

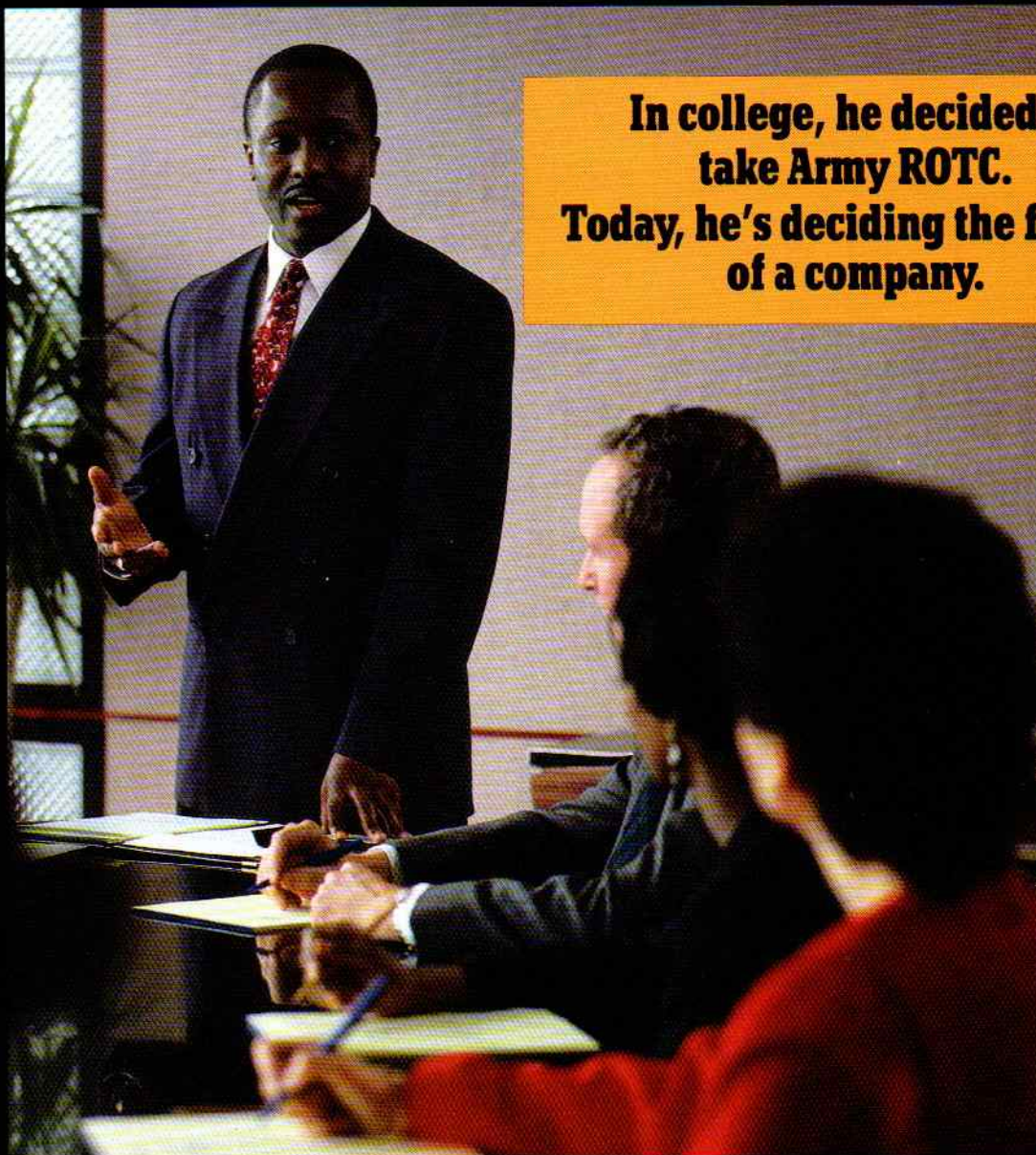
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Cadet **LTC Forrest Lane** leads the Army JROTC Black Watch drill team from Winston Churchill High School in San Antonio, Texas to their first National Championship in the Demilitarized Arms Division. Their precision and showmanship left an indelible impression on all in attendance.

BACK COVER

Top: Awaiting the start of the National's Awards Ceremony, the Riderettes Army Junior ROTC drill team of Theodore Roosevelt HS (San Antonio, Texas) shows off their excitement and enthusiasm.
Middle: Upon entering the National's Awards Ceremony, cadets and spectators are greeted by this panoramic vision of the most spectacular trophies awarded in all of competition drill.
Bottom: Dazzling in their civil war period exhibition uniform, the Marine Corps JROTC Leathernecks from Fern Creek High School, Louisville, Kentucky prepare for Platoon Exhibition drill.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the dedicated staff at U.S. Army Cadet Command in Ft. Monroe, Virginia. Through their vision and spirited support, the Nationals have grown in prominence and excellence throughout the years. Working to further their goals of "Leadership Excellence" has been a truly inspiring undertaking. Thanks also go out to the judges whose hard work and long hours help make the Nationals the nation's finest exhibition of precision drill. Most importantly, our sincerest thanks go out to all of the Junior ROTC Instructors who continue to make the ultimate commitment to their programs and cadets. As we prepare for the 15th anniversary of the Nationals, our heartfelt thanks go out to each and every Junior ROTC program that have attended the NHSDTC over the past 14 years; without your fierce competitive fire, the Nationals would not have become the finest drill and ceremony competition in the world.

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WHAT'S NEW IN DAYTONA BEACH?

New construction booms and fun activities abound as the Spring Break image fades and the World's Most Famous Beach grows up.

When you think of Daytona Beach, Florida, what immediately comes to mind? Beautiful sunshine, long sandy beaches, the ocean pier and the boardwalk leap to the front of everyone's mind. But for many years, Daytona Beach was labeled the "Red-neck Riviera" -- an infamous moniker created by its well known reputation for hosting stock car racing, bike week and the party-till-you-drop Spring Break college revelers.

In the past, Daytona Beach did little to counter this perception and in many ways, it only fostered that image in the eyes of the vacationing public. But after years of courting rowdy students to a national MTV audience, sleepy little Daytona Beach has grown up and is providing visitors with a fantastic, year-round vacation destination with countless fun things to do while at "The World's Most Famous Beach."

The jewel in the crown of Daytona Beach's new look starts when visitors exit from Interstate 95 and come east into Daytona Beach on International Speedway Boulevard. Dozens of new shops, restaurants attractions and stores dot both sides of this 8-lane beach expressway.

Sleepy little Daytona Beach, Florida has grown up and now provides all visitors with a fantastic, year-round vacation destination on "The World's Most Famous Beach".

The most striking newcomer and most impressive and welcome additional to the beautiful development on the main entrance road to Daytona Beach is **Daytona USA**. Billed as the "Ultimate Motorsports Attraction", this 50,000 sq. foot facility is adjacent to and run by the Daytona International Speedway Corporation.

Visitors to Daytona USA are able to participate in a "hands-on" Winston Cup stock car pit stop, design their own race car, video-talk to famous race drivers & drive in a simulated NASCAR race through video. Daytona USA also has an interesting history of racing museum, the chance to call a NASCAR race as an announcer and a heart-stopping video presentation of the Daytona 500 with surround-sound realism on a 25' x 55' monster screen.



