meet so many interesting people from all over the country...I'll never forget it!"

Displaying her blindingly quick, saber-spinning technique at the Nationals, Captain Renteria modestly downplays her ability when speaking of how she got started. "I'm the first female guidon ever on the island. Spinning the saber takes a long time to learn, it's really tedious....but it's not that difficult if you practice a lot. And I practice a lot!"

McKinley's Army JROTC program has a more horizontal approach to cadet training, and Renteria has benefited

from this style. "Every cadet has the opportunity to be both followers and leaders, rotating positions," stated Renteria. "It helps build a lot of teamwork and self-confidence in all of us. It's a great system."

Unlike many schools, McKinley High School receives enormous support from every facet of their school. "The student body really appreciates us, as does our principal, Mr. Stanley Seki. He should, he came through the JROTC Program at McKinley!"

The consistently high grades, coupled with her JROTC experience, has paid off in fully preparing her for college. "I wanted to go to the mainland for college, but I don't want to leave just yet. I'm going to enroll in the University of Hawaii, majoring in accounting. I guess I'm an example of someone who has become a better citizen, learning great discipline from JROTC, but I have no desire to join the Army. If you're not sure if you want to join JROTC or not, take my word, do it...it will be the best experience of YOUR life too."



Alcee Fortier High School

New Orleans, Louisiana

*Where just being "good"...
isn't good enough!*

Each year the number of top-quality Junior ROTC programs throughout the world gets larger and more impressive. However, the main factor that seems to divide a good JROTC program from an excellent program extends well beyond the number of competition awards amassed in their trophy case or the number of cadets accepted into service academies, as several JROTC instructors seem to believe. The divisive factor that makes certain programs far above average is their dedication to produce valuable citizens that are committed to their community, both during and after high school.

While we hear from many schools every year who are truly exemplary in this regard, few schools can match the reputation and deeds built by the Air Force Junior ROTC program at Alcee Fortier High School in New Orleans, Louisiana under the direction of SMSgt. Edward Fowler.

Founded in 1981 by the hard work of several community leaders including recently retired New Orleans Congresswoman Lindy Boggs, this program has worked hard to become the most impressive program in the city. "New Orleans has a severe problem with violent crime and drug use. Our program gives these kids a fighting chance to make something of themselves -- and they're doing it!" stated program director Fowler. "Most of our cadets use the program as a sort of extended family. These kids need every advantage they can get -- that's why I tell them never to close any doors. If an Army rep wants to talk scholarship...don't discount it because you think you've got plans, talk to them!"

After speaking with several cadets in the program, it's hard to believe that only 3 years ago, Fortier's Junior ROTC was known around town more for its athletic prowess

than its academic or military excellence. "The program had declined to a point where the focus was gone. Without stressing academics first, and community relations second, the program had become a joke," stated Fowler. "The cadets were just happy to 'get by' and that's not enough. We saw that as the first priority to change." And change they have.

*"Our function is not to
supply jobs at Wendy's"*

-SMSgt. Edward Fowler
Alcee Fortier High School

Last year every senior in the program either entered the military or went on to college. This year, that feat should be repeated. They have established a Kitty Hawk society for academically gifted students, maintain written tests for all promotions, field assignments and special unit membership, as well as having several programs geared exclusively toward improving the communication abilities in all of their cadets.

"Our function is not to supply jobs at Wendy's," joked Fowler. "I'm very proud of our academic turnaround -- the GPA of the program now far exceeds that of the general student body. Many of our kids come from very rough neighborhoods and single parent households. The type of discipline and pride they take from this program carries over into every facet of their life -- and that's irreplaceable. These kids work very, very hard. They understand that success breeds success -- being 'good enough' is just not good enough!"

The outstanding atmosphere at Fortier has lifted virtually all aspects of the program. The program now features a top-caliber gospel choir, a free period teaching session for select students from neighboring schools desiring the Air Force Junior ROTC experience, as well as the formation of informational groups who attend middle schools in New Orleans giving young students an overview of the program. And the accolades keep coming.

