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National Champions from the three NHSDTC Competition Divisions pose with their beautiful National Championship Trophies. Cadet Commander Nicole Jacobson from Enterprise High School (left). Cadet Commander Sarah Martinez from Theodore Roosevelt High School (right) and Cadet Commander Eric Perdue from Kentridge High School (top).

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A Capital Event in a Capital City

25 schools compete at the National Capital Drill Classic

On March 21st, 1992 the inaugural National Capital Drill Classic provided a historic and exciting drill & ceremony competition for teams throughout the District of Columbia and its neighboring states. The prodigious DC National Guard and Armory Board hosted this solid 25-school contest. Many teams captured local or regional drill events before attending the NCDC.

The NCDC is sponsored by the US Army ROTC Cadet Command and supervised by national Event Manager Sports Network International. The event, in keeping with the goals and ideals of *Operation Capital*, provides drill units with a superior, all-service drill event to feature the fruits of their many hours of after-school hard work. *Operation Capital* is a dynamic Army program in which many inner-city cadets are given a number of positive activities in which to participate.

With a stirring opening ceremony and the appearance of the distinguished U.S. Army Old Guard Drill Team, the table was set early on for a memorable event. Strong schools provided an excellent competition in both Armed and Unarmed Divisions. Lake Clifton/Eastern H.S. and Oxon Hill H.S. were two of the earliest registering schools to attend the 1992 NCDC and their preparation paid off.

Armed Division

The Lake Clifton/Eastern Army JROTC unit from Baltimore, MD captured the Armed Division competition with an overall score of 3,695 points. Their White Knights drill team amassed this total through a first place finish in Team Inspection, a second place finish in Team Exhibition, and quality performances in both Regulation and Color Guard Drill.

Army JROTC unit Franklin Military School in Richmond, VA finished just 58 points behind the division champions with a total of 3,637 points. Their Imperial

Guard drill team was buoyed by a first place Team Exhibition performance and a third place finish in Color Guard Drill by only 3 points!

The Navy JROTC unit from Calvert H.S. in Prince Frederick, MD finished just 84 points behind the leader. The tenacity displayed by the scrappy Calvert H.S. team was unparalleled, gaining three out of four second place finishes that vaulted the Cavaliers drill team. Only a poor Team Exhibition performance thwarted an overall NCDC championship.

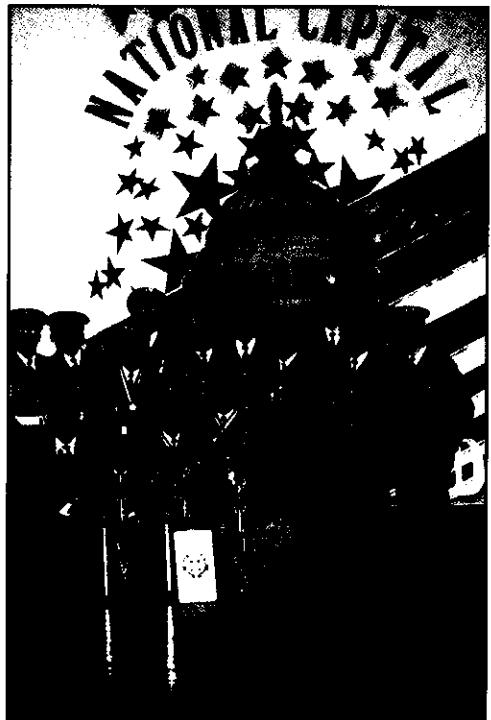
Other event champions included the Black Jacks from Lee County H.S. in Sanford, NC who captured the Regulation Drill competition and the Trojan Warriors from Gaithersburg H.S. in Gaithersburg, MD who captured the Color Guard event. Strong performances were also turned in by the Black's Gold drill team from Benedictine H.S. (VA) and the Crimson Tide drill team of Dunbar H.S. (DC).

Unarmed Division

Air Force JROTC unit Oxon Hill H.S. of Oxon Hill, MD seized both the Unarmed Division championship and runner-up crowns with a tremendous 4,033 score for the Blue Guards and a 3,812 point total by the Devastation drill team. The Blue Guard captured three of the four team events in very convincing fashion.

Forest Park H.S. of Baltimore, MD finished strong gathering the highest point total of all Army JROTC units in the 4th Brigade and a third place Unarmed Division finish overall. Along with capturing the Color Guard competition in the Unarmed Division, the Executioners drill team maintained a top five finish in every team event at the NCDC.

Other very strong finishers in the Unarmed Division included: the Yellow Jackets of Randolph-Macon Academy, VA (2nd place-Color Guard); the Chosen Few of



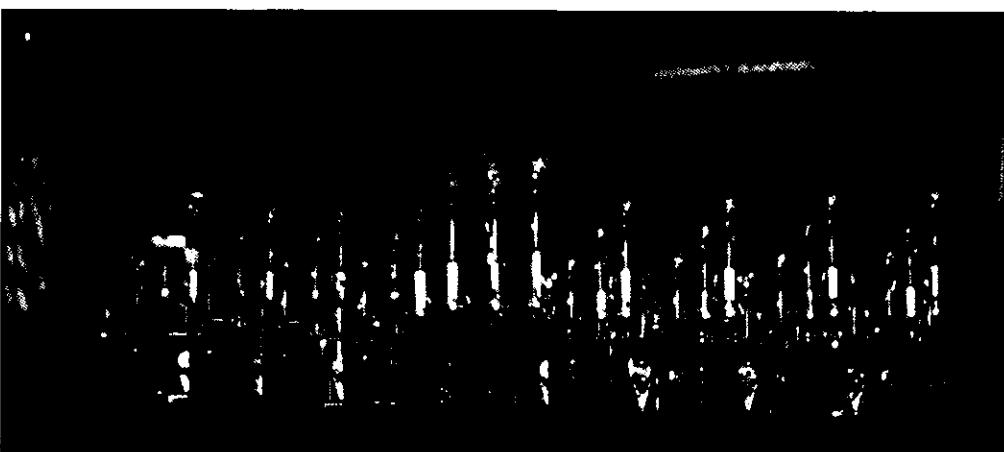
This signature 16' NCDC banner gives all teams an attractive photographic backdrop

Parkdale H.S., MD (3rd Place-Color Guard); the Justices of John Marshall H.S., VA (2nd Place-Regulation Drill); and the Lion's Battalion of Howard H.S., MD (3rd Place-Team Inspection).

By far the most outstanding element of the competition was the knockout drill. In this one-hit-and-out event, the tension level is always high. Despite the watchful eye of a sixteen member, all-service judging corps, both the Armed and Unarmed Knockout took on a marathon veneer. Many of the final cadets on the floor simply would not let themselves make a mistake and be "knocked out". This is a direct tribute to the concentration and determination shown by cadets at the NCDC.

Other memorable highlights included a powerful awards ceremony presided over by 4th Brigade Commander Colonel Andrew L. Jackson, Jr., as well as the presentation of stunning first through fifth place team trophies by Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant Keith Williams. With team trophies unlike any others, as well as t-shirts, specially-minted medallions and 8" x 10" color team photos, along with competing in historic Washington, DC, the National Capital Drill Classic proved to be a great success and a fantastic experience for all who attended.

Due to the overwhelming success and demand of teams wishing to attend the 1993 National Capital Drill Classic, SNI will allow select teams from across the United States to attend this national event. All teams wishing to obtain additional informational on how to attend this exciting drill & ceremony competition should contact the Event Manager, Sports Network International (see page 2).



Beautiful trophies at the NCDC Awards Ceremony are a highlight of the competition

United States Military Academy



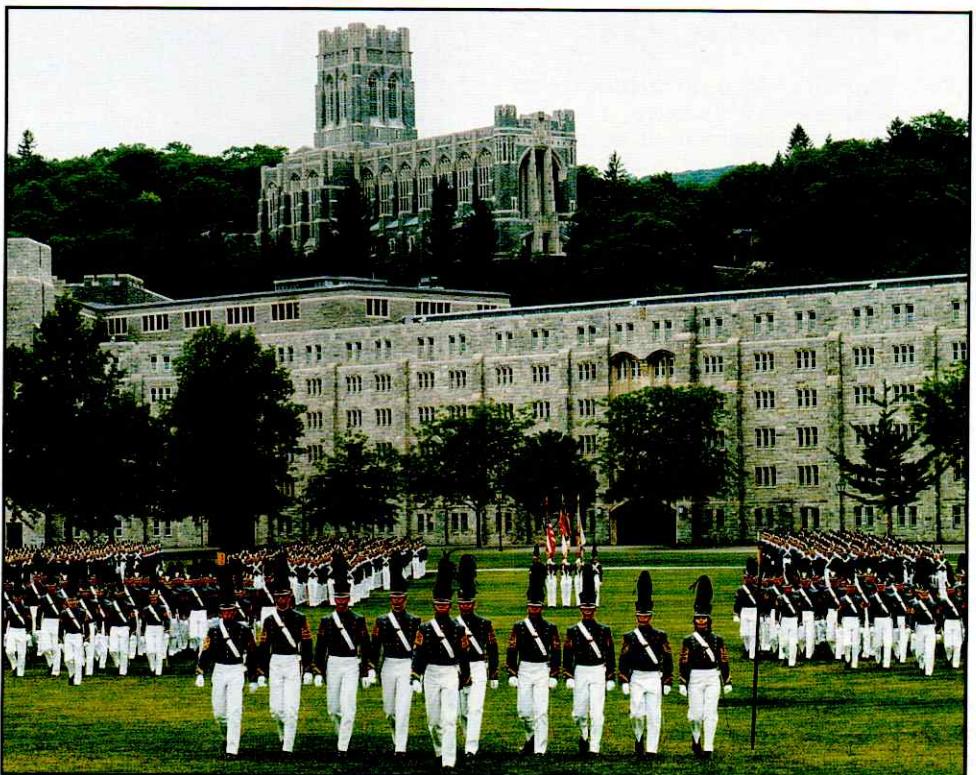
"The brave man inattentive to duty is worth little more to a country than the coward who deserts in the hour of danger."
- Andrew Jackson

On March 16th, 1802, Congress authorized a Corps of Military Engineers to be established at West Point, New York. The nature of the fragile American republic demanded officers with democratic values and unquestioned character. To meet that need, the young country established the Military Academy in 1802. As the Nation has matured, this need has endured.

