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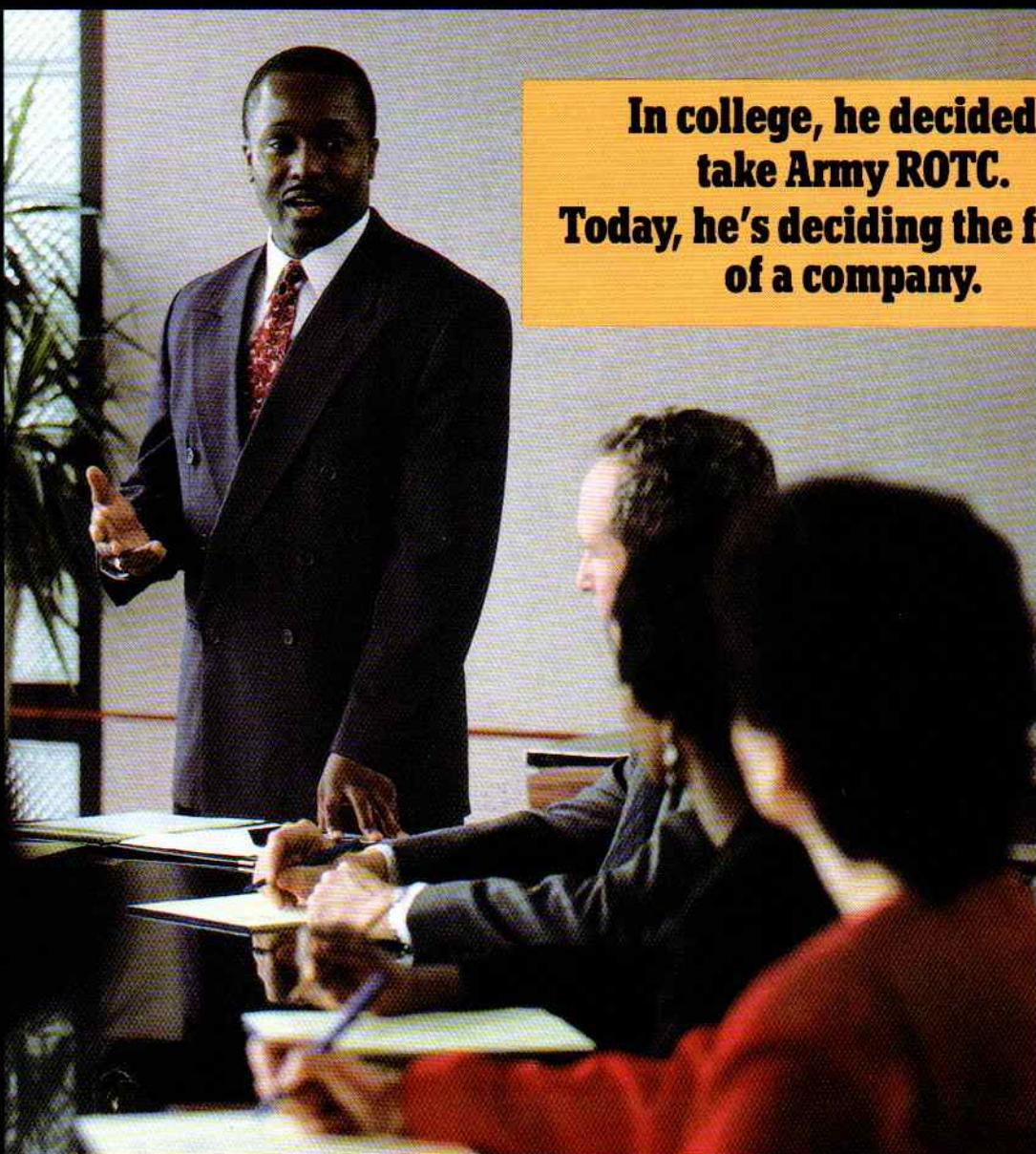
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COVER

Cadet 1SG Ricardo Varzielas barks commands, readying his cadets for Team Exhibition competition. Valley Forge Military Academy from Valley Forge, Pennsylvania put forth a solid overall effort as a first year entrant in the world-famous Nationals.