Recently, the Mayor of New Orleans awarded the unit a proclamation for their outstanding commitment to public service. This

was brought on by the thousands of hours of volunteer work provided by the program in the community, featuring a high-profile, life-saving rescue of a young child by two JROTC cadets. "Our unit was watching over a group of special education children at a picnic being held on their behalf," explained Fowler. "One of the kids fell into a pool that was on-site. Two of my cadets, Cadet Majors Brown and Dowlcord ran across the area, dove into the pool and pulled the youngster out. They took him to the nurse and saved his life. Both cadets came to me afterwards and asked if they could return to the school to change into a proper uniform! This is the type of pride we now find in all of our cadets."

This effort to better the community has given the unit an indispensable reputation throughout the New Orleans area. "It's great to feel like we make a difference...it gives you a real good feeling," stated Cadet 1st Lieutenant Glenn Bibbins.

While Fortier High School is respected for many things off the drill floor, 1991 may become the year they gain additional respect ON the drill floor. Featuring an outstanding dual exhibition unit, the drill team has quickly become a new priority at Fortier. "We thought 1990 should be the year we put forth a new effort into forming a top-quality competition drill unit," said Fowler.

Drill leaders study videotapes from team exhibitions mailed by the U.S. Army from the National High School Drill Team Championships. Things look very promising and the unit plans to enter several meets throughout the state in preparation for a 1992 attendance at the National Championships in Daytona Beach. "Win or lose, our cadets will be better for the experience in Daytona," chuckled Fowler. "I hope we can teach the butterflies who are in charge!"

While the drill team has never competed outside New Orleans, only time will tell if Fortier High School has what it takes to win. But if the pride, hard work and gutty determination that turned this program around plays a role in the outcome of their drill team, they just may become one of the best kept secrets down "on the bayou".

We, the People ... Go to War

We, the People, it says, set out to form a more perfect union. It must have been an inspired time, I imagine, when those thoughts first took form. What remarkable visionaries they were to see the beauty of a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. And how far we've come, how strong we've grown. A little upstart of a country, just over 200 years old, now shaping the destiny of our entire planet. We're big brother to the world. It's really quite unnerving that these sentimental stirrings can be brought out by war. And as this is my first war, I find my heart drawn back to that beginning time of We, the People.

Someone once said "May we all live in interesting times". Well, if it got any more interesting, we'd all come unglued. As a nation united we've walked, talked, slept, and lived this war on CNN and the media-at-large. From those first moments of Shaw, Holliman, and Arnett in Baghdad at the Al-Rashid Hotel, and our Air Force, with all its firepower, driving it home that we were at war.

At war! Scary, heartachy words. Knowing that cadets and judges from years past at the Nationals were there. "In harm's way" they call it. Such a slick and hollow phrase for putting your life on the line. Each of those first days filled with 24-hours-a-day of remote control switching to see which network would scoop the others for a morsel of news. I think my four-week headache began around the 18th hour of live broadcasts.

What will We, the People remember most? I'll remember a T.G.I. Fridays restaurant, their six televisions tuned to CNN emitting no sound because "they wanted to keep the atmosphere light" (during our war?). Bennigan's food tastes even better now. I'll remember a Walt Disney World spokesman explaining why their employees could not wear small yellow ribbons, "If we let employees wear ribbons, then we'd have to let them wear all sorts of things". Ribbon-clad employees at rival theme park Sea World never looked so good.

We'll remember the faces of our men, taken as prisoners of war, reciting stilted, scripted words --

heads cocked, eyes averted. The interviews with the men on the front lines, all sure and ready -- good-to-go. And the awful sight of Iraqi soldiers desperate to surrender, kissing their captors. And finally, our first troops returning from war, and the famous homecoming on a Georgia airstrip.

It's a dangerous and bitter reality to have to swallow, but this war is the best thing that could have happened to the USA. We've accomplished the written and unwritten tasks; the liberation of Kuwait, the decimation of the Iraqi Army and its crackpot leader, taking the first hard steps toward stabilizing a volatile corner of the world. But we've also gained something more precious; we've given We, the People something to be proud of again.