Located in the picturesque Hudson Valley area of New York, West Point has expanded from its modest beginning of 1,800 acres to just over 16,000 acres. This site played a very instrumental role in the American revolution -- overlooking the vital river traffic that flowed through the "S" curve in the Hudson River. Fortress West Point, though under constant endangerment by the British, was never captured and today remains the oldest, continuously occupied military post in the country.

The system of education and the principals of academic and military training at the Military Academy were established by Colonel Sylvanus Thayer, Superintendent from 1817 to 1833. Thayer, honored as "The Father of the Military Academy", had one ideal always before him: to produce cadets who would be trained and worthy leaders. He demanded of the cadets excellence of character and knowledge. Seeking freedom from wartime reliance on foreign engineers, artillerists, and drill-masters, he made civil engineering the core of the West Point curriculum and military training its forte`.

The United States Military Academy has occupied a colorful and vital place in the history and future of the world, providing the United States with leaders of character who serve the common defense of the Nation. West Point is a college whose mission is to educate and train the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate shall gain the essential attributes for professional growth as an officer of the United States Army, and to inspire each to a lifetime of service to the Nation.



The pomp & ceremony of the Corps of Cadets' Graduation Parade is held against a backdrop of one of the Nation's most magnificent universities.

As this country's first, and, for many years, only engineering school, the US Military Academy produced the many engineer-soldiers who were instrumental in opening up the West. In response to changing requirements since then, the curriculum composition and methods of instruction are under continual study and improvement to meet the demands of the times. Army engineers can take credit for over 20,000 miles of waterways, the Panama Canal, the Alaska Highway, some fifty hydroelectric plants and hundreds of vital flood control projects. Today the role of the Academy has expanded significantly to provide the broad, liberal arts and sciences background required of today's officer corps.

The goals of the academic program at West Point are to teach basic knowledge, to help cadets reason, think and communicate, and to encourage intellectual curiosity. These goals are achieved through a generous 8-to-1 student-faculty ratio and a broad core curriculum of 31 courses followed by in-depth learning in a major or field of study.

In 1991, over 12,750 applicants attempted to gain entry into West Point with only 1,340 accepted. Of these cadets, 86% were in the top 20% of their class, including 111 valedictorians!



The USMA battle colors stream proudly from this cadet color guard.

Entrants to West Point know from day one that they are entering a profession, not just a college situation. Each cadet becomes part of the "Regular Army". In addition to room, board, tuition, computer system and medical/dental care, a cadet receives in excess of \$5,000 per year. The cadet must pay for uniform and textbooks and other expenses from this amount.

Upon completion of their studies, West Point graduates earn a Bachelor of Science degree and are commissioned as second lieutenants in the United States Army. Starting as lieutenants, these soldiers will advance as far as their talents and the needs of the service will take them. After graduation, each cadet is required to serve at least six years of Army active duty and two years in a Reserve Component, totaling eight years.

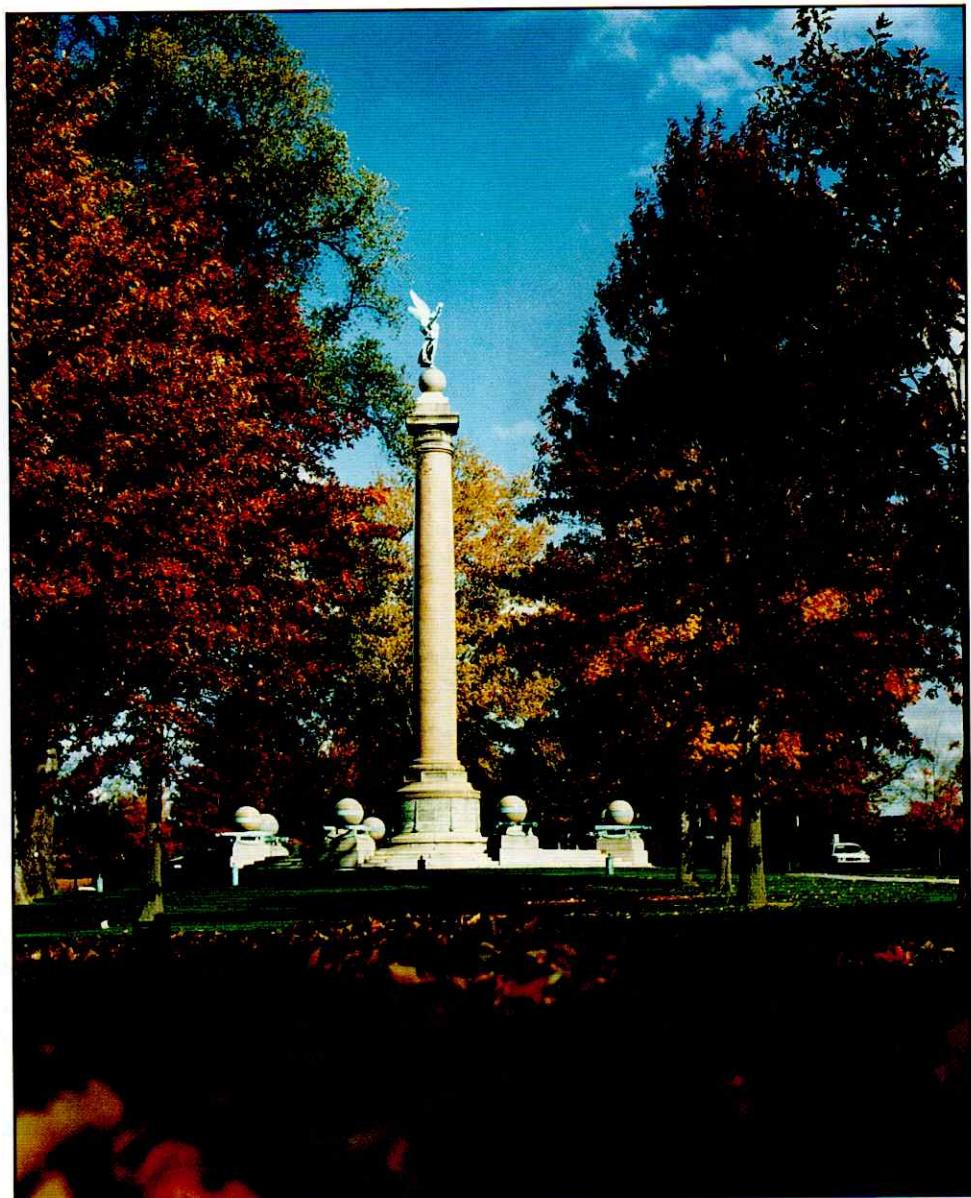
In the core area of studies, West Point to this day remains true to its roots as the first engineering school in the country. Cadet must take three engineering science courses and two engineering design courses. These, in addition to the difficult math, science and computer requirements, make for a rigorous academic load. Cadets also receive intense instruction in English, psychology, philosophy, economics and world politics.

After completion of these core classes, cadets take either 9 classes in a field of study or 10 to 12 courses for an academic major. Cadets must pass every class and maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average to graduate. Failure of any course remains a strong grounds for dismissal from West Point. With the U.S. Government covering the entire \$200,000 cost of a four-year tuition, very few academic deficiencies are tolerated.

All instructors hold at least a Masters Degree ensuring that the knowledge taught is on the cutting edge. Most classes are instructed by officers with a few led by high ranking, non-commissioned officers. This gives all of these instructors the unique ability to teach cadets not only academics, but what will be important to them as leaders in the Army.

Cadets at West Point spend nearly all of their time during the academic week in some type of uniform. These uniforms vary, depending on the activity there are designed for.

Modeled after the black, gray and gold colored components contained within gunpowder, the basic uniform adopted in 1889 is the dress gray uniform of worsted wool jacket and pants with black mohair braid trim. The coat is worn today as a semi-dress uniform with either white or gray trousers. There is a different uniform for every activity, from parades to exercise. The famous long gray overcoat is also a traditional and well-known part of the cadet's uniform and has been copied by military schools and programs throughout the country.



Marking the change of seasons throughout the school year, autumn's glorious foliage surrounds one of the campuses' many battle monuments.

The admittance of women into the Academy in 1975 necessitated the need for a uniform compatible with the traditional male uniform, yet maintained a feminine style. Womens' uniforms at West Point contain a trousers / skirt combination and black heeled shoes. Trousers are worn in formation and skirts are permissible for non-formal wear.

Given the demanding, intense nature of both the required and elective classes at the Academy, most experts agree that West Point cadets are the busiest college students in the country.

A typical day for a West Point cadet begins at 0600 when cadets wake up and ready themselves for the 0625 breakfast formation. Lasting roughly five minutes, cadets are then allowed 30 minutes for breakfast. Classes and studies are undertaken from 0715 to 1125. Cadets then go to lunch from 1145 to 1230. Cadets move to Commandant's Time from 1230 to 1330. This time is generally set

aside for cadets to receive special military instruction regarding training, duties or other vital information. Cadets finish their classes and studying from 1335 to 1540. This ends the cadets scheduled class time for the day.