A one-of-a-kind experience, Daytona USA opened to during the 4th of July holiday to thousands of thrilled racing fans, as they line up for the "Ultimate Motorsports Attraction".

Virtually across the street from Daytona USA is the **Speedzone Motorsports Thrill Park**. This incredible go-cart racing facility is easily the most sophisticated in the world, maintaining three different race tracks from which to choose. Speedzone also features a high-tech computerized tracking system which allow drivers to view their results after the race is over! The 9-hp Indy-style go-carts fly around the track in the most realistic racing you'll find off the high banks of Daytona International Speedway. The multi-car races often reach speeds in excess of 35 mph!

Continuing east, visitors are struck by the absence of the massive Daytona Beach Jai Ali Fronton across from the Daytona Beach Kennel Club. This enormous building was recently torn down and a new eye-catching shopping center has been constructed. This bustling business center now features popular stores including **Barnes & Noble** bookstore, electronics/music superstore **Best Buy**, and pet superstore **Petsmart**. All of these businesses are welcome additions to the Daytona Beach community.

New popular national restaurants have sprung up throughout the vicinity in recent months making the Daytona Beach area their homes. These include **Outback Steakhouse**, **Carrabba Grill**, **Boston Market**, and **Shells** to name a few. With all of these tasty possibilities, lunch & dinner choices have become more difficult to make! Tourists coming into town are finding a far wider span of options when needing to satisfy their hunger pangs.

Schools that have flown into Daytona Beach have experienced the much-expanded **Daytona Beach International Airport**. Formerly a small regional airport, DBIA has completed a massive runway extension and construction of a customs facility, along with a beautiful tropical interior renovation and a large parking facility.

Across the street from the airport, the sawdust is flying at the largest shopping complex in the Daytona Beach area, the **Volusia Mall**. The 1 million square foot mall features over 100 stores, now anchored by **Sears**, **Burdines**, **J.C. Penney**, **Dillard's**, and **Gayfer's**. The new renovations will include adding a relaxed park style interior design with tropical coloring throughout, dramatic skylights in all common areas, an interactive fountain with 24 foot sprays, and a

brand new food court with expanded vendors and seating for over 350. This multi-million dollar renovation project should be completed in mid-November, 1996.

As you continue east and near the intercoastal waterway, you will see the pride and joy of Daytona Beach's resurgence, the **Beach Street Renovation**. This 10 million dollar face-lift has brought vitality and commerce back to the old downtown section of Daytona Beach. Shopping, restaurants, and beautiful tropical landscaped scenery has put Beach Street back on the map as a location for locals and tourists alike to wile away a few hours.

Passing Beach Street, as you cross the old draw bridge heading beachside you will see massive bridge construction to the north. The Mason Avenue Bridge will be torn down and a new, 35 million dollar high rise span is under construction. When completed, this scenic bridge will provide high-speed traffic flow directly to the beachside.

As you wander throughout Daytona Beach's beachside community, along with Ormond Beach and Daytona Beach Shores, you will notice new businesses everywhere. Even more importantly, you will notice a great deal of renovation taking place at hotels and businesses up and down Atlantic Avenue. Over 100 million dollars is currently being spent to renovate and upgrade hotels and motels along the 22 mile stretch of A-1-A that Daytona Beach is so famous for.

The boardwalk area has recently completed a dramatic improvement. A stunning new boardwalk entrance sign, lush, huge palm trees and new businesses have revitalized the entire boardwalk area -- making it the perfect place to stroll and have fun on a warm evening, for both youngsters and adults alike.

If you're in the mood for the Florida tourist experience, there is still no substitute for "Theme Park Heaven" just 60 minutes away in Orlando! Day trips to Walt Disney World, Wet & Wild, Universal Studios, Sea World and Kennedy Space Center (located in Titusville), are still very popular excursions. But with Daytona Beach offering more exciting ways to spend your vacation, people are coming to the World's Most Famous Beach...and staying here! ❖



Difficulty, originality, showmanship and flawless perfection are the cornerstones of every award-winning exhibition routine. Featured on the 1996 Best of Exhibition Drill videotape are many of the nation's finest drill teams. Above, the Army JROTC Gladiators of Mattoon HS, Mattoon, Illinois display their top-flight platoon exhibition performance at the Nationals.

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The "**1995 BEST of Basic Drill**" covers the following facets of drill: Inspection, Regulation and Color Guard. It also maintains various interviews with nationally-ranked drill instructors regarding preparation and training regiments for their performance drill units.

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Each tape is contained in a plastic, hard-shell case. **The running time for each tape is 120 minutes.** The cost of each tape is only \$29.00 per tape plus \$3 shipping & handling per order (not per tape!). Personal or school checks, money orders and school Purchase Orders are accepted (no credit cards please). **Make checks payable to Sports Network International.** Please allow up to 15 business days for delivery of your order (most shipped same day). Thank you for your interest!

America's Future Shines in DC!

Regional JROTC drill strength was the order of the day at the impressive 1996 National Capital Drill Classic

With a packed competition field and many anxious instructors and spectators looking on, cadets took to the drill floor to shine at the **National Capital Drill Classic**. The 5th annual 1996 NCDC competition gave well over 1,000 cadets the opportunity to test their mettle among their peers throughout the Army's 1st Region, 4th Brigade. Now focusing on the NCDC with extra effort, schools hope to win the "bragging rights" that go with being the best kid on the block!

The NCDC is a showcase of regional JROTC talent with schools attending from **Maryland, Virginia, Delaware and Washington, DC**. The NCDC event is held annually in March and is sponsored by the **U.S. Army Cadet Command**. The event is run on-site by national Event Manager, **Sports Network International** with the strong support of **U.S. Army 1st Region, 4th Brigade**.

The **DC National Guard Armory** provided a perfect venue for the competition field of 39 schools and 54 Armed and Unarmed teams. From the facility staff, all the way up to Armory **Commanding General, Warren Freeman**, everyone continues to go out of their way to ensure that each participant at the NCDC is treated as an honored guest of this historic military facility.

Support for the NCDC is also extended through the **DC Capital Guardians**, the **DC Armory Board**, as well as the **U.S. Army Old Guard** for their excellent judging support. Without the support of these units, the NCDC would not be possible. Special thanks also go out to the always-impressive **U.S. Air Force** and **U.S. Coast Guard Honor Guards** for their participation in this exciting regional drill event.

The 1996 NCDC began with the colorful opening ceremony featuring the presentation and posting of the colors from all competing units, as well as a rousing opening speech from **Colonel Dennis J. Kennedy**, US Army, 1st Region, 4th Brigade Commander. Other notable highlights of the event included an incredible exhibition performance from the **U.S. Air Force Honor Guard** and the **U.S. Coast Guard Honor Guard**. The precision and overall excellence they put on display gave the 2,000 spectators a real treat during the mid-day judge's break.



Armed Division Highlights

In a dogfight for the top-spot, competition was fierce in the Armed Division once again. **Forest Park High School** from Baltimore, Maryland captured the overall Armed Division Championship title. Overall strength was the key factor as the **Executioners** drill team capturing three 1st place finishes (Unit Inspection, Regulation Drill, and Exhibition Drill) and a single 3rd place finish (Color Guard). Their finish was even stronger overall than their 1995 Championship performance. Amassing a total of 3,899 overall points, Forest Park held off their nearest rival by just **138 points**.