It's been a long and troubled quarter century since John, Bobby and Martin gave us an ideal to live up to. But in a way I think President Kennedy missed half of the mark when he said "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." We should ask what our country can do for us. The government does have the responsibility to make us proud. And not with the subversion of a Vietnam "police action". If you're going to put the lives of We, the People on the line, tell us. Do it right. Be honest and tell us why we have to be there, and if we think you're right, Mr. President, we'll support you. And by and large, we have. In a whirlwind rush of mere days, this country roared to life, determined to heal its wounds. Seeking absolution for the pathetic treatment of Vietnam veterans, we have embraced our troops with a patriotism that has not only welcomed home every soldier, sailor, airman, and marine, but has also taken us home again.

We, the People have arisen from the stupor of years lost with government of the angry, by the greedy, and for the self-serving to a fresh and unfamiliar warm blanket of security; trusting in our leaders again -- Bush, Cheney, Powell, and Schwarzkopf. Strange that after a generation of Rambo cliches and warmonger epithets for our leaders, we settled into war only to realize that it was being run by statesmen,

not butchers. They have set the standard for our new military, committed to ideals of reason, intellect and professionalism, and steeped in self-control.

Perhaps the circumstances set a foolproof stage for this perfectly orchestrated campaign. It's easy to play by Marquis of Queensbury rules when you're winning by a landslide. And it's hard to imagine a war capable of being "kinder and gentler". Thousands of lives were lost, but only from the actions of a single man who refused to respond to months of diplomacy, and instead ran his Army and his invasion with a savagery and disregard for human life bordering on psychosis. There is no doubt that in a different theater of operations things could have been worse. With a stronger adversary, we might have taken off the gloves and gotten dirt under our fingernails. But it still would have been run by these four extraordinary statesmen that are responsible to We, the People. And in my heart I believe they hold that responsibility sacred and would never drag us back into the black hole of leadership we've recently escaped.

As the turn of the century looms ahead, I think of the lyrical words that *should be* our National Anthem (not an epic of battle, but a tale of beauty). "Oh Beautiful, for heroes proved, in liberating strife. Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life." It can be a glorious march of honor, pride and compassion into the 21st century. Led by heroes. By Schwarzkopf, hard and soft all at once, heart bursting forth with the love of his men -- a greater quality could not be found in a general. And by our troops, strong and courageous, willing to risk it all to keep us free. As they protect and defend us, we cannot forget what we owe them. The responsibility of every American must be to live the ideal that inspired our creation over 200 years ago. If we can attain a mere fraction of that idealism, we just may be able to keep America a place of "Oh, Beautiful", of honor among our leaders, and of a dignity befitting this nation of We, the People.

- Samantha Ste.Claire

Parris Island

"The Beast of the East"

"Among all the honors, among all the postings, promotions and medals that have been awarded me, the one in which I take most pride is to be able to say -- 'I am a Marine'."

- General John A. Lejeune
- 13th Commandant-USMC

If you saw this place listed in a travel brochure, you'd swear it was one of the nation's most exclusive vacation resorts:

"Beautiful tree-lined drive to your tropical South Carolina oasis located on over 7,000 acres of land and water. Only minutes from the ocean, your amenities include: free round-trip bus transportation and specially-designed clothing provided at no cost. Around-the-clock wake-up service, all-you-can-eat buffet meals, as well as security-patrolled grounds featuring custom designed exercise areas with personal trainers specially instructed to assist you -- day and night!"

While few would argue about the "exclusiveness" of Parris Island, the "vacation resort" notion would bring a few thousand present and past U.S. Marines into an interesting discussion! Between the oppressing heat and humidity to the sand fleas, snakes, alligators and sharks, Parris Island is the ideal location to test "the mettle to be a Marine".

Parris Island is the home of basic training for male Marine recruits east of the Mississippi and all female recruits nationwide. No other military installation is more feared or revered worldwide than Parris Island. Ask any Marine why this is and they will give you a very unbiased opinion...it's because the training compares to none other.