Cadets participate in intramurals, club or intercollegiate athletics or other activities until around 1730. Cadets may then attend dinner or maintain a little private time until 1900. Cadet duties are undertaken from 1900 to 1930. These duties include "squatting yourself away" personal-type tasks, as well as responsibilities required of a member in the Corps of Cadets. Additional time for extracurricular activities or relaxation is allowed from 1930 to 2030 hours, which precedes mandatory study time from 2030 to 2330 hours. Taps are played at 2330 which signifies the end of the daily duties. Lights out are mandatory at 2400. All-night study binges are not tolerated at West Point; regular sleep is as much a requirement as any class.

All cadets receive a two-week Christmas break and a four-week summer vacation, as well as a four-day Thanksgiving break. Weekend leaves are allowed, however with very few received as a plebe.

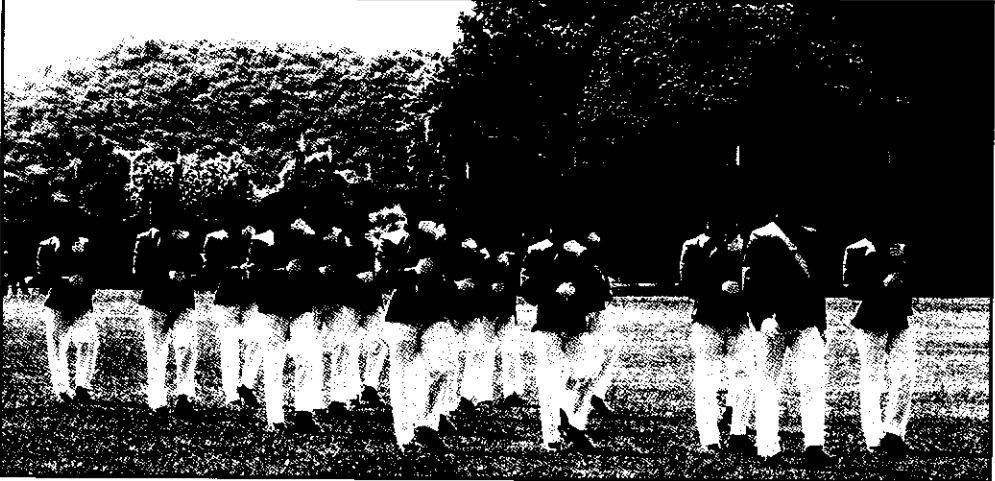
Cadets develop personal integrity and high moral standards by accepting and living their daily lives under a system commonly known as "the Code". The Cadet Honor Code states that "a cadet will not lie, cheat or steal nor tolerate those who do". Strength of character is a valued tradition at West Point. It cannot be compromised because West Point graduates must maintain these high standards throughout their professional careers.

Despite the evolution that the Code has undergone over the years, the impact the Honor Code brings to bear has never diminished: the word of the cadet is never questioned. The Honor Code demands and expects of all cadets absolute integrity in word and deed. Although the Code represents a minimum standard of behavior which to live by, cadets are further challenged to pursue an honorable lifestyle manifest within the "spirit" of the Code.

While little free time is available, a number of facilities exist for fun. Basketball, hockey, swimming as well as special purpose rooms for squash, handball, weight training and combatives are available to cadets. Additional athletic areas also include a ski-slope, an 18-hole golf course and an outdoor swimming pool. The Cadet Activity Center, Eisenhower Hall, contains a large auditorium, a restaurant, a ballroom overlooking the Hudson River, a games area, an art gallery and a spacious foyer for cadets and guests.



Few moments capture the spirit of the United States Military Academy's Corps of Cadets more than the joyous & traditional graduation hat toss.



The Bayonets, the United States Military Academy Drill Team.

The hub of the cadet area is Washington Hall, the dining hall and headquarters of the Corps of Cadets. In the immediate area surrounding Washington Hall are the cadet barracks. Cadets barracks are modern, well-lighted and comfortable, with two or three cadets housed in each room. A Visitors Center and the USMA Museum, located at Pershing Center in the village of Highland Falls, provide hundreds of thousands of visitors with a glimpse of daily life at the academy and the history of this military post and its graduates.

To many who have no direct connection to the Military Academy, the most notable group on campus remains the Army football team. The Army-Navy football game arguably holds the title as the most illustrious rivalry in intercollegiate sports; for civilians and military personnel alike. Obtaining a near-perfect won-loss record can be a successful season unless that one loss occurs in *the game!*

The game is steeped in tradition, from the Army Mule roaming the sidelines, to the entire plebe class of both Academies standing during the contest. Regardless of the records of both schools, the game is viewed and listed to by millions of people -- maintaining an aura of importance that exceeds the season records of both teams.

While not as famous as Army football, West Point maintains another organization that is growing in stature and popularity. Resurrected in 1985 to promote cadet excellence, the United States Military Academy Drill Team has impressed admiring crowds in both the United States and Canada. "Our routines are a blend of the Old Guard and Silent Drill Platoon," stated former West Point Cadet-in-Charge 2LT Eric Larkin. "However, our style is distinctly our own." Affectionately known as *The Bayonets*, this group is exhibition only. "Competition is not what we are about," stated Officer in Charge LTC Heiko W. Volkmann. "We feel we are one of the finest drill teams in the country."

The rivalry between the USMA Drill Team and the Naval Academy Drill Team also maintains its share of good-natured discussion. "I won't say anything derogatory about the Navy Drill Team," stated Larkin, "but after we performed at Annapolis, I think they were glad we *don't* compete!"

The Military Academy must be a fountain of positive values, and its graduates must be leaders who adhere to the highest standards. Their character must allow them to always choose the harder right over the easier wrong. As leaders of distinction, they depart West Point with a strong sense of DUTY and a deeply ingrained code of HONOR, inspired to serve their COUNTRY, in peace and war, in whatever capacity the Nation demands.

Editor's Note:

If you are thinking about a career in the military and you have a solid high school transcript, West Point may be for you. As a West Point graduate you join other dedicated men and women who serve this Nation honorably, sharing a strong sense of pride and satisfaction that comes from meaningful service to others.

Cadet Salute ★★★ Class of 1993

This year's Cadet Salute features outstanding cadets from schools that attended the 1992 National High School Drill Team Championships and highlights each cadet's future educational and career plans.



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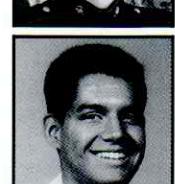
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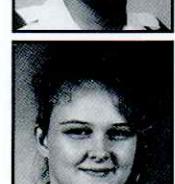
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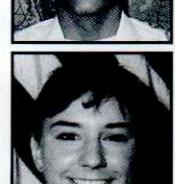
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Sports Network International
would like to wish all of these cadets
the best of luck in their future endeavors
and to thank the JROTC programs & instructors
for developing the talents and abilities
of these unique individuals.

Junior ROTC Expansion Sparks National Hope

Washington, DC - On August 24th, 1992, President Bush announced expansion of the nation's high school Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps program. The expansion will increase the number of JROTC units from about 1,500 to 2,900. Expansion of this program is listed as the Department of Defense's best opportunity to make an immediate impact on youth skill development. Under the expanded program, in addition to the funding already shared between individual school systems and the Department, further financial support will be made available to schools on the basis of need and priority. The Department will ask Congress to authorize reprogramming for FY 1993 of approximately \$50 million. After complete expansion to 2,900 JROTC units by 1996, the Department of Defense expects the annual cost of the program to be about \$150 million. The cost of the current program is about \$70 million a year.

You can smell it in the air. Like the first crisp breath of autumn conjures the sounds of football and the scent of pine. It's election time again. Only it's not the rich smell of a fall harvest; it's the noxious fumes of political gasbags winding themselves on the public airways. Between the force fed diet of partisan rhetoric and twisted mis-truths from a embarrassingly liberal-biased media, it is genuinely refreshing to see an announcement so clear in its promise for a brighter future.

There's a distinct challenge in evaluating such an expenditure without descending into the political arena. But if our country is to rise out of this quagmire of corruption and disintegrating values, we must do it together. All of this bi-partisan fencing has gone too far. Our elected officials spend too much time thrusting, parrying and jockeying for re-election and not enough time just getting the job done. Common sense defines for most Americans the difference between right and wrong. Some issues are just that clear. The expansion of Junior ROTC is just such an issue, and is a proposal that cannot be allowed to slide into a vat of "which party's program is this" stew. There is far too much at stake to risk the dumping of this expansion into that melting pot.

No sane person questions whether or not we are spinning out of control on several fronts: one in four murderers are teenagers, drug abuse is rampant, and basic human decency seems to be an easily sacrificed quality in favor of a quick fix or a fast buck. Within this publication there is an article on the United States Military Academy at West Point, wherein it states, "The Military Academy must be a fountain of positive values, and its graduates must be leaders who adhere to the highest standards. Their character must allow them to always choose the harder right over the easier wrong." If only there were a way, you might ask, to transplant that same sense of purpose and ethics into our Nation's fledgling citizens, its youth. If we could only accomplish this one task, then the seeds would be planted, and no matter how bad today might be, these children's tomorrow would be *better!*

Well, there is a way to accomplish this mission, and Junior ROTC is the program that can do it (*and has already done it, in fact*). While Junior ROTC certainly scales down the intensity of the USMA, it far exceeds the scope of the Academy in that it currently exists in over 1,500 high schools across the country and the world.

Junior ROTC's greatest attribute is that it lays a foundation where, in many cases, there was none. Students may gravitate towards JROTC from broken or dysfunctional homes; may have no awareness of responsibility or discipline; and worst of all, may have no sense of self-esteem or pride, the cornerstones of a productive citizen and a happy human being. They may have no discernable light to lead them from their desperate situation, yet they seek out JROTC and its sense of order.