BACK COVER

Top: Over 500 cadets remain on the drill deck from a field that began at over 1,000 for the much-anticipated Masters Armed Knockout Drill on the final day of the Nationals.

Middle: The team and individual trophies presented at both the Masters & Challenge Level Awards Ceremonies are among the finest available in competition drill.

Bottom: National Championships have become a way of life at Theodore Roosevelt High School, San Antonio, Texas. The victorious Riderettes and San Juan Guard drill teams salute retiring SAI LTC Jim Rose, shown here at the Masters Awards Ceremony.

We extend our gratitude to the dedicated staff of the U.S. Army Cadet Command in Ft. Monroe, Virginia. Their support of the premier showcase of drill & ceremony held in the United States is appreciated by the thousands of cadets who make this event an annual part of their drill calendar. Thanks also go out to the judges whose hard work and long hours give this event the well-deserved reputation of being "the toughest drill event in the country". Most importantly, our sincerest thanks go out to all of the Junior ROTC Instructors worldwide who continue to make the ultimate commitment to their programs and cadets. Our heartfelt thanks go out to each and every Junior ROTC program in the world. Without their competitive fire, the Nationals would not be the recognized National Championship of Junior ROTC drill!

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A Spectator's Overview of the 1997 Nationals

This is an excerpt of the thoughts and opinions expressed by Mr. Bob Goff, Seminole County, Florida School Board member, upon attending the 1997 Nationals with top national finisher Lyman High School of Longwood, Florida.

The nervousness starts to build. Some cadets have never left the town they live in before - let alone stay in a hotel overlooking the World's Most Famous Beach. The varsity athletes in the group start putting on their game faces. They've been in pressure situations before at the State Championship level. They know what will follow tomorrow. The rookies do rookie things and stomachs start to tie up in knots. Experience, which has bred maturity, starts to show as Cadet Commanders circulate quietly through the squads and platoons, saying a few calming words here and a few pick-me-ups there. Other lower ranked officers start to show leadership that will make them next year's stars at the competition. A few get the word that the Chief will be their "battle buddy" if they do not get it under control.

The night winds down slowly. Cadets are tired when the Chief barks, *"In your rooms, doors closed at 2230 hours!"* There are few arguments - especially when the last of the pizza deliveries are made just before lights out. Domino's knows each of the cadets by name and room number.

The final day of competition dawns and long before the sun climbs out of the ocean, cadets are making sacrifices for their team. All the girls have dyed their hair the same color - individuality is not the goal for this competition - exactness of similar performance is. There are no blondes today. Later individuals and pairs will compete.

The Chaperone's daughter has just finished the last of her events. How do you write about what is felt in the heart of a parent who has seen his 16 year old achieve success at a National level far beyond that which he had achieved in his own athletic career? The child isn't the only one who sheds a tear of joy or sorrow at times like these. Sometimes it is the parents. But this time, tears are shed by both.

The awards ceremony is impressive. Every Cadet in full uniform - every school instructor in full dress uniform. The hash marks on their arms denote decades of experience while in service to their country. Now retired, they continue to serve - and there are 2,336 young men and women in the building who love them for what they do.

Well, it's all over. The results are in - there are winners and those who didn't win this time. There are never losers when each cadet tried to perform at the best of their ability for themselves, their school and their country. Now it's time for a few hours of playing on the beach before going back to Texas, or Tennessee, or Rhode Island to school and finals. For some, this will be the high point of their lives - competing in a National Championship event. Nothing they do from this day on will top their memories of this day. For others, this will be but the start. In 10 years, they will lead rescue missions of hostages held by terrorists or Mother Nature. They will be captains of industry - the backbone of this country and they will be the parents of the next generation. *Then, as today, they will make you proud.*

Here Come the Kings of Exhibition Drill

Dazzling rifle movements and unparalleled showmanship remain the trademarks of these globetrotting ambassadors of Hawaiian tradition and goodwill.



Mr. Paul Naki is the gracious leader of the famous King's Guard drill team. SNI was honored to host this group at the 1997 Nationals. Mr. Naki has written this story on the history and traditions of the King's Guard exclusively for the readers of *IDR*.