The 11 weeks (12 weeks for females) recruits spend on the Island are usually the most intimidating, humbling, draining and rewarding experience these young men and women have ever been a part of. A typical day for new arrivals on the Island begins at Receiving in complete darkness around 3:00am. This is where the intense program of recruit training begins.

At this staggering hour, a new recruit is snapped awake by a tough looking man whose main talent is to wake the dead with the volume of his voice. Recruits are hustled off the bus by this snarling drill instructor and told to get his feet on the famous yellow footprints at the Recruit Receiving Barracks in a major hurry. At Receiving, the recruit receives his haircut, uniform, health and comfort items, field gear, M-16A2 rifle, but most importantly, he has received his first taste of the type of training he will receive during basic training.

Many years ago, recruit training at the Island revolved primarily around physical intimidation from drill instructors. In recent years this practice has been eliminated in favor of a more effective and long lasting approach involving intense mental and emotional training combined with the same vigorous physical activity which has made "the Island" famous. Control of these three dimensions of the recruit persona provides by far the most effective method used in the new Marine Corps to gain the primary objective -- to build the perfect fighting machine.

Recruits entering the Marines come from all backgrounds. "You get every type of kid here, big city kids, farm kids, and a few tough kids but mostly they're kids who just *think* they're tough and a few kids who maybe got in over their head," stated Senior Drill Instructor, Staff Sergeant E. Lewis Smith. "The Marines want only the best and it's our job to make sure that remains the case."

This responsibility can be tremendous. "You get one or two kids a rotation with real bad attitudes. Some just need some extra attention and a moment in the Squad Bay, some need LOTS of attention and MANY meetings in the Squad Bay, and others could have used a good kick in the butt a few years ago," laughed Smith. "Then you get some kids who are used to getting lots of special treatment and they realize right away that's not gonna happen. Some recruits try anything to get an advantage but they don't realize there's no game we haven't seen...we've seen it all."

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- 1st Battalion - Parris Island

With the beginning of the all-volunteer service in the 70's, many feared the armed forces, particularly the Marine Corps, could not maintain their strength. Most would now agree that this has not been the case. In fact, with every recruit now entering the Marines, choosing to do so, one could make the case that this has become an even more intense fighting group. The enormous strides made in supplying improved fighting equipment and high-tech machinery during the arms build-up of the Reagan Administration, makes a strong case that today's Marine Corps is at its strongest, most capable position in our history.



Recruits listen intently during a physical training demonstration



Pugil sticks give all recruits a chance to get physical in the "The Octagon"

While the Island is renowned for bringing out the best in its future Marines, it creates complications when it brings out the best in those who just aren't cut out to be a part of this elite corps. Someone may be operating at maximum effort and still not make it. That is the cutting edge that is Parris Island, and that is exactly what the Marine Corps must have -- a process to weed out the few and the proud. This process leaves many fine young men and women who just can't make it on the Island. There are very few disappointments in life as intense.

"There is no disgrace in giving everything you have and just not cutting it at Parris Island," stated Sergeant Major Michael Wren. "It doesn't make these kids losers -- just signing up to come to Parris Island puts these men and women far above those who will never set their sights that high. It's still about the toughest thing in the world to see someone who is giving 110% effort, counting on becoming a Marine and knowing it's just not going to happen."

Quality Junior ROTC cadets coming onto the Island are far ahead of those without any previous military training -- and they're quickly spotted by the trained eyes of the USMC Drill Instructor. "I can spot them right away, although they don't usually volunteer any information," stated Staff Sgt. Raymond Gonzalez, Parris Island DI. "They think by not volunteering that information, they can keep it to themselves. Sometimes, I don't think

they realize how much JROTC changes their entire outward appearance. They're more disciplined, generally have better attitudes and are certainly well trained in the fundamentals of drill. They carry themselves different than a normal off-the-street recruit -- it gives them an initial advantage when they first get off the bus, but that only lasts a short time. They get no special treatment around here."