JROTC provides a structure in which students learn the basic components of being a good citizen. Responsibility, commitment and honor are the most important elements taught by this program. And with these components to build upon, Junior ROTC utilizes a military-type framework to teach students to both lead and follow. Instructors demand the best that every cadet has to give. They are "in their face" every day and don't accept excuses; a compelling relationship that brings out a determination to succeed in each student. Experts have long agreed that children thrive in a fair and disciplined environment, craving challenge and responsibility. Junior ROTC provides precisely this infrastructure.

There are certain societal problems that are approaching (and exceeding) critical levels. The undeveloped, fragile minds of our children are fighting for their lives every day; battling the compulsion to try drugs or struggling against the hopelessness that turns them to crime. Parents may be responsible for providing the morals and ethics that shape these children, but they sure aren't living up to it. And without a family value to guide them, these same children will be the next (and greatest) generation of parasites on this country. How tragic for them and for us. If we don't spend a small sum of money now, helping those youths that want direction and guidance, we'll be spending a small fortune to support them through welfare states and penal institutions.

Beyond the critical mass, front page headline reasons to support JROTC are the subtler, more poignant, but no less meaningful reasons to push for its expansion. The spirit of patriotism has carried us through some dark hours. It's a spirit that is in too short of a supply for my comfort. Junior ROTC teaches a sense of who we as Americans are, and what is expected of us as members of a free society; the essence of democracy and the vital importance of the individual to the state. When you don't

feel that you have a stake in something, it doesn't make you want to work for it, or defend it, or be proud of it. When young Americans are more exposed to the fact that freedom isn't free, that it has to be fought for and sometimes died for, then they get a better sense of what they are a part of. And what is a part of them. In no other classroom does John F. Kennedy's most famous words burn brighter. "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

Junior ROTC cadets are the least likely teenagers to turn to their government, hand on one hip and spit, "What have you done for me lately?" (Not a favorite phrase of mine.) They will, however, turn to their elected officials, ask informed questions, demand straight answers and *vote!* They will stand on their own two feet, make something wonderful of their lives, and feel compelled to give something back to the Nation that nurtured them.

The first step in creating a principled person must be in giving an element of power to that individual. Children have precious little control over their lives. From parents to peer pressure, it's amazing that we expect our youth to step out into the world the day they graduate high school or the day they turn 18 and suddenly be responsible adults; be of value to their society. A vast percentage of this country's young are either raised to be children or are not raised at all; they're running wild within their own vision of anarchy, not allowing the rules of society to be applied to them. A better program could not be perceived that would give students such a shot at adulthood while still in the protective confines of a classroom. A support system surrounds them as they take those first tenuous steps towards maturity: learning to be dependable, understanding that others are relying upon them, and grasping the harsh lessons of what real life is all about. And parents that have done admirable jobs of raising their children couldn't ask for a better program to continue the education they began.

JROTC allows for practical applications of life. It is built upon the belief that students can handle all the responsibility you can give them. Junior ROTC is a program that has stood the test of time and delivered a success rate so phenomenal that in this solemn dark of night, its expansion represents a brilliant spark of hope that this Nation so desperately needs.

- Samantha Ste. Claire

This is your official invitation to attend

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 11th annual National High School Drill Team Championships held in Daytona Beach, Florida. This event is open to all public and private high schools, military academies and private drill and ceremony units in Armed & Unarmed competition.

The National High School Drill Team Championships remain the premiere high school drill competition in the nation. The 1993 Nationals will utilize the expanded tournament field begun in 1992, thus allowing fewer schools to be turned down for entry; creating the largest, most exciting competition field in the history of the Nationals. All teams considering entry into the NHSDTC should make their plans early as competition spaces remain very limited.

Sports Network International, Inc. will serve as the Event Manager for the Nationals. Hosting only the finest athletic and military competitions since 1972, SNI holds the distinction of being the nation's oldest and most respected youth and young adult sports manager in the United States. The Nationals are sponsored by the U.S. Army ROTC - Cadet Command and by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Competition Guidelines

The competition manual for the drill event is based on the latest edition of U.S. Army Field Manual 22-5 (December-1986) for the Armed competition. Unarmed competition will be based on Air Force Manual 50-14 (January-1992). Due to the all-service format of the event, slight modifications regarding interpretation have been made to each of these service manuals in order to allow all teams, regardless of their service affiliation, the fairest competition possible.

The S.O.P. for the NHSDTC is finalized by January and mailed to all units following their registration into the event. Units having questions regarding the rules & procedures of this drill meet should contact SNI before entering the competition.

Event Judging

Each judge selected for 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 four branches of the armed forces: Parris Island Recruit Depot, Ft. Benning Drill Instructor School, Orlando Naval Training Center, and MacDill & Patrick AFB.

All judges receive a judging manual before attending the event. Along with this, each judge is briefed extensively on the judging criteria used at the Nationals in advance of the event. A drill meet is only as good as the quality and preparation of the judges. No other drill meet goes to such great lengths to ensure judges will do an exceptional job. This remains an important reason why teams continue to make the Nationals the primary focus of their entire drill season.

Competition Events

The Nationals include the following competition divisions and events:

Armed Division

Demilitarized Arms Division
and
Facsimile Arms/Female Division

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

Unarmed Division

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

Each school may enter *up to two complete teams in each of the competition divisions listed above, providing that no individual cadet competes for more than one team.* This will require all schools with multiple team entries (one male team & one female team, etc.) to submit a separate roster for each of these teams. This rule will enable teams from the same school to compete against each other for the Overall Championships. Care is taken to ensure schools with multiple entries compete without scheduling conflict.

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 and Unarmed Knockout competitions, regardless of what division they entered as a unit.

Schools are not required to enter all of the team events in a competition division. Limited spaces are available for units who wish to enter single events only. These spaces are very popular for units who wish to enter perhaps just a color guard unit or maybe just the individual & dual exhibition competition and/or the Knockout Drills. This is encouraged by SNI and provides many new units an opportunity to "get their feet wet" at the Nationals without the need to enter all team events. In some events, these single event entries remain open until just weeks before the event begins.

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 in the late spring. 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 two 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 as an entire facility remains the most outstanding competition drill & ceremony arena 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 held Thursday evening at the headquarters hotel. Teams will then receive their starting position competition grids, clarify any last-minute questions pertaining to the S.O.P. or related items, and then receive a quick briefing on Daytona Beach and the Nationals by the NHSDTC Judging Director.

April 29th - May 1st, 1993

DRILL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The drill competition will begin the following morning (Friday) at 8AM. The event opens with both Armed & Unarmed Division team competition. Events are held throughout the day and early evening on both Friday & Saturday. The competition concludes Saturday evening with all units attending the NHSDTC Awards Ceremony.

Awards and Trophies

The National High School Drill Team Championships feature the most beautiful trophies available anywhere in the world. National Championship and Runner-Up National Championship trophies will be awarded in Demilitarized Arms, Facsimile Arms/Female, and Unarmed competition divisions.

Team events in each of the competition divisions will be trophied in first through fifth place. Additionally, JROTC teams representing the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps acquiring the highest point totals will each receive a stunning best-of-service team trophy.

Individual awards are provided for 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 first, second and third place finishes. Regulation Drill cadet commanders also compete for first, second and third place trophies. All armed teams may also enter two individual and two dual team entries per school into the Individual and Dual Exhibition competitions. An individual trophy will be presented to each cadet for a first, second or third place finish in these events in both armed divisions of the NHSDTC competition.

Costs to Attend

All units attending the National High School Drill Team Championships attend the competition through the Team Package Plan. This plan is designed to allow cadets, instructors, and any other team followers in attendance the enjoyment of staying together in excellent oceanfront hotel accommodations, receiving treasured competition mementos, and most importantly, receiving a top-quality, first-class drill competition, all at a very reasonable price.

While there are many drill and ceremony competitions that are slightly less expensive to attend, no drill competition maintains the high quality and incredible value of the National High School Drill Team Championships.

The Team Package Plan Includes:

- Four days & three nights deluxe hotel billeting on Daytona Beach
- NHSDTC Bronze event 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 Nationals
- 8" X 10" color team photo
- Discount coupons at pizza, fast food and sandwich shops

The price of the Team Package Plan, based on staying four-to-a-room, is only **\$88.00 per person** for the full four days/three nights package. A shortened Team Package is also available (three days/two nights) for those units who choose to condense their stay.

All participants attend the event through the NHSDTC Team Package Plan. Parents and other team followers may attend the event through the Team Package Plan to stay with the team and enjoy the same Team Package benefits.

The Registration Fee for the event is \$300.00 per school. This fee is entirely non-refundable to ensure that only schools who are totally committed to attend occupy a valuable team slot. The prices set forth above cover all competition expenses required, thus allowing entry into the Nationals.

While many units begin to register for the upcoming Nationals as early as October, most schools wait until December. With the huge early interest expressed by teams across the United States to attend the Nationals, all teams intending to register after December should first contact the event manager (SNI) to ensure a competition space remains open before sending in their Event Registration Form and Entry Fee.

All entries are carefully considered by the SNI Competition Committee. Qualified entries are accepted on an earliest post-mark basis **only!** With competition spaces limited, interested units should contact SNI immediately to make our office aware of their intentions to enter.

To Register for the NHSDTC

To register your school into the Nationals, please complete the enclosed blue registration card and send to Sports Network International along with your school's Registration Fee. Upon receipt by SNI, your school will be immediately notified as to your acceptance into the event. Teams are accepted using many criteria, not solely by their strength on the drill floor. Teams that do not receive official SNI confirmation (those that are not accepted into the event) will have their Registration Form & Fee returned within 10 days.