T.C. Williams HS from Alexandria, Virginia gave a strong performance coming just short of winning both the Armed and Unarmed Divisions. Capturing a 1st place finish (Color Guard), two 2nd place finishes (Inspection & Regulation), and a 3rd place (Exhibition) finish, the well-balanced **Armageddon Blue** drill team captured the Armed Runner-Up title and continues to impress every year. T.C. Williams took their strong overall showing at the NCDC and put forth the same impressive effort one month later at the Nationals in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Coming in 3rd place overall in the tight Armed Division, **Benedictine HS** from Richmond, Virginia displayed a strong finish, capturing both 2nd place (Exhibition) and 4th place (Regulation). The **Black's Gold** drill team displayed consistent strength in all areas.

Other top Armed performances were turned in by: **Woodbridge HS** (3rd place Inspection and Regulation, 5th place Exhibition); **St. John's College HS** (2nd place Color Guard); **Dover HS** (4th place Inspection); **Ballou HS** (4th place Color Guard); and **Forestville HS** (4th place Exhibition).

Unarmed Division Highlights

T.C. Williams High School from Alexandria, Virginia roared to life again at the 1996 NCDC, displaying the talent that earned them a repeat championship in the Unarmed Division. The **Armageddon Red** drill unit was bouyed by an outstanding Color Guard performance, capturing that tough event convincingly. The team also earned a 4th place finish in Inspection, winning the Division championship by just 104 points with an overall total of 3,782 points.

Hard-charger **Howard HS** from Ellicott City, Maryland gained the Division runner-up crown. The **Lion's Battalion** earned their superb ranking by capturing both 2nd place (Color Guard) and 4th place (Regulation). The runner-up title was won over third place finisher **Thomas Walker HS** by a scant 23 overall points. The **Pioneer Battalion** of Ewing, Virginia gained a 1st place finish (Regulation) and a 5th place (Exhibition).

Other strong finishers in the Unarmed Division included: a 1st place Inspection and a 5th place Regulation finish by impressive **Lackey HS**; 2nd place (Exhibition & Regulation), 1st place (Exhibition) by **Fairmont Heights HS**; 2nd place (Inspection) by **Forest Park HS**; 3rd place (Inspection) by **Caroline HS**; 3rd place (Regulation) by **McDonough HS**; 3rd place (Color Guard) by **Patrick County HS**; and 3rd place (Exhibition) by tough **Dover HS**.

Other overall team awards included the **4th Brigade Trophy**, presented to the **Armageddon Red** drill team from **T.C. Williams High School**. Additionally, the **Mayor's Trophy**, awarded to the highest finishing JROTC unit in Washington, D.C., went for the second year to the **Colts** drill unit from **Calvin Coolidge High School**. The presentation featured a brief inspirational speech by **D.C. Mayor, Marion Barry**.

Other memorable moments at the NCDC included positive & poignant closing words by **Major General James M. Lyle**, outgoing Commanding General of the U.S. Army Cadet Command. His heartfelt speech gave those in attendance a strong message of inspiration and a true sense of what Junior ROTC is all about. Finally, the presentation of the beautiful NCDC team trophies ended a fantastic and exciting day for everyone involved.

Sports Network International would like to thank everyone who makes the NCDC an annual part of their drill calendar. We remain humbled by the efforts that many schools undertake to attend the NCDC and are thrilled to be a part of this truly worthwhile event.

"Step up to the Challenge" at the Nationals

Many quality drill programs dream of ending their season in Daytona Beach, Florida at the Nationals. Unfortunately, some programs feel they don't quite have the talent level to compete among the best 45 schools in the Nation, but really want to attend! If this sounds like your program, do we have a fantastic new drill event for you!

The National High School Drill Team Championships Challenge Level competition will begin a new era of competition drill in Daytona Beach. For years, many drill programs have been asking to attend the Nationals though they knew they had little chance of winning any awards. They clamored to attend the Nationals to have their cadets be a part of this fantastic drill experience. The Challenge Level drill meet was created to satisfy these schools' needs for a superior competition. Advance interest level in the Challenge meet is through the roof and will undoubtedly fill in record time.

When is the Challenge Level being held?

The Challenge Level competition is a single-day drill competition being held on Friday, May 2nd, 1997 at the Daytona Beach Ocean Center Arena. The competition will begin at roughly 0800 and should end at approximately 1700. The Challenge Level Awards Ceremony is planned to begin at 1800. Competing schools will arrive the day prior to the competition, on Thursday, to register for the event and attend the Commander's Call meeting. Many schools are electing to extend their hotel stay, thereby taking the opportunity to become spectators at the Masters Level competition held on Saturday and Sunday, May 3rd-4th, 1997.

What is the Challenge Level all about?

The Challenge Level will allow both Armed & Unarmed drill teams the ability to enter the Nationals, with their competition coming from teams who more closely equal their drill talent. This will give all cadets a competitive chance of earning recognition and awards against their peers while still being a part of the National's experience.

What events will the Challenge Level feature?

Both Armed and Unarmed Divisions will maintain the following events: **Inspection, Squad/Element Regulation, Color Guard, Squad/Element Exhibition, and Platoon/Flight Exhibition.** Drill units may enter all five events, or just some of the events. Priority entry will be given to those teams competing in all events and going for the Championship within either Challenge Level Division.

Who will be accepted into the Challenge Level?

Those demilitarized arms and unarmed competition units whose strength on the drill floor does not warrant placement into the Masters Level of the Nationals will be accepted into the Challenge Level. (Note: All teams competing with facsimile weapons will still compete in the Masters Level Alternative Arms Division.) Additionally, some schools are planning to enter one competition team into the Masters Level and a different team into the Challenge Level. Many schools are planning to utilize the Challenge Level to give their freshman/JV teams valuable drill experience at the Nationals. All of these programs will be considered for entry.

Schools who have not attended the Nationals in recent history will be evaluated on their overall finishes at recent regional and local drill competitions, as well as instructor/peer evaluations. The ultimate authority regarding who will be accepted into which competition division will be Sports Network International, Event Manager for the National High School Drill Team Championships.

What are the biggest differences between the Challenge Level & Masters Level competitions?

This can be boiled down to two themes - competition strength and costs. Challenge level schools are, by definition, teams wishing to be placed into a less exclusive competition field to better compete with other programs that more closely resemble their own skill level. The cost to enter the Challenge Level is slightly lower because the event is only a single day drill event. The price of the Challenge Level Team Package Plan is only \$79.00 per person for the 3 day/2 night package vs \$89.00 per person for the 4 day/3 night Masters Level package. Three, two and one to a room prices are slightly higher, utilized primarily for instructors and other adult team followers.

Also, the School Registration Fee to attend the one-day Challenge Level event is only \$150 vs \$300 for the two-day Masters Level. The awards ceremony for the Challenge Level will be exciting but will not maintain the same formal style experienced at the Masters Level. All other Team Package items (shirts, medallions, patches, photos, etc.) outlined on the NHS DTC Invitation (pages 8-9) are included as a part of the Challenge Level Package. Both levels use the same competition site, judges, event SOP's, drills and total professionalism that have become a trademark at the Nationals.

Is the Challenge Level a part of the Nationals?

Yes, the Challenge Level and Masters Level are entry divisions of the Nationals. Cadets, Instructors and team followers who attend the Nationals will receive the same event materials and other items, regardless of what competition level your team is placed in.

What if I'm not sure which level of competition I should register my team in at the Nationals?