The Parris Island Drill Instructors got a first hand look at quite a few future Marines at the NHSOTC and they generally liked what they saw. "The type of cadets who attend the Nationals kind of threw me at first. They come in here (the Nationals) with this hard core attitude that takes a minute to get used to. We're used to seeing recruits that get off the bus stumbling around -- easy to intimidate," said Staff Sgt. William Cochrane. "A lot of these kids have been trained by Marines so it really shouldn't surprise me the way they hold up under fire. The cadets I talked with at the

Nationals should give everyone a good feeling about the future of our country." Staff Sgt. Smith added, "They are some of the finest young men and women I have ever had the pleasure of dealing with. They've really got their heads screwed on straight."

While every branch of the military has their own distinguishing characteristics that separate them within the services, Parris Island exemplifies the one element that sets the United States Marine Corps apart from all other branches of the armed forces...intensity. It's the near-fanatical passion that every Marine, both past and present, carries with them of their love for the Corps. And this tradition is carried on 50 times each year at company graduations on the parade deck as they have for almost 80 years; where a new company of tough, proud recruits and their families are rewarded for their dedication and determination. And with a hearty "Aye, Aye, Sir!" ringing across the parade deck concluding the emotional ceremony, each recruit is officially issued that one honor above all others - the title of "United States Marine". *Parris Island - it's the stuff legends are made of.*



Event Highlights

The National High School Drill Team Championships

Daytona Beach, Florida

May 3rd-5th, 1990



La Salle Military Academy of Oakdale-Long Island, New York displays the style that earned them a Demilitarized National Championship in 1990



Cadets from N.B. Forrest High School in Jacksonville, Florida took home the "gold" in 1990, capturing both the Without Arms National and Runner-Up Championships, along with eight cloissone medallions during Unarmed Knockout

Beautiful 80° temperatures and sparkling ocean waves greeted the attendees of the 8th annual 1990 National High School Drill Team Championships. Forty-three competition units from as far away as Hawaii and Texas gave this event the most incredible array of drill and ceremony talent anywhere in the country. This talent and diversity was especially evident with a different service branch capturing each of the three competition divisions of the NHSDTC.

As every past attendee of the NHSDTC will tell you, between the beach, the weather and the sheer size & scope of the competition, winning at Daytona in your first year is very difficult. First-time entries who were very competitive in 1990 included: Mac Arthur H.S., R.E. Lee H.S., McKinley H.S., Freedom H.S., Lincoln H.S., Jeffersontown H.S., E.H. White H.S., and Northeast H.S.. These teams, coupled with the many strong returning teams, truly excelled in 1990. However, the returning champions were ready for the challenge. While the overall scoring was again extremely close in all events, all three teams who captured National Championships in Demilitarized Arms, Facsimile Arms and Without Arms in 1989 repeated as champions in 1990.

The Air Force JROTC unit from N.B. Forrest High School became the first team in the history of the NHSDTC to capture both the Without Arms National Championship title with their girls team and the Without Arms National Runner-Up title with their boys team. The Marine Corps was again well represented by the Daniel Boone High School MCJROTC unit who captured the Facsimile Arms National Championship. The team was buoyed by a well-balanced performance consisting of three first place and two second place finishes in their five team events counting toward the Facsimile Arms Championship. Lastly, the Army JROTC unit from La Salle Military Academy captured the always tough Demilitarized National Championship. "We come to the Nationals because the best drill teams in the Nation are here. When you win here you know you've won something", stated La Salle cadet commander Todd Nekrutman.

Sports Network salutes the teams who attended the event in 1990 and wish to them a successful drill season during the upcoming year.