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

In Closing

We invite all teams, especially those who have considered attending in the past, to accept this challenge to join the remarkable drill programs that make the National High School Drill Team Championships an annual part of their competition season. Past drill performances remain only part of the qualification process to enter the Nationals. All interested units should contact Sports Network International to determine their eligibility. Your attendance at the event will become the highlight of your drill season, a significant means of attracting interest to your program and a truly memorable experience for all of your cadets to reflect upon for the rest of their lives.

For additional information:

NHSDTC Event Manager:
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Daytona Beach, Florida 32117
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Off we go with the spectacular....

THUNDERBIRDS

The pride and joy of the Air Force aims high with the "Ambassadors in Blue"

Over the mountains and desert north of Las Vegas, Nevada, there is a place where a group of people constantly strive to do their best. They are the Air Force Thunderbirds and their stage is the sky.

Native American Indian lore says the Thunderbird is an omnipotent being, a deity with the power to hurl thunderbolts from his place in the heavens. The Thunderbird is thought to control the forces of good over evil. And like the legendary Thunderbirds, today's Air Force Thunderbirds have the sky as their natural domain -- flying through the air and roaring with the thunder of their namesake.

Nearly 40 years ago, American military aviation entered a new era with the jet age. While jet aviation was in its infancy, a select few of America's best aviators set out to prove the safety and reliability of this new breed of aircraft. This group became known as the Thunderbirds, the United States Air Force's official air demonstration squadron.

Upon visiting Nellis AFB, home of the Thunderbirds, one is struck by the fully functional nature of the base. Fighter school training facilities, an impressive tower structure and a multitude of hangers dot the landscape. Various multi-million dollar aircraft, many with classified on-board systems, fill the massive flight-line.

As you approach the tarmac, you encounter an ominous broad yellow line. This line warns unauthorized personnel that they are approaching a "deadly force zone" should they decide to wander onto the field. For those who feel that this is just some military rhetoric, armed base security personnel begin to take notice and navigate their vehicles in your direction upon your encroachment of this line.

Leading off the flight line, you find an impressive white hangar, home of the Thunderbirds. This large building contains many working offices, a small yet highly impressive Thunderbird museum, and the immaculate Thunderbird maintenance hangar. This entire building stands as a monument to the pride and tradition that is the Thunderbirds.



The six-ship Thunderbird delta flies gracefully over Yosemite National Park in Northern California.

Photo: SSgt. Mike Moore, USAF

Although the faces, names, and aircraft have changed over the years, the team's reason for being remains the same: to plan and present precision aerial maneuvers demonstrating the capabilities of Air Force jet aircraft. Its men and women exhibit the exacting professional skills the Air Force develops in its people to fly and maintain these aircraft. Commonly referred to as America's "Ambassadors in Blue", the Thunderbirds play a major role in supporting Air Force recruiting, retention, and community relations programs, without sacrificing their ability to aid in the defense of our country with just 72 hours notice.

While allowing plenty of room for multiple aircraft maintenance, there exists painted into the high polish white flooring in the middle of this hangar, an enormous Thunderbird insignia, isolated by elegant velvet ropes hung from brass stanchions. A single light illuminates the insignia 24 hours a day. Often taking hours in unbearable desert heat, the design is painstakingly cared for daily by future Thunderbirds as part of their initiation into becoming a member of this illustrious force.

First, the design is hand-washed, including washing the feathers of the Thunderbird using small circles in the direction that the feathers grow. This is out of respect for the Thunderbird and so as to not "ruffle the proud bird's feathers". The insignia is then hand-waxed and once complete, the ropes are cleaned and the stanchions -- as well as every piece of brass in the entire building -- are polished to a brilliant shine. "The Air Force Thunderbirds strive to live up to the legend of the Thunderbird," stated Public Relations Superintendent SMSgt. Mike Devine. "The care we take for the insignia is representative of the respect we have for the history of the Thunderbird."

Inside the Thunderbird museum, photos, awards and past accomplishments fill every available crevice. Most eye-catching are the names, photographs and well-wishes of the many famous figures who have been bestowed the great honor of becoming honorary Thunderbirds.

Rigorous, concentrated training occurs from November to March in preparation of their 80-plus show season. Pilots, crew chiefs, maintenance technicians, and support personnel learn to work together as an integrated group. "Sometimes we have to kick guys (technicians working on the planes through the night) out the doors when we get in at 0600 in the morning," states aircraft maintenance technician SSgt. Mike McLaren. "Everyone takes such a personal pride in the performance of these aircraft. It's a real honor to be here."

The pilots hone their skills to a fine edge through a highly structured training program. Starting with basic two-ship formations, they progress through the complete air demonstration sequence until flying their aircraft with precision becomes second nature. New Thunderbird pilots learn the fundamentals of flying tight, precise formations; they work to perfect their timing; and most importantly, they develop confidence and trust in each other and their leader.

Only 196 pilots have ever worn the Thunderbird emblem. Eleven officer pilots, six demonstration pilots, three support officers, one logistic officer, and a narrator are assigned to the team. With around 100,000 Air Force officers, competition to become a Thunderbird is truly intense. Thunderbird pilots and other team officers generally serve two-year tours. To ensure continuity and a smooth transition, just one-half of the team's demonstration pilots change each year.

To become a Thunderbird pilot, applications are first screened by the Thunderbird Commander. Career records, flying experience, overall piloting ability and spousal "permission forms" for those applicants with families are all prerequisite considerations and looked at carefully. This generally narrows the field down to about 16 applicants from as many as several thousand! These 16 accompany the team during a deployment for familiarization of what being a Thunderbird is all about. Based upon the observations made during these deployments, the field is then reduced to just 5 to 8 finalists.

These finalists then travel to Nellis AFB where each candidate pilot flies several backseat F16D evaluation flights. The Thunderbird commander evaluates the finalists and makes his recommendations through his superiors to the Tactical Air Command commander for final selection. While only fine pilots are considered to become Officers with the Air Force Thunderbirds, a popular saying by those connected with the program states, "talent may get you a look but personality and temperament will make you stick".

Behind these pilots stand 130 enlisted men and women performing in more than 30 different Air Force career fields. Their dedication is evident in the fact that in more than 39 years, the team has *never been forced to cancel a performance due to a maintenance problem!*

Highly trained technicians fine-tune the aircraft prior to their departure from Nellis Air Force Base. A select group of these exceptional technicians and support specialists travel to each show site; they ensure the aircraft remain in top condition, poised for another flawless performance. "The Thunderbirds are a self-contained, fully operational unit," stated pneudraulics technician Sgt. John Kelly. "We do for ourselves and maintain an effective performing and fighting capability."

Life-support equipment technicians prepare the flight gear for each pilot. The public affairs staff prepares press kits and other printed material as well as coordinate all media contact and community relations visits.

While the physical skills required of a Thunderbird are evident, the personal skills are equally important. Realistically, the Thunderbirds spend more time on a hot tarmac shaking hands and signing autographs than they do flying and working on planes! Before and after each performance, Thunderbird officers and enlisted personnel visit hospitals and schools, appear as guests on radio and television programs, and attend civic functions as official representative of the U.S. Air Force.



Photo: Sgt. Jeff Wolfe, USAF

TSgt. Guy Poulos, a crew chief, spends much of his day polishing the famous red, white, and blue Fighting Falcons.

Eight Thunderbird aircraft are flown to each performance site. Aircraft #1 thought #6 perform precision aerial maneuvers, while #7 & #8 are spares in the unlikely event of a mechanical failure grounding a plane. The Thunderbird air demonstration is more than just an aerial ballet, choreographed to feature the remarkable prowess of both man and machine. Each flight maneuver depicts a carefully selected blend of aerobatics and combat maneuvers, performed with the Thunderbird flair within the constraints of a live-audience demonstration. The maneuvers reveal the spectrum of skills every Air Force pilot must master -- from basic loops, rolls, and formation flight required of the trainee seeking his wings to the advanced air combat maneuvers expected of a fully qualified fighter pilot.

Flying newly refitted F-16C aircraft that travel more than twice the speed of sound and climb more than 30,000 feet per minute, the Thunderbirds are pleased with their new aircraft. "We're very excited about introducing the F-16C," says flight

Thunderbird commander LTC Dan Darnell. "Although the A-model served us well through nine seasons, we were the last active duty unit to make the switch to the C-model. But fans will still see the red, white and blue jets perform the same kind of exciting demonstrations of American airpower."

Months of intensive training and planning come down to this: often with hundreds of thousands of people watching at a time, six Thunderbird pilots flying six Thunderbird aircraft will weave their magic. Since the team's origin in 1953, well over 254 million

people in all 50 states and 56 foreign countries have witnessed the marvelous Thunderbird jets in 3,131 official aerial demonstrations -- *and counting!*

With the collapse of the former Soviet Union, Thunderbird performances across Europe take on a special significance. Ten years ago, who could have dreamed American aircraft would soon be flying over Eastern Block countries in peacetime. Recently liberated people around the globe will now have the opportunity to see the amazing Thunderbirds perform not as a threatening agent of destruction from the West, but as a symbol of liberty and freedom that they so proudly represent.

Wherever the Thunderbirds appear, culture and ethnic differences disappear. Universal in their appeal, the Thunderbirds create a common language through their skill and personal contact with people throughout the world. The United States Air Force Thunderbirds, through their dedication and professionalism, truly earn their title as America's *"Ambassadors in Blue"*.



Photo: SSgt. Mike Moore, USAF

At sunrise, a Thunderbird F-16 gets ready for another busy day on the road.

What to look for in a Superior Drill Meet

With the impending expansion of Junior ROTC, more and more drill programs will be started across the United States in the next few years. This informative report will provide your school with the proverbial "Ten Commandments" to look for before deciding on whether to attend a drill and ceremony competition.