Schools MUST choose on the Nationals' Registration Form which competition level they would prefer to enter. The ultimate placement decision is made by Sports Network International but your choice is given first consideration.

Any school not accepted into the competition division they have chosen will be given the opportunity to either: 1) Enter the competition level they have been moved into or; 2) Obtain a full refund of their Registration Fee and withdraw from the Nationals competition entirely. If a school wishes to change their choice after registration, this may be allowed depending on how soon the change is requested and whether the team can be accepted into the other competition level.

When should my school register to attend?

Much like the Masters Level, schools wishing to enter the Challenge Level competition should register immediately following the finalizing of their decision to attend. As the Challenge Level is new, Sports Network International has no way of knowing how quickly the event will fill-up. The event is scheduled to allow roughly 25 schools to attend. Many interested schools have already called for additional information. If your school wishes to attend, fill out the Nationals' Registration Form, submit your entry fee and ready yourself for the drill experience of a lifetime at the 1997 Nationals.

This is your official invitation to attend the...

1997 NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Introduction

Sports Network International is very pleased to provide this invitation to all precision drill units to attend the 15th annual **National High School Drill Team Championships** in Daytona Beach, Florida. This event is open to all high school JROTC units competing in Armed & Unarmed divisions. **This is your school's official invitation to enter the nation's finest JROTC drill and ceremony competition, referred to worldwide as simply "The Nationals".**

The **National High School Drill Team Championships** remain the most sought after drill competition in the nation. Schools travel from across the U.S. to attend this all-service spectacular. Schools considering entry into the NHSDTC should make plans early as competition spaces are limited to roughly 45 schools. This is especially true for teams traveling across the country.

Sports Network International, Inc. (SNI) serves as the Event Manager for the Nationals. The 1997 National High School Drill Team Championships are proudly sponsored and supported by the U.S. Army Cadet Command.

Competition Guidelines

All Schools drill and are judged in accordance with their own service manual. In Armed Divisions where their manual is not specific, U.S. Army FM 22-5 (1986) is used. In the Unarmed Division, U.S. Air Force FM 50-14 (1992) is used. The annual variety of services that have captured top finishes at the NHSDTC is a testament to the overall fairness of this drill event.

The event SOP is mailed to all registered schools in mid-January. Schools having questions regarding any rules & procedures in use for this drill meet should feel free to contact SNI before entering the competition.

Event Judging

All judges at the NHSDTC maintain a strong background in military drill. Judges are fully qualified military personnel representing all four branches of the service. All judges are given extensive judging manuals in advance of the event, as well as a full on-site briefing on the eve of the competition. The judges at the Nationals give a 110% effort to do a great job. This remains a major reason why so many teams look to end their drill year at **"The World's Most Famous Beach"**.

Competition Events

The NHSDTC will maintain two competition levels. The new **Challenge Level** of the Nationals has been instituted in 1997 for drill teams who wish to be a part of the Nationals competition experience while competing against similarly talented schools at a less intense skill level. For a detailed information on the Challenge Level drill competition at the Nationals, please refer to page 7 in this IDR Magazine.

The **Masters Level** is designed to maintain the finest 45 drill programs entering to attend the Nationals. Three competition divisions are provided. Male & mixed teams using standard demilitarized weapons compete in the **Demilitarized Arms Division**. Teams competing without weapons will enter the **Unarmed Division**. The **Alternative Arms Division** is for teams (regardless of their gender) using lightweight, facsimile weapons AND teams that are all-female (regardless of weapon type).

Demilitarized Arms Division Alternative Arms Division

- ☆ Unit Inspection (12 + Commander)
- ☆ Squad Regulation (8-11 + Commander)
- ☆ Color Guard (4-person only)
- ☆ Squad Exhibition (8-11 + Commander)
- ☆ Platoon Exhibition (13 & over-no max)

Unarmed Division

- ☆ Unit Inspection (12 + Commander)
- ☆ Regulation Drill (8-12 + Commander)
- ☆ Color Guard (4-person only) (with arms)
- ☆ Element Exhibition (8-11+ Commander)
- ☆ Flight Exhibition (13 & over-no max)

Schools may enter up to two complete teams in each of the competition divisions listed above, as long as no cadet competes for more than one team. Therefore, schools entering both an armed and unarmed team (for example) are encouraged to do so, but the two teams must have separate cadets for each team. This rule allows maximum cadet participation without adding multiple school entries utilizing the same cadets.

All Armed units are allowed up to two entries (per team) in both Individual & Dual Exhibition events. Also, ALL cadets are encouraged to compete in both the Armed and Unarmed Knockout Drills, regardless of which division they participated in. We encourage all schools to enter all of their cadets into both Knockout competitions.

NHSDTC Event Specifics

The National High School Drill Team Championships are held at the impressive **Ocean Center Civic Arena** in Daytona Beach, Florida in late Spring every year. This state-of-the-art facility features permanent seating for over 6,000 with outstanding amenities for a drill competition the size and prestige of the Nationals. The Ocean Center also features a complete concession area, plentiful bus & car parking and ample male and female dressing rooms with full shower facilities. **All cadets and instructors who attend the Nationals will attest that the Ocean Center remains the most exceptional drill & ceremony facility currently in use in the United States.**



The Ocean Center Arena in Daytona Beach, Florida is the

Schools are housed in Daytona Beach at one of many oceanfront hotels. All of these hotels are located within 10 minutes of the Ocean Center Arena.

All schools are expected to be present at the NHSDTC Commander's Call held Friday evening at the headquarter's hotel. At this meeting, all teams are presented their competition schedules, have last minute questions answered, and receive a short briefing on the Nationals by NHSDTC Judging Director, Justin Gates.

The drill competition begins the following morning (Saturday) at 0800. The event opens with team competition in all three divisions. Events are held throughout the day and early evening on Saturday & Sunday. The competition concludes on Sunday afternoon with the Knockout competition. The event ends Sunday evening when all competing teams attend the Awards Ceremony in the Ocean Center Arena at 2030.

May 2nd-4th, 1997

DRILL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Awards and Trophies

The Nationals feature the most beautiful trophies in the world. National Championship and National Runner-up trophies are awarded in all three competition divisions (the Demilitarized Arms, Alternative Arms, and Unarmed divisions). **The impressiveness of these trophies remain legendary throughout the world of drill & ceremony!**

Team events in each one of the competition divisions will be trophied in **first through fifth place**. Additionally, all schools who compete for a National Championship (those schools entering every team event within a division) will receive a personalized NHS DTC school plaque.



magnificent drill & ceremony facility utilized in America.

Individual trophies are presented to each cadet finishing in first through third place in the Individual & Dual Exhibition events in both the Demilitarized and Alternative Arms Divisions. Regulation Drill Cadet Commanders in all divisions compete for first through third place Commander's trophies. Also, the top 30 finishers in both the Armed & Unarmed Knockout Drills will receive a hand-painted golden eagle medallion hung on a red, white & blue neck ribbon.