McKinley High School from Honolulu, Hawaii strut their stuff during their impressive Squad Exhibition performance



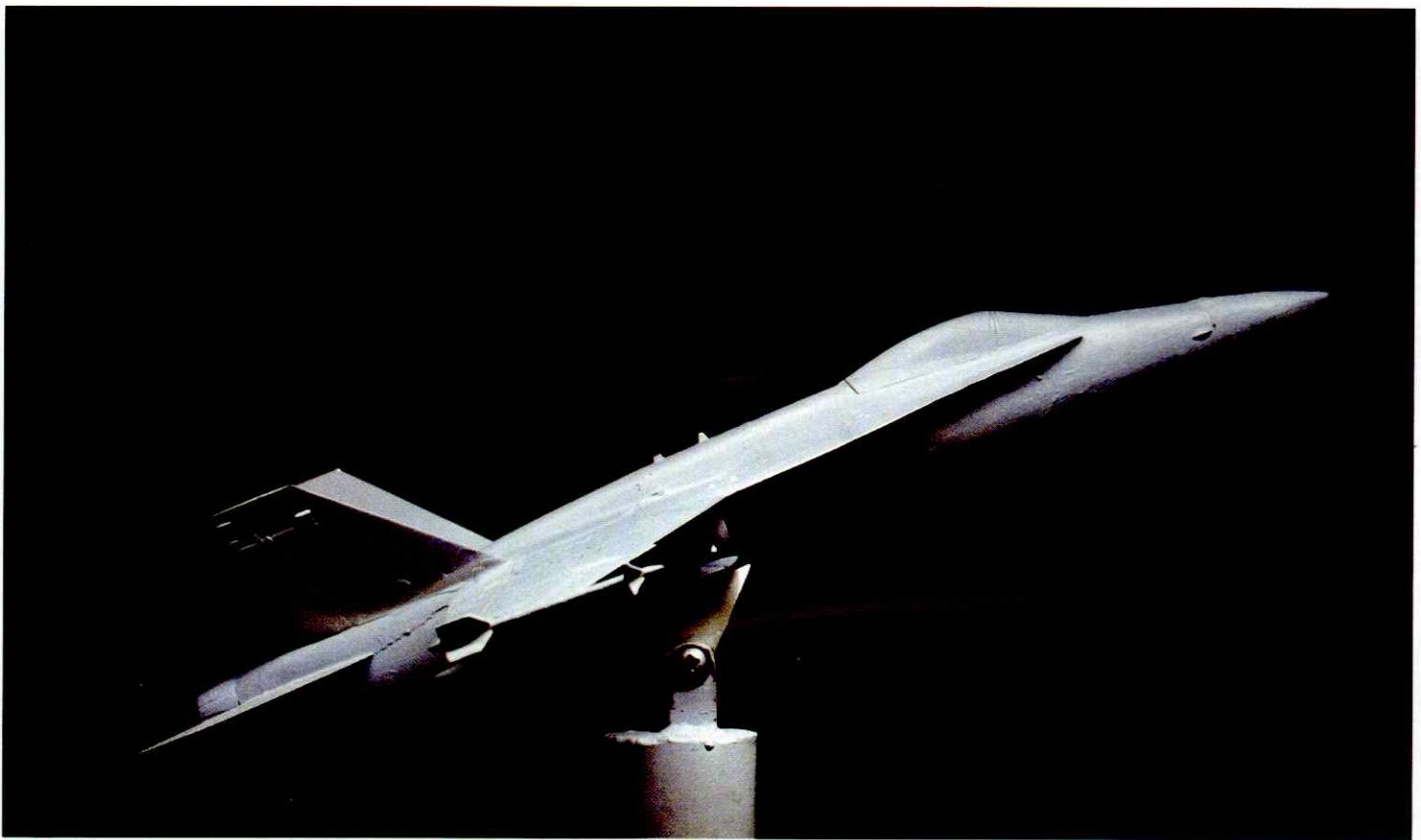
Almost 2,000 nervous cadets, instructors and parents attend the closing-night NHSDTC Awards Ceremony



Under the watchful eye of USMC Drill Instructor SSgt. E. Lewis Smith of Parris Island, SC, Springfield High School from Holland, Ohio displays the dazzling precision that has placed them among the top competition drill units in the nation



The Daniel Boone Boonettes from Gray, Tennessee prepare themselves for their championship Facsimile Arms Platoon Exhibition performance



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