All-service judges sometimes must confer regarding a service-related question but must never be allowed to discuss team scoring or other judgement issues.

1. **Scheduling Considerations:** Absolutely the first thing to check is the school calendar. This calendar should include dates for the prom and other school functions and county-wide vacation dates. Make sure you have plenty of time between these days and the dates of the drill meet. Secondly, don't schedule drill meets so close together that you cannot devote ample time to learning the rules and required drills of each meet. If you put competitions too close together, you may be wasting your time and money.
2. **Competition Structure & Events:** Find out what events are offered and what each costs to enter. Some drill meets compete armed & unarmed teams against each other in all events -- avoid meets like these like the plague! Mostly, find out "who competes against who". Some competitions also include obstacle courses, shooting or other events which may be required to capture the overall title.
3. **Organization & Paperwork:** Perhaps the most frequently overlooked aspect of a drill meet is its organization (and it's the one thing that destroys them the most). Most quality drill meets will provide you with operating procedures, maps, scoresheets and other necessary paperwork well in advance of your attendance. The organization and quantity of this material is a very good indication of how organized the entire drill competition will be! Basically, do you feel you will receive enough information to be comfortable in attending this event, and have the persons/program putting on the meet given you a feeling that they are on top of things.
4. **Facility:** Also very important. While most quality meets are held indoors, some are still scheduled outdoors with indoor back-up facilities. Try to avoid these when possible (if the indoor drill area will work, why aren't they using it as the primary site?). Important considerations include the type of flooring used. Many drill meets are held on gymnasium wood floors and require weapons to have "padded" rifle butt-plates and no shoe taps of any kind. Most importantly, look at the drill area layout. Do the drill areas look small and cramped? Are all of the drill areas located in one building? If not, do you need to go outside to get between buildings? Also look at dressing room availability, ample seating areas to keep your cadets and gear in one semi-comfortable location, food availability and where to park cars or buses.
5. **Fairness:** Very subjective, but does the event lay a basic foundation of fairness? Does the drill meet host also compete in the drill meet? Do you feel the rules have been altered to give the host school an advantage? This is very rare but if found, avoid placing your team in this situation. Remember, you don't have to *AGREE* with everything that a drill meet does to consider attending, but you should *UNDERSTAND* everything that is going on.
6. **Competition Specifics:** Many drill meets have judge's groups change during the day. Avoid drill meets where the same judges do not evaluate each team within a particular event. Make sure time limits and other specifics are workable with your normal routines. Do not assume that "exceptions" will be granted; any variables should be directed to the drill organizer in advance of your attendance.
7. **Judges:** Probably the most important single aspect to look at. Ask the drill director where the judges are acquired from and to what extent are the judges briefed before the competition. Your scoring is at their mercy so a little knowledge on your part in this area can go a long way. Do you feel the judges have been given sufficient instruction to provide all entered teams with an "even shake" on the drill floor.
8. **History/Reputation:** Look for how many years the drill meet has been continuously held? Call other schools who have heard of the event. Look for concrete, specific comments about the drill meet. Newer drill meets may have small "bugs" the first few years, but this is not an excuse for disorganization and poor pre-event paperwork. Also, while there are many exceptions, my experience has been that Junior ROTC drill meets are generally better run than ROTC meets.
9. **Competition Awards:** While not a vital aspect of the decision process, a school should feel comfortable with the type of awards that will be presented. What type of tangible recognition is awarded? Trophies, certificates and other type of awards are standard. Look at the quality of these awards. How many are awarded in each division?
10. **Overall Value:** While bottom line costs must be a strong consideration, what you get for your dollar must be looked at as well. Most teams would prefer to attend fewer drill meets, but of a higher caliber, than to attend more cookie-cutter, forgettable drill meets. The bottom line must remain: Does the drill meet further your drill program? Does it provide ample reward for the time spent readying for the meet?

IN CLOSING

Every competitive drill program should try to enter four drill meets per year. Some enter more, with many also participating in parades and other ceremonies to sharpen their skills. However, every drill program should consider entering one signature drill meet per school year that the cadets must work very hard to prepare for and make this the focal point of the drill season. This one meet can be local, regional, or national but the point is, it must be a meet the cadets have to work extra hard, both on and off the drill floor, to prepare for. This way, the cadets will have the goal of improving their skills through several smaller drill meets, along with having that one annual competition that will remain in their memories long after they leave the Junior ROTC program.

1992 Event Highlights



Kentridge High School, *Die Schweigende Teufel Hunde*, Marine Corps JROTC, Kent, Washington
Enterprise High School, *Belles of the Blue Knights*, Army JROTC, Enterprise, Alabama
Theodore Roosevelt High School, *Riderettes*, Army JROTC, San Antonio, Texas

Overview

The 1992 National High School Drill Team Championships again backed-up its well-known reputation as being the Nation's finest drill and ceremony competition. Some of the most impressive high school talent in the country was on display, with everyone taking home positive memories that are sure to last a lifetime.

The excellence and reputation of the Nationals can be traced to many sources. The beautiful 6,000-seat competition arena, the scenic oceanfront hotel accommodations and the gorgeous trophies and team package materials all help to make the Nationals a tremendously exciting event. However, the primary reason the event is looked at as the pinnacle in drill and ceremony competitions remains the excellent schools across the United States who, through hard work and determination, make the exciting trip to the Nationals an annual part of their drill season.

With a modified starting format, more teams than ever were accepted into the competition field. A total of 68 drill units from 47 schools representing 16 states attended the Nationals in 1992, some from as far away as Hawaii, New York, Texas, and Washington, as well as states throughout the Eastern U.S..

With this expanded format, several first time attendees were able to make the trip to Daytona Beach for the Nationals in 1992. These schools included: **Battery Creek H.S.** from Burton, South Carolina; **Carver H.S.** from Montgomery, Alabama; **Charles Henderson H.S.** from Troy, Alabama; **Charlotte H.S.** from Punta Gorda, Florida; **Chattahoochee H.S.** from Alpharetta, Georgia; **Durham H.S.** from Durham, North Carolina; **Goose Creek H.S.** from Goose Creek, South Carolina; **Kamehameha Schools** from Honolulu, Hawaii; **Mary Carroll H.S.** from Corpus Christi, Texas; **Miami Coral Park H.S.** from Miami, Florida; **Midview H.S.** from Grafton, Ohio; **New York M.A.** from Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York; **Robert E. Lee H.S.** from Montgomery, Alabama; **Satellite H.S.** from Satellite Beach, Florida; **South Mecklenburg H.S.** from Charlotte, North Carolina; **U.S. Naval Sea Cadets** from St. Petersburg, Florida; and **Wichita Falls H.S.** from Wichita Falls, Texas.

Unarmed Division Highlights

Returning 1991 Army Junior ROTC champion **Theodore Roosevelt High School** from San Antonio, Texas was up to the challenge, re-capturing the Unarmed National Championship for their second straight year. The Riderettes Drill Team was buoyed by a first-place finish in Team Inspection and Team Exhibition.

"Coming from so far away, we only bring one competition uniform to the event," stated Roosevelt SAI, Lt. Col. James Rose. "Every year, we see that this costs us points in the uniform section of the scoresheet during Team Inspection -- which means we have to perform everything else perfect. Overall, the girls did another fantastic job -- I'm very proud of them."

The Lady Lancers of **Lincoln H.S.** also maintained a very dynamic performance, finishing overall as the National Runner-up. The Lady Lancers drill team finished with great consistency, gaining top four finishes in every team event at the Nationals. Other strong finishers in the Unarmed Division included: the **White Vikings of Northeast H.S.** (1st Place-Regulation); the **Blue Thunder** drill team (1st Place-Color Guard, 3rd Overall) and the **Marching Rebels** drill team (4th Overall) of **N.B. Forrest H.S.** also finished well.

Facsimile Arms/Female Division Highlights

Encompassing all-female and facsimile weapon teams, this division saw the emergence of Southern powerhouse **Enterprise High School** from Enterprise, Alabama. Capturing the Facsimile/Female Division Overall Championship, the *Belles of the Blue Knights* Army Junior ROTC drill team dominated the competition by capturing every team event with the sole exception of a second place Regulation Drill finish by only 11 points.

"I told (NHSDTC Event Director) Justin Gates we were going to bring in a very strong team," stated Enterprise DAI Johnny Snodgrass. "These girls are a special group. They won pretty much everything they entered this year."

In their first showing at the Nationals, the Low Country Lady Leathernecks of **Battery Creek H.S.** came in 2nd place overall, as well as 2nd place event finishes in Color Guard and Inspection. Other strong finishers in the Facsimile/Female Division included: the *Riverettes* of **Chattahoochee H.S.** (1st Place-Regulation Drill); the *Tigers* of **Fern Creek H.S.** (3rd Place-Overall) and *Sarge's Drill Team* of **Warren County H.S.** (4th Place-Overall).

Demilitarized Arms Division Highlights

The finest competition field in drill history set out to capture the Demilitarized competition at the 1992 Nationals. When the dust had settled, the Marine Corps Junior ROTC unit from **Kentridge High School** captured the Overall Demilitarized Championship. Capturing both the Inspection and Platoon Exhibition competitions, *Die Schweigende Teufel Hunde* (the Silent Devil Dogs) dazzled the crowd at the Nationals from start to finish.

"After coming so close in 1991, it feels great to capture the Championship," stated Kentridge 1Sgt. Carlos Farias. "We had a terrific season and with the 12th (Marine) District support, these cadets got the chance to come in and show what they can do."