Costs to Attend

All schools choosing to attend the National High School Drill Team Championships attend through the **Team Package Plan**. This plan is designed to ensure all cadets, and instructors are given the enjoyment of staying together in superb oceanfront hotel billets with other schools from across the country; provided with treasured competition mementos; as well as **ensuring all schools receive the finest drill event they have ever attended at an affordable cost.**

Team Package Plan Includes:

- ❖ *Four days & three nights billeting in one of many oceanfront hotels in Daytona Beach*
- ❖ *Specially-minted 1997 NHS DTC bronze medallion on a goldtone neckchain*
- ❖ *Specially-designed NHS DTC t-shirt for all cadets, ordered to size*
- ❖ *Specially-designed NHS DTC collared sports-shirt for all adults, ordered to size*
- ❖ *Swiss-embroidered four-inch patch designed for the NHS DTC event*
- ❖ *8" X 10" glossy color team photograph*
- ❖ *Discount coupons at local pizza, fast food and sandwich shops in the area*

The price of the Team Package Plan, based on staying four-to-a-room, is only \$89.00 per person for the full 4 day / 3 night package. Three, two and one to a room prices are slightly higher, utilized primarily for instructors and other adult team followers.

All participants and instructors attend the NHS DTC through the Team Package Plan.

Parents and other team followers may attend through this plan with the team to enjoy the same Package benefits and to assist in team chaperoning, but it is not required.

The Registration Fee for the event is \$300.00 per school. This fee is completely nonrefundable once a school is accepted for entry. This ensures that only schools who are committed to attend the event occupy a valuable team slot at the Nationals.

To Register for the NHS DTC

To register your school into the National High School Drill Team Championships, please complete the enclosed NHS DTC Registration Card and mail it to Sports Network International along with your Registration Fee. Upon receipt by SNI, your school will be immediately notified by mail as to your acceptance into the event. Teams not accepted into the NHS DTC competition will have their Team Registration Entry Fee returned within 10 business days.

Teams are accepted using many criteria, not solely by their strength on the drill floor. However, the Nationals are renowned for the strong teams who annually choose to attend. While many units begin to register for the Nationals as early as October, most schools register in mid-December. When all of the competition slots are full, the event is closed (usually by late January).

With the huge early interest expressed annually by schools across the country, all teams planning to register for the event after mid-January should first contact the NHS DTC Event Manager (SNI) to ensure a competition entry space remains open before sending in their Event Registration Form and School Entry Fee of \$300.00.

All entries are considered by SNI. **Quality drill teams are accepted on an earliest postmark basis!** All checks and written correspondence should be directed to **Sports Network International** at the address and telephone number listed below. Schools not accepted into the Masters Level of the Nationals will be considered for entry into the single-day Challenge Level event (see page 7 for details on the Challenge Level). Should you have any questions or need any further information on the Nationals, please feel free to contact SNI.

In Closing

We invite all teams, especially those who have considered attending in the past, to look at attending the 15th anniversary of the Nationals. Your drill team's attendance will become the highlight of your school year, giving focus and purpose to your drill season. It provides a strong means of attracting interest in your program from within your community and will give your school and drill unit the national notoriety and incredible learning experience that they richly deserve. Mostly, a trip to the Nationals will give your cadets, parents and staff a great experience to reflect upon for the rest of their lives. The Nationals are the ultimate reward for a long year of hard work and dedication.

Few programs have the opportunity to compete at a National Championship, and veterans of the Nationals will attest that **no other drill meet compares with the National High School Drill Team Championships**. End your drill season with total class in beautiful Daytona Beach! We at SNI wish your program and your cadets the best of luck this school year and **we hope to see you in May at the Nationals!**

For additional information:

**NHS DTC Event Manager
Sports Network International
775 Fentress Boulevard
Daytona Beach, Florida 32114
800/327-9311 ★ 904/274-1919**

It's Anchors Aweigh with...

The Blue Angels

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Hard-working volunteers needed for a three-year tour of duty. Must be willing to work long hours and sacrifice a normal military life without additional pay to become a member of the most highly recognized and respected unit within the United States Navy.

It's a job description that sounds demanding and rightfully so. But anyone -- from the steel-nerved, high-visibility pilots to the hard-working, behind-the-scenes maintenance and supply personnel -- know that being a team player and striving to be the best is the only way to be a successful member of the most visible flight unit in the United States Navy, the **Blue Angels** precision flight squadron.

Although the names, faces and even the aircraft have changed over the years, the Blue Angel's reason for existence remains the same: to *enhance the Navy recruiting effort, and to represent the naval service to the civilian community, its elected leadership and foreign nations.* The Blue Angels serve as positive role models and impeccable goodwill ambassadors for the United States Navy, performing across the United States.

Now entering their 50th Anniversary, the Blue Angels are based out of Pensacola, Florida. The hard-working unit will fly approximately 33 air shows in the United States during the 1996 season. They fly more than 140,000 miles in the course of a show season, which is the equivalent of flying around the world nearly seven times! The 1996 show season is on schedule to bring out more than six million spectators. Since 1946, they have performed before more than 276 million spectators.

The squadron spends the winter based at sunny El Centro Naval Air Facility in El Centro, California. Here they train their pilots and new crew members, learning to work together as a team and readying themselves for their demanding show season.



Flying at speeds approaching 1,000 MPH within just a few feet of their teammates, the Blue Angels dazzle millions of spectators at air shows around the country with their precision flying.

The Blue Angels will fly over 120 practice demonstrations prior to their first public performance in March. This ensures they acquire the razor sharp edge needed to execute their spectacular mid-air maneuvers. The team performs all Summer and much of the Fall, ending the season with a final performance in mid-November at their home base of Pensacola, Florida.

To become an enlisted member of this exclusive unit you must: volunteer for duty; be career oriented; be at least an E-05 (Navy petty officer 2nd class or USMC Sergeant); demonstrate sustained superior performance at all past duty stations; and you must be recommended by your commanding officer. With these rigid requirements, primadonnas and glory-seekers need not apply. Navy and Marine Corps personnel joining the Blue Angels in any capacity need to display a herculean work ethic and be prepared to sacrifice their needs for the good of the team.

The requirements for officers to join the squadron are equally stringent; demanding the same type of team-first, high-quality individual.

Anyone having seen a Blue Angels flight demonstration will testify to the exactness of the performance and to the exhilaration that is generated within the massive crowds that come to watch. The choreographed aerial presentation features four-plane, graceful aerobatic movements referred to as "diamond maneuvers", as well as the fast-paced high performance aerial feats performed by the solo pilots in the #5 and #6 jets. All six jets perform maneuvers together in the well-known delta formation.

While most spectators only see the actual air demonstration, this final product represents just a small fraction of the overall work that is done before the F/A-18 Hornets ever leave the flight line.

All ground level work at a Blue Angels show is part of a master plan designed to present Navy programs to young individuals 17-25 years of age as well as those who influence them. This includes media work, autograph sessions and personal appearances by the pilots, and ground tours of the equipment to be displayed during the Blue Angels performance.

One day prior to the squadron's departure to the show site, Blue Angel #7 (the squadron narrator), departs Pensacola with his crew chief to begin assistance with local media coverage.

Back in Pensacola, the Blue Angels prepare for their departure day. Much of the preparation for a show takes place behind the scenes by the elite team's support staff. Loaded with spare parts and all of their

and 6 enlisted personnel assigned exclusively to the Blue Angels. The C-130 Hercules is the only Marine Corps aircraft permanently assigned to a Navy squadron for support. The C-130 carries over 25,000 pounds of equipment, 46,000 pounds of fuel and the highly-specialized crew to every show. After landing at the show site, Fat Albert is unloaded and the preparations are made for the arrival of the F/A-18 Hornets.

An alternating crew of over 40 enlisted maintenance and support personnel travel with the squadron to each show site. Although each individual is highly-skilled in a distinct job specialty, he or she is expected to work well beyond their field of expertise, contributing to the overall effectiveness of the squadron.

When the demonstration pilots arrive at the show site, they fly circle and arrival maneuvers where they examine aerial photos of the entire airfield, pin-pointing ground references in preparation for a safe and successful show.

To be able to perform, the Blue Angels must have at least 3 nautical miles of visibility from center-point and a minimum cloud ceiling of 1,500 feet. At these minimums, they can perform limited maneuvers in what is called a "flat" show. When the ceiling is at least 3,500 feet, a "low" show can be performed, which includes many of their rolling maneuvers. With a ceiling of 8,000 feet, their "high" show can be performed, which includes all of their breath-taking maneuvers.

Over 110 Navy and Marine Corps enlisted personnel are assigned to the Blue Angels and tasked with support duties. Their typical tour of duty is 3 years.



The F/A-18 Hornet's combination of high-power and light weight give the aircraft great maneuverability, climb and acceleration, important in combat and at air shows.

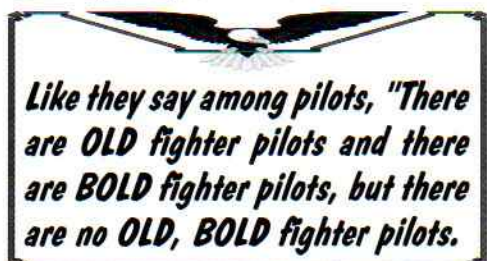
The demonstration pilots, events coordinator, maintenance officer and flight surgeon all serve a two-year tour, other officers serve for three years. After leaving the Blue Angels squadron, each individual returns to an operational unit at sea or ashore.

The F/A-18 Hornet is a multi-mission, high-performance tactical aircraft designed to perform both fighter and attack missions. The Hornet's unique combination of high-power and light weight give this aircraft impressive maneuverability, climb and acceleration, important both in combat and at air shows.

Daredevils among the spectators and certainly many young men and women involved in Junior ROTC have wondered what it must be like to pilot a 50,000 pound F/A-18 Hornet as it screams across the sky in excess of 1,200 mph. Crushing G-forces, spiraling turns and claustrophobic proximity in multi-plane formations usually snap all but the most brave and insane among us quickly out of this fantasy.

But it is a tempting fantasy that everyone who has ever seen the Blue Angels can hold onto for a few seconds. It is those visionary youngsters among us that possess the talent, temperament, and perseverance, that will turn this dream into a reality.

Every year, a handful of these hard working young men and women will put it all on the line. They will stand shoulder-to-shoulder to support the greatest performance team in the Navy or they will peel back the edge of the envelope to hurl through the skies; all to be a member of the Navy's pride and joy, the Blue Angels. →



Like they say among pilots, "There are OLD fighter pilots and there are BOLD fighter pilots, but there are no OLD, BOLD fighter pilots."

maintenance and support personnel, the squadron C-130 Hercules aircraft, which is affectionately known as "Fat Albert", leaves for the show site well before the distinctive F/A-18 Hornets flown by the demonstration pilots.

Fat Albert is manned and flown by an all-Marine Corps crew of three pilots



The distinctive blue & gold markings of the Blue Angels demonstration team punctuate a six-plane maneuver on display during this "high" show.

WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH... THE TOUGH GO TO DAYTONA!

All three competition divisions were up for grabs until the final scores were tallied. Fierce, unyielding, breathtaking team performances helped to field a most outstanding National drill event in 1996.



Demilitarized Arms Division: Top - Winston Churchill High School - Black Watch
Unarmed Division: Front Right - Theodore Roosevelt High School - Riderettes
Alternative Arms Division: Front Left - Oak Ridge Military Academy - Lady Cadets

Every year, schools travel from across the United States on a quest to "bring home the Gold" at the National High School Drill Team Championships. 1996 proved to be the largest and most competitive drill field in the history of the event. Over 2,000 cadets and instructors from 22 states made themselves a part of history at the 1996 Nationals. With so many quality performances on display during the legendary drill weekend, tension was high throughout -- especially at the Awards Ceremony -- as trophy after trophy brought the championships down to the wire. Every division was incredibly competitive with a variety of different schools earning trophies in virtually every competition event. This made the final placements a mystery until the very end.

Demilitarized Arms Division Highlights

Once the first day event tallies were complete, SNI was amazed to see the closest title run in event history. Nearly 10 schools were still within striking range to take home the overall & runner-up championships. Everyone that has been to the Nationals understands that just one slip can take you out of contention in this highly competitive division. **Winston Churchill High School** came to the stage as a new champion in 1996 with a stunning string of performances. The **Black Watch** Army unit from drill-heaven San Antonio, Texas powered their way to victory by capturing three 1st place finishes (Inspection, Color Guard, and Platoon Exhibition) and a 2nd place (Regulation). Their flawless Platoon Exhibition performance on the final day of competition sealed the victory for the hard-working young men from the "Lone Star State".

Finishing in second place overall has been a rarity for 4-time National Champion **Theodore Roosevelt HS**. The **San Juan Guard** grabbed the Runner-Up overall title by displaying overall strength in all areas, earning a third place finish (Inspection), and a 5th place finish (Regulation). The **Lincoln HS Lancers** drill team was strong again capturing both a 1st place finish in Regulation Drill and a 2nd place in Inspection. The **Blue Guard** drill team from **Douglas MacArthur HS** performed well throughout the Nationals capturing a 2nd place in Squad Exhibition and a 4th place in Color Guard. Other schools with top finishes included the **Kamehameha HS Warriors** (1st place-Squad Exhibition and 4th place-Platoon Exhibition); **Springfield HS Emerald Guard** (2nd place-Platoon Exhibition); **Central Catholic HS Chamadade Guard** (3rd place-Squad Exhibition); **Fern Creek HS Leathernecks** (3rd place-Platoon Exhibition and 5th place-Color Guard); **Colonel White HS Black Knights** (2nd place-Color Guard and 4th place-Inspection); **Lyman HS Imperial Hounds** (3rd place-Color Guard); **LaSalle MA Rifles** (3rd place-Regulation); and **John Jay HS Silver Eagles** (4th place-Squad and 5th place-Platoon Exhibition).

Unarmed Division Highlights

Theodore Roosevelt High School from San Antonio, Texas returned to the National Championship Platform at the Awards Ceremony by capturing their fifth National Championship in six years. The **Riderettes** earned their title with hard-nosed determination. Better still, the Army JROTC unit captured the Unarmed Division Color Guard competition thereby eliminating the ghosts of their poor showing which was their demise in 1995. The well-rounded **Riderettes** drill team also grabbed a 2nd place finish in Exhibition Drill, a 4th place finish in Inspection and a 5th place finish in Regulation Drill.