Capturing the Runner-Up title was the San Juan Guard of **Theodore Roosevelt H.S.** from San Antonio, Texas, with a 1st place Color Guard and 3rd place Inspection performance. Other strong finishers in the Demilitarized Division included: the *Schreiber's Rifles* of **John Marshall H.S.** (2nd place-Inspection and 4th place-Regulation); *La Salle Rifles* of **La Salle Military Academy** (2nd place-Platoon Exhibition, 3rd Overall); *Sabre Rifles* of **South Mecklenburg H.S.** (1st place-Regulation, 4th place-Inspection); and the *Blue Knights* of **Enterprise H.S.** (1st place-Squad Exhibition, 3rd place-Platoon Exhibition).



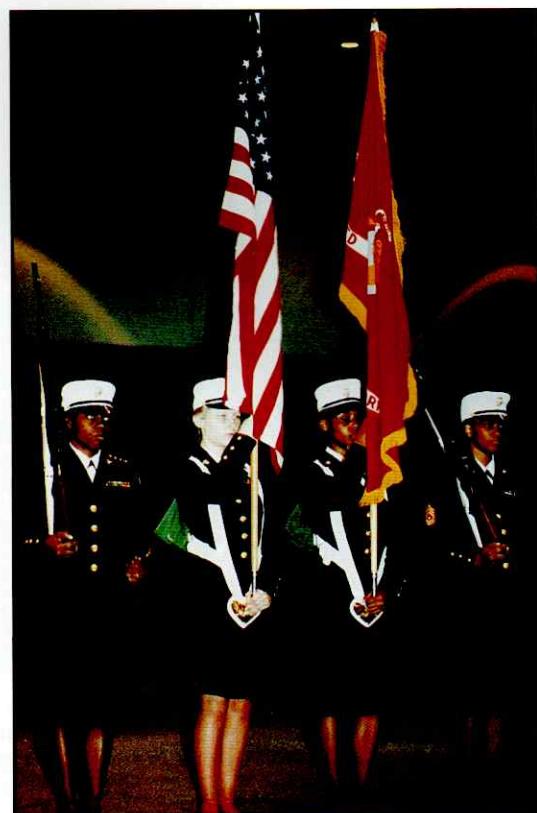
The Desperadas of Charlotte High School from Punta Gorda, Florida impress the crowd with their dynamic Platoon Exhibition routine.



The Miss L's Drill Team of Robert E. Lee High School from Montgomery, Alabama report in for Squad Exhibition Drill.



Squad Exhibition Drill remains an exacting discipline at the Nationals under the watchful eye of a four-member, all-service judging corps.



The Fern Creek H.S. Tigers of Louisville, Kentucky proudly display their colors.



The Miami Coral Park Hurricanes from Miami, Florida devote total concentration to the intense Color Guard competition.

1992 National High School Drill Team Championships

FINAL EVENT STANDINGS

- All totals are based on a maximum 1200 points -

Demilitarized Arms

INSPECTION

Kentridge HS-Silent Devil Dogs..... 1045
John Marshall HS-Schreiber's Rifles 1000
T. Roosevelt HS-San Juan Guard..... 985
South Mecklenburg HS-Sabre Rifles.. 956
Wichita Falls HS-MacArthur Rifles... 930

SQUAD REGULATION

South Mecklenburg HS-Sabre Rifles.1107
Riverside Military-Fusiliers.....1068
Goose Creek HS-Gators..... 1052
John Marshall HS-Schreiber's Rifles 1036
Colonel White HS-Black Knights.... 1034

COLOR GUARD

T. Roosevelt HS-San Juan Guard.... 1075
Charles Henderson HS-Trojans..... 1071
Enterprise HS-Blue Knights..... 1062
Colonel White HS-Black Knights.... 1057
Lincoln HS-Lancers..... 1053

SQUAD EXHIBITION

Enterprise HS-Blue Knights..... 1106
Kentridge HS-Silent Devil Dogs.... 1094
Fern Creek HS-Leathernecks..... 1072
Jeffersontown HS-Devil Dogs.....1063
T. Roosevelt HS-San Juan Guard.... 1033

PLATOON EXHIBITION

Kentridge HS-Silent Devil Dogs....1138
LaSalle Military-LaSalle Rifles..... 1089
Enterprise HS-Blue Knights..... 1071
T. Roosevelt HS-San Juan Guard....1050
R.E. Lee HS-Montgomery Grays....1000

Unarmed

INSPECTION

T. Roosevelt HS-Riderettes.....1091
N.B. Forrest HS-Marching Rebels... 996
John Marshall HS-Bandoleers..... 986
Lincoln HS-Lady Lancers..... 949
N.B. Forrest HS-Blue Thunder..... 903

REGULATION

Northeast HS-White Vikings..... 1101
T. Roosevelt HS-Riderettes..... 1066
Lincoln HS-Lady Lancers..... 1005
Oxon Hill HS-Blue Guard..... 942
N.B. Forrest HS-Marching Rebels... 916

COLOR GUARD

N.B. Forrest HS-Blue Thunder..... 1096
T. Roosevelt HS-Riderettes..... 1082
Lincoln HS-Lady Lancers..... 1050
Florida Air Academy-Blue Berets.. 1015
John Marshall HS-Bandoleers..... 1007

EXHIBITION DRILL

T. Roosevelt HS-Riderettes..... 1085
Lincoln HS-Lady Lancers..... 1063
Oxon Hill HS-Blue Guard..... 1060
Oxon Hill HS-Devastation..... 1054
Florida Air Academy-Blue Berets. 1047

Facsimile Arms/Female

INSPECTION

Enterprise HS-Belles/Blue Knights...1028
Battery Creek HS-Lady Leathernecks. 975
Miami Coral Park HS-Hurricanes.....929
Fern Creek HS-Tigers..... 921
Warren Co. HS-Sarge's Drill Team... 897

SQUAD REGULATION

Chattahoochee HS-Riverettes..... 999
Enterprise HS-Belles/Blue Knights.... 988
Battery Creek HS-Lady Leathernecks. 933
Cedar Shoals HS-The Lady Knights... 864
Fern Creek HS-Tigers..... 846

COLOR GUARD

Enterprise HS-Belles/Blue Knights.... 984
Battery Creek HS-Lady Leathernecks 972
Charlotte HS-Desperadas..... 954
Fern Creek HS-Tigers..... 932
Miami Coral Park HS-Hurricanes..... 903

SQUAD EXHIBITION

Enterprise HS-Belles/Blue Knights...1141
Charlotte HS-Desperadas..... 1012
Daniel Boone HS-Boonettes..... 954
Warren Co. HS-Sarge's Drill Team... 920
Jeffersontown HS-Chargettes..... 914

PLATOON EXHIBITION

Enterprise HS-Belles/Blue Knights....1148
Daniel Boone HS-Boonettes.....1117
Warren Co. HS-Sarge's Drill Team...1071
Battery Creek HS-Lady Leathernecks 1048
Robert E. Lee HS-Miss L's.....1033



OVERALL TOTALS

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Demilitarized Arms

Kentridge HS-Silent Devil Dogs.... 5313
T. Roosevelt HS-San Juan Guard... 5170

Unarmed

T. Roosevelt HS-Riderettes..... 4324
Lincoln HS-Lady Lancers..... 4067

Facsimile Arms/Female

Enterprise HS-Belles/Blue Knights.... 5289
Battery Creek HS-Lady Leathernecks. 4767

Roster of Schools & Individual Awards

Battery Creek High School
Burton, South Carolina-USMC
Low Country/Lady Leathernecks

Benedictine High School
Richmond, Virginia-ARMY
Black's Gold

Carver High School
Montgomery, Alabama-ARMY
Wolverine Battalion Gold/Green

Cedar Shoals High School
Athens, Georgia-ARMY
Lady Knights/Silent Knights

Charles Henderson H.S.
Troy, Alabama-ARMY/Trojans

Charlotte High School
Punta Gorda, Florida-NAVY
Hooded Knights-Silence/Desperadas

Chattahoochee High School
Alpharetta, Georgia-ARMY
Riverettes

Colonel White High School
Dayton, Ohio-ARMY
Black Knights

Daniel Boone High School
Gray, Tennessee-Boonettes

Durham High School
Durham, North Carolina-ARMY
Bulldog-Hornet Battalion

Edward White High School
Jacksonville, Florida-NAVY
Fighting Commanders

Englewood High School
Jacksonville, Florida-ARMY
Rams/Untouchable Gold

Enterprise High School
Enterprise, Alabama-ARMY
Blue Knights/Belles of Blue Knights

Fern Creek High School
Louisville, Kentucky-USMC
Leathernecks/Tigers

Florida Air Academy
Melbourne, Florida-USAFAF
Blue Berets

Franklin Military School
Richmond, Virginia-ARMY
Imperial Guard

Goose Creek High School
Goose Creek, South Carolina-ARMY
Goose Creek Gators

Jeffersontown High School
Jeffersontown, Kentucky-USMC
Chargelettes/Devil Dogs

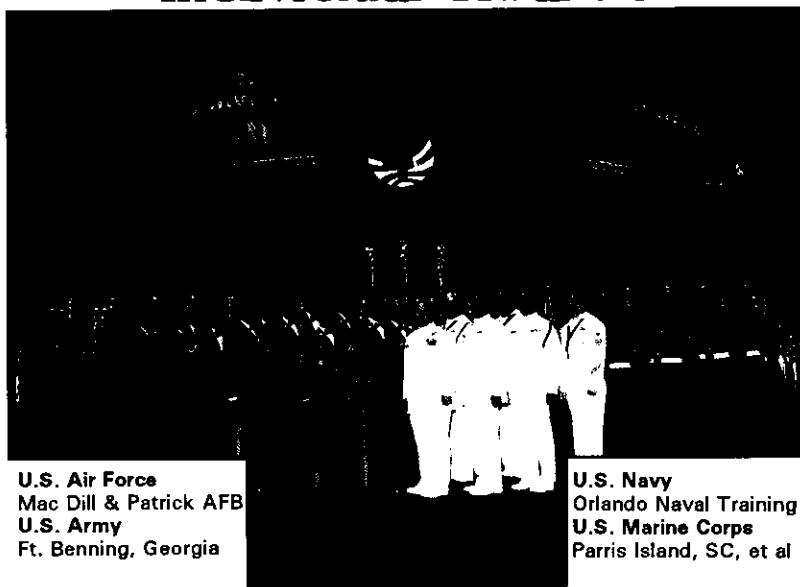
John Marshall High School
San Antonio, Texas-NAVY
Bandoleers/Schreiber's Rifles

Kamehameha Schools
Honolulu, Hawaii-ARMY
Kamehameha Warriors

Kentridge High School
Kent, Washington-USMC
Die Schweigende Teufel Hunde

LaSalle Military Academy
Oakdale, New York-ARMY
LaSalle Rifles

Leesburg High School
Leesburg, Florida-USAFAF
Yellow Jackets



The 1992 NHSDTC All-Service Judging Corps.