The 1995 Unarmed Champion **Homer Hanna HS** put together a tremendous effort to defend their crown but came up just short, capturing the runner-up title. The **Mighty Brown Eagles** seized a 2nd place in Regulation Drill and in Color Guard and a 5th place in the torturous Inspection competition, leaving them just 109 points shy of capturing the overall title (out of 4800 possible). Hard-charging **Winston Churchill HS** competed strongly garnering a third place overall finish, giving the Unarmed Division a top three finish from Texas. The **Queen's Guard** drill team captured both a 1st place (Inspection) and a 4th place (Color Guard). Other strong performances were turned in by the **Lincoln HS Lady Lancers** (2nd-Inspection, 5th-Exhibition), **Oxon Hill HS's** two teams (1st & 4th place-Exhibition), **Newburgh Free Academy** (1st Place-Regulation), **N.B. Forrest HS's** two teams received 3rd in Inspection and Exhibition, **John Jay HS Snap II** (3rd-Regulation), **T.C. Williams HS Armageddon Red** (3rd-Color Guard), and **Walla Walla HS Sponsors** (4th place-Regulation).

Alternative Arms Division Highlights

Maintaining both armed, all-female drill teams and teams using facsimile weapons, this division brought forth the toughest fight at the Nationals. **Oak Ridge Military Academy** surprised everyone at the Nationals coming from nowhere to capture their first National Championship crown. The Army JROTC **Lady Cadets** drill team from Oak Ridge, North Carolina captured four out of five 1st place finishes (Inspection, Regulation, Color Guard & Squad Exhibition) en route to their first National title. However, a poor showing in Platoon Exhibition left the door open for several other schools who put together strong challenges to the Oak Ridge strength.

Enterprise HS captured the national runner-up crown by displaying a powerful strength in many events that placed the five-time National Champion **Belles of the Blue Knights** drill team just 26 points away from National Championship crown. Stellar performances included two 2nd place finishes (Inspection & Platoon Exhibition), a 4th place finish (Color Guard) and 5th place (Regulation). The **Fern Creek HS Lady Leathernecks** captured third place overall, producing a 2nd place finish (Regulation), a 3rd place finish (Squad Exhibition) and a 5th place finish (Inspection). Other strong performances were turned in by many schools. Always-tough **Springfield HS Grenadiers** drill team captured both a 1st place finish (Platoon Exhibition) and a 5th place (Squad Exhibition). **Leesburg HS Yellow Jackets** garnered both a 2nd place (Squad Exhibition) and a 4th place (Platoon Exhibition). Lastly, both the **Lyman HS Greyhounds** and the **Miami Coral Park HS Hurricanes** displayed well-rounded excellence, gaining 3rd, 4th and 5th place team trophies in 3 team events.

The primary reason the Nationals remains the pinnacle of drill excellence is the *top-quality schools from across the nation that make this exciting drill experience an annual part of their season*. The competition field was loaded with drill talent. A record 87 competition drill units from 53 schools representing 22 states attended the Nationals in 1996, with schools attending from as far away as: **Rhode Island, New York, Texas, Missouri, Kansas, Hawaii and Washington, as well as every state in the Southeastern U.S.**

Many returning attendees from the Nationals allowed just 7 qualified schools to attend the 1996 Nationals for the first time. Schools accepted included: **Central HS** (Macon, GA); **Elbert County HS** (Elberton, GA); **Hialeah HS** (Hialeah, FL); **Howe MS** (Howe, IN); **John Jay HS** (San Antonio, TX); **Pharr-San Juan-Alamo HS** (San Juan, TX); and **T.C. Williams HS** (Alexandria, VA). All of these first-time attendees competed with valor and distinction. Sports Network International salutes all of the instructors and cadets who annually choose to make their school a part of history at the Nationals.

NATIONAL High School Drill Team Championships

Final Event Standings

All TOTALS ARE BASED ON A MAXIMUM 1200 POINTS PER EVENT

DEMILITARIZED ARMS

INSPECTION

Winston Churchill HS - Black Watch	1059
Lincoln HS - Lancers	1045
T. Roosevelt HS-San Juan Guard	1023
Colonel White HS - Black Knights	1019
Griffin HS - Marching Rifles	1002

REGULATION

Lincoln HS - Lancers	853
Winston Churchill HS - Black Watch	847
La Salle Military Admy - La Salle Rifles	836
Palm Bay HS - Pirates	823
T. Roosevelt HS-San Juan Guard	819

COLOR GUARD

Winston Churchill HS - Black Watch	946
Colonel White HS - Black Knights	917
Lyman HS - Imperial Hounds	899
Douglas MacArthur HS - Blue Guard	896
Fern Creek HS - Leathernecks	888

SQUAD EXHIBITION

Kamehameha HS - Warriors	1094
Douglas MacArthur HS - Blue Guard	1075
Central Catholic HS - Chaminade Guard	1070
John Jay HS - Silver Eagles	1046
Chattahoochee HS - Northridge Rifles	1045

PLATOON EXHIBITION

Winston Churchill HS - Black Watch	1142
Springfield HS - Emerald Guard	1140
Fern Creek HS - Leathernecks	1122
Kamehameha HS - Warriors	1119
John Jay HS - Silver Eagles	1114

UNARMED

INSPECTION

Winston Churchill HS - Queen's Guard	1004
Lincoln HS - Lady Lancers	975
N.B. Forrest HS - Blue Thunder	962
Theodore Roosevelt HS - Riderettes	955
Homer Hanna HS-Mighty Brown Eagles	946

REGULATION

Newburgh Free Admy-Screaming Eagles	764
Homer Hanna HS-Mighty Brown Eagles*	758
John Jay HS - Snap II	758
Walla Walla HS - Sponsors	752
Theodore Roosevelt HS - Riderettes	749

COLOR GUARD

Theodore Roosevelt HS - Riderettes	1025
Homer Hanna HS-Mighty Brown Eagles	997
T.C. Williams HS - Armageddon Red	948
Winston Churchill HS-Queen's Guard	941
Florida Air Academy - Blue Berets	928

EXHIBITION DRILL

Oxon Hill HS - Devastation	1049
Theodore Roosevelt HS - Riderettes	1047
N.B. Forrest HS - White Lightning	1027
Oxon Hill HS - Blue Guard	1016
Lincoln HS - Lady Lancers	1007



* tie-breaker invoked for placement

National Championships Overall Totals

DEMILITARIZED ARMS

Winston Churchill HS - Black Watch	5031
Theodore Roosevelt HS-San Juan Guard	4778

UNARMED

Theodore Roosevelt HS - Riderettes	3776
Homer Hanna HS-Mighty Brown Eagles	3667

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ALTERNATIVE ARMS

INSPECTION

Oak Ridge Military Admy - Lady Cadets	981
Enterprise HS-Belles of the Blue Knights	977
Battery Creek HS - Low Country Ladies	957
Lyman HS - Lady Greys	944
Fern Creek HS - Lady Leathernecks	917

REGULATION

Oak Ridge Military Admy - Lady Cadets	771
Fern Creek HS - Lady Leathernecks	734
Lyman HS - Lady Greys	730
Griffin HS - Lady Rifles	716
Enterprise HS-Belles of the Blue Knights	711

COLOR GUARD

Oak Ridge Military Admy - Lady Cadets	864
Griffin HS - Lady Rifles	855
Miami Coral Park HS - Hurricanes	854
Enterprise HS-Belles of the Blue Knights	847
Lyman HS - Lady Greys	833

SQUAD EXHIBITION

Oak Ridge Military Admy - Lady Cadets	1046
Leesburg HS - Yellow Jackets	1018
Fern Creek HS - Lady Leathernecks	1014
Miami Coral Park HS - Hurricanes	977
Springfield HS - Grenadiers	960