Commander's Trophy - Demilitarized Arms

1st Place: Cadet Bruce - South Mecklenburg High School
2nd Place: Cadet Lassally - Riverside Military Academy
3rd Place: Cadet Perdue - Kentrider High School

Commander's Trophy - Facsimile/Female

1st Place: Cadet Rao - Chattahoochee High School
2nd Place: Cadet Jacobson - Enterprise High School
3rd Place: Cadet Doray - Battery Creek High School

Commander's Trophy - Unarmed

1st Place: Cadet Elder - Northeast High School
2nd Place: Cadet Martinez - T.Roosevelt High School
3rd Place: Cadet Williams - Lincoln High School

Knockout Drill - Armed Competition

1st Place: Cadet Woodson - Fern Creek High School
2nd Place: Cadet Munoz - Lincoln High School
3rd Place: Cadet Moore - Fern Creek High School

Knockout Drill - Unarmed Competition

1st Place: Cadet Torres - South Mecklenburg High School
2nd Place: Cadet Bruce - Mary Carroll High School
3rd Place: Cadet Wilhelm - Charlotte High School

Individual Exhibition - Demilitarized Arms

1st Place: Cadet Jones - Jeffersontown High School
2nd Place: Cadet Ward - Midview High School
3rd Place: Cadet Haverly - Kamehameha High School

Individual Exhibition - Facsimile/Female

1st Place: Cadet Hoaeae - McKinley High School
2nd Place: Cadet Farr - Warren County High School
3rd Place: Cadet Woodson - Fern Creek High School

Dual Exhibition - Demilitarized Arms

1st Place: Cadets Jones & Downey - Jeffersontown H.S.
2nd Place: Cadets Wahesh & Harrington - Xavier H.S.
3rd Place: Cadets Wooten & Dillon - S.Mecklenburg H.S.

Dual Exhibition - Facsimile/Female

1st Place: Cadets Chambers & Peters - Enterprise H.S.
2nd Place: Cadets Lopez & Sacasa - Miami Coral Park H.S.
3rd Place: Cadets Farr & March - Warren County H.S.



Lincoln High School
Yonkers, New York-USMC
Lancers/Lady Lancers

Mary Carroll High School
Corpus Christi, Texas-NAVY
Excaliburs/Blue Knights

McKinley High School
Honolulu, Hawaii-ARMY
Tiger Drill Team

Miami Coral Park H.S.
Miami, Florida-ARMY
*Dolphins/Rams
Hurricanes*

Midview High School
Grafton, Ohio-USAFAF
Blue Lightning

N.B. Forrest High School
Jacksonville, Florida-USAFAF
Blue Thunder/Marching Rebels

New York Military Academy
Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY-ARMY
Gray Knights/Marching Bayonets

North Fort Myers H.S.
Fort Myers, Florida-ARMY
Red Knights

Northeast High School
Kansas City, Missouri-ARMY
Purple Vikings/White Vikings

Northridge Rifles
Alpharetta, GA
Northridge Rifles

Orange County High School
Orange, Virginia-ARMY
Montpelier Rifles

OXON HILL HIGH SCHOOL
Oxon Hill, Maryland-USAFAF
*Lords of Discipline
Devastation/Blue Guard*

Riverside Military Academy
Gainesville, Georgia-ARMY
Fusiliers

Robert E. Lee High School
Montgomery, Alabama-USAFAF
Miss L's/Montgomery Grays

Robert E. Lee Institute
Thomaston, Georgia-ARMY
Rebel Guard/Rebelettes

Satellite High School
Satellite Beach, Florida-USAFAF
Scorpions

South Mecklenburg H.S.
Charlotte, North Carolina-NAVY
Sabre Rifles

St. Peter's High School
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Devil Dogs

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San Antonio, Texas-ARMY
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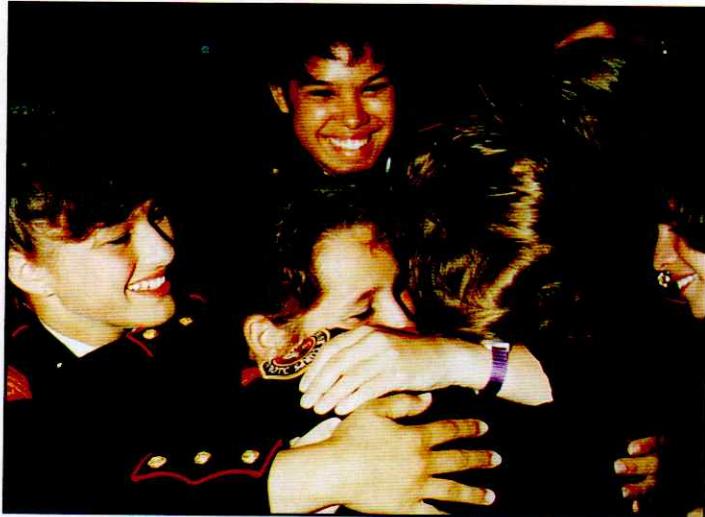
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Sarge's Drill Team/Sudden Impact

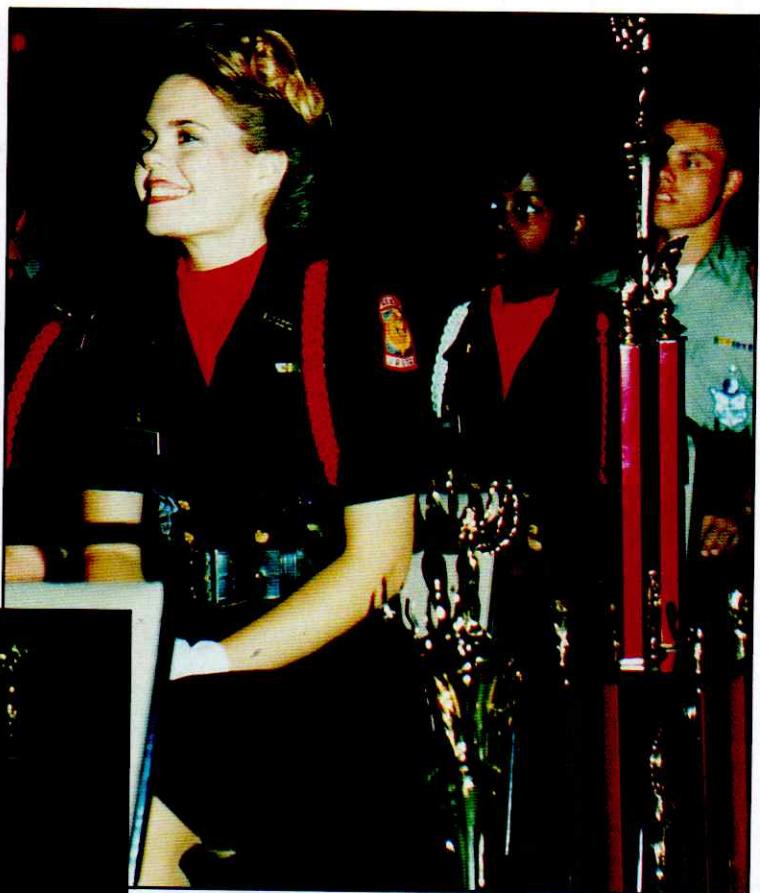
West Feliciana High School
St. Francisville, Louisiana-NAVY
Navy Saints

Wichita Falls High School
Wichita Falls, Texas-ARMY
MacArthur Rifles

Xavier High School
New York, New York-ARMY
The X Squad



Victorious emotions overtake these Marine Corps cadets as they celebrate at the Awards Ceremony.



Commander Nicole Jacobson of Enterprise HS beams over her team's NHSDTC performance.



Col. Tom Faley, Army ROTC Cadet Command Chief-of-Staff, delivers a round of applause at the Awards Ceremony.



Cadet Cherri Tanner of Warren County HS is scrutinized during Knockout by SSgt. Tim Miller of Ft. Benning, GA.



C/LTC David Thompson of Cedar Shoals HS receives praise from Judge SSgt. E.L. Smith of El Toro, CA.

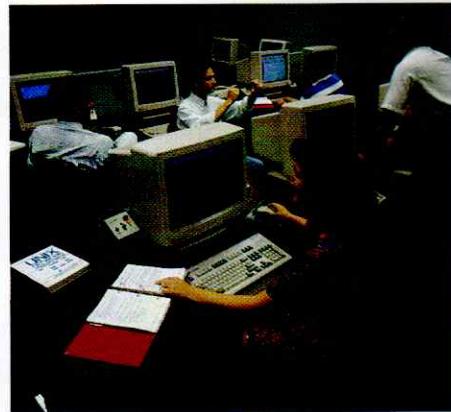


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