PLATOON EXHIBITION

Springfield HS - Grenadiers	1092
Enterprise HS-Belles of the Blue Knights	1087
Battery Creek HS - Low Country Ladies	1086
Leesburg HS - Yellow Jackets	1070
Miami Coral Park HS - Hurricanes	1065

Roster of Schools & Individual Honors

THE 1996 NHSDTC JUDGING CORPS



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USMC - Parris Island, SC - Sgt. Danny Ceden, SSgt. Edward Pennington, Sgt. Robert Ramsey, SSgt. Kenneth Krieger, Sgt. Glenn Cooper, Sgt. Terry Ball
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USN - MacDill AFB, FL - CPO Nathaniel Carter, SCPO David Call, CPO Wyndel Hedrick, PO Peter Guilfu, CPO Patrick Casey

Commander's Trophy - Demilitarized Arms

1st Place: Cadet Lane - Winston Churchill High School
 2nd Place: Cadet Crockett - Lincoln High School
 3rd Place: Cadet Ruiz - LaSalle Military Academy

Commander's Trophy - Alternative Arms

1st Place: Cadet Maher - Oak Ridge Military Academy
 2nd Place: Cadet Roney - Battery Creek High School
 3rd Place: Cadet Hillerich - Fern Creek High School

Commander's Trophy - Unarmed

1st Place: Cadet Chojnacki - Newburgh Free Academy
 2nd Place: Cadet de la Cruz - Homer Hanna High School
 3rd Place: Cadet Echeverri - John Jay High School

Individual Exhibition - Demilitarized Arms

1st Place: Cadet Warren - Fern Creek High School
 2nd Place: Cadet Castillo - Winston Churchill High School
 3rd Place: Cadet Andrene - Battery Creek High School

Individual Exhibition - Alternative Arms

1st Place: Cadet Laguna - Miami Coral Park High School
 2nd Place: Cadet Padilla - Lyman High School
 3rd Place: Cadet Castillo - Miami Coral Park High School

Dual Exhibition - Demilitarized Arms

1st Place: Cadets Akeroyd & Moses - Winston Churchill High School
 2nd Place: Cadets Ballard & Addison - Colonel White High School
 3rd Place: Cadets Konanui & Konanui - Kamehameha High School

Dual Exhibition - Alternative Arms

1st Place: Cadets Billar & Knieriem - Leesburg High School
 2nd Place: Cadets Grivicic & Streander - Fern Creek High School
 3rd Place: Cadets Lugo & Martinez - Miami Coral Park High School

Battery Creek High School
 Marine Corps JROTC
 Burton, South Carolina

Benedictine High School
 Army JROTC
 Richmond, Virginia

Campbell High School
 Navy JROTC
 Ewa Beach, Hawaii

Cedar Shoals High School
 Army JROTC
 Athens, Georgia

Central Catholic High School
 Army JROTC
 San Antonio, Texas

Central High School
 Army JROTC
 Macon, Georgia

Chattahoochee High School
 Army JROTC
 Alpharetta, Georgia

Colonel White High School
 Army JROTC
 Dayton, Ohio

Coventry High School
 Air Force JROTC
 Coventry, Rhode Island

Cranston High School East
 Army JROTC
 Cranston, Rhode Island

Douglas MacArthur High School
 Army JROTC
 San Antonio, Texas

East Boston High School
 Army JROTC
 East Boston, Massachusetts

Elbert County High School
 Army JROTC
 Elberton, Georgia

Enterprise High School
 Army JROTC
 Enterprise, Alabama

Farrington High School
 Non-Affiliated
 Honolulu, Hawaii

Fern Creek High School
 Marine Corps JROTC
 Fern Creek, Kentucky

Florida Air Academy
 Air Force JROTC
 Melbourne, Florida

Forest Park High School
 Air Force JROTC
 Forest Park, Georgia

Griffin High School
 Army JROTC
 Griffin, Georgia

Gulfport High School
 Marine Corps JROTC
 Gulfport, Mississippi

Hialeah High School
 Air Force JROTC
 Hialeah, Florida

Homer Hanna High School
 Army JROTC
 Brownsville, Texas

Howe Military School
 Army JROTC
 Howe, Indiana

John Jay High School
 Air Force JROTC
 San Antonio, Texas

Kamehameha High School
 Army JROTC
 Honolulu, Hawaii

LaSalle Institute
 Army JROTC
 Troy, New York

LaSalle Military Academy
 Army JROTC
 Oakdale, New York

Leavenworth High School
 Army JROTC
 Leavenworth, Kansas

Leesburg High School
 Air Force JROTC
 Leesburg, Florida

Lincoln High School
 Marine Corps JROTC
 Yonkers, New York

Lyman High School
 Army JROTC
 Longwood, Florida

Mattoon High School
 Army JROTC
 Mattoon, Illinois

Miami Coral Park H.S.
 Army JROTC
 Miami, Florida

N.B. Forrest High School
 Air Force JROTC
 Jacksonville, Florida

New York Military Academy
 Army JROTC
 Cornwall-On-Hudson, New York

Newburgh Free Academy
 Air Force JROTC
 Newburgh, New York

Newton-Conover High School
 Navy JROTC
 Newton, North Carolina

Northeast High School
 Army JROTC
 Kansas City, Missouri

Oak Ridge Military Academy
 Army JROTC
 Oak Ridge, North Carolina

Oxon Hill High School
 Air Force JROTC
 Oxon Hill, Maryland

Palm Bay High School
 Marine Corps JROTC
 Melbourne, Florida

Pharr-San Juan-Alamo H.S.
 Army JROTC
 San Juan, Texas

Rayville High School
 Army JROTC
 Rayville, Louisiana

Seneca High School
 Marine Corps JROTC
 Louisville, Kentucky

South Lafourche High School
 Army JROTC
 Galliano, Louisiana

Springfield High School
 Army JROTC
 Holland, Ohio

T.C. Williams High School
 Army JROTC
 Alexandria, Virginia

Theodore Roosevelt H.S.
 Army JROTC
 San Antonio, Texas

Walla Walla High School
 Army JROTC
 Walla Walla, Washington

Warren County High School
 Army JROTC
 McMinnville, Tennessee

Western High School
 Army JROTC
 Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Winnsboro High School
 Army JROTC
 Winnsboro, Louisiana

Winston Churchill High School
 Army JROTC
 San Antonio, Texas

Xavier High School
 Army JROTC
 New York, New York



Excited cadets from the T.C. Williams High School Army Junior ROTC unit in Alexandria, Virginia wait with anxious anticipation at their first Nationals Closing Night Awards Ceremony.



Exceptionally well-disciplined Color Guard units from Texas have set a standard of excellence at the Nationals.



Individual & Dual Exhibition competitions are always among the most coveted titles earned at the Nationals.



Guest Speaker, Army 1st Region Commander, Brig. Gen. John Casey, is shown here accepting this 1996 Nationals framed memento.



Cadet Cmdr. Maher of Oak Ridge M.A. is congratulated on a 1st place finish by Judge SSgt. Edward Pennington.



Army Judge SSG Lamont Christian examines a demilitarized rifle during an intimidating Inspection.



Shown in formation preparing for Squad Exhibition Drill, the Blue Knights male drill team from Enterprise High School in Enterprise, Alabama readies for drill with support from their impressive female counterparts, the Belles of the Blue Knights.

Come experience
the excitement
and lifetime memories
that are made only at ...



The National High School
Drill Team Championships!