Just the mention of Hawaii conjures images of erupting volcanoes, tropical flowers, deep blue-green oceans, and white, sandy beaches... Hawaii is geographically within an isolated group of islands in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. This is the home of the King's Guard Drill Team whose own unique drill style is partly attributed to that isolation.

The original guards were called the Royal Household Guards - an elite group of soldiers who were stationed at the royal palace in Honolulu with the responsibility of guarding the kings of Hawaii in the 1800's. Each guard was selected by the king himself for his loyalty. These guards were taught drill and ceremonies by European standards and the uniforms reflected a Prussian influence. The last king of Hawaii especially enjoyed military displays of drill and the palace grounds held numerous drill events which helped to enforce order and discipline within the ranks. The Guards faithfully fulfilled their duties until the Hawaiian monarchy ended, at which time they were decommissioned.

When Hawaii became a territory of the U.S., the islands were then considered a vital military port. With this large military presence, the rigors of daily discipline & drill continued. In the early 1920's, ROTC programs were opened to select high schools in Honolulu. The cadets were instructed in drill & ceremony by military personnel. Specialized regulation teams were organized within the units and were soon followed by exhibition drill which became very popular.

Because of Hawaii's isolation, exhibition drill was little known and taught by a select few with knowledge on the subject. It was not like today with the availability of media such as television and videos. Back then if you saw something you liked, you would memorize it and try to recreate it from memory. By the 1950's Hawaii was the crossroads of the Pacific and all drill information that passed by was quickly absorbed.

In 1972 the King's Guard was reorganized. Members of a championship drill team were recruited to create a special attraction which would revive and preserve the history of the Hawaiian royalty of the 1800's. The promoters wanted an attraction that was visibly authentic with the Guards in nineteenth century uniforms combined with the talents of the drill team which would give it a unique flair. The *Changing of the Guard* ceremony was then launched, featuring a flag lowering ceremony followed by a drill exhibition performance.

Today this ceremony is the longest running daily event in Waikiki. Camera-toting visitors from around the world are drawn to King's Village at 6:15 p.m. to witness the snap and precision of the Guards. They are further educated about historical aspects of the Hawaiian nobility and the role in which the Guards played. Hawaii is the only state with a royal palace on American soil. The trappings of the Hawaiian royalty are a popular theme repeated throughout Hawaii.

The early members of the Guard experimented and developed traditional as well as new routines. The organization became a magnet, attracting recruits who were very dedicated drillmen and wanted to continue on to a higher level of exhibition drill. They were very creative and talented as well as eager to put their ideas into action. Today the tradition continues. The program is a great cross section of drillmen seeking higher standards and raising the level of their expertise. With each new generation of Guards, the responsibility of preserving the art of drill in Hawaii has been passed down. Traditional routines created in Hawaii are memorized and held as a benchmarks of the Guards unique drill style. Exhibition drill is both a serious endeavor as well

as an enjoyment to us. It is serious in the sense that we have a responsibility to foster the creative spirit which is the driving force for each Guard. *Exhibition drill is plainly a passion for us.*

Each Guard is selected for his discipline and positive attitude and willingness to contribute to the team effort. Instilling discipline in the Guard program is accomplished in a number of ways. The most unusual means is the form of Hawaiian art dance called the *hula*. In ancient Hawaii, the hula was a rigid form of discipline used by Hawaiian warriors to teach battle and defense techniques. Warriors would respond to drum commands and rhythms to coordinate battle formations. Their skills were practiced relentlessly until perfection was reached. Because ancient Hawaii had no form of written language, these techniques were memorized and passed down from teacher to student.

Because of the demanding performance schedules, flexibility is a necessary trait. Guards are instructed in several basic formations and position changes. We are rotated on a daily basis to form specialized teams. It is not uncommon that one day we perform with 30 Guards in a local parade and the next day join a 12-man team traveling abroad on a special advertising tour.

The Guards are always in high demand as our promotional value to the State of Hawaii is immeasurable. We have represented Hawaii on numerous occasions as ambassadors of goodwill and aloha from presidential inaugural parades in our nation's capital to honor guard details in far off places such as Hong Kong and Singapore.



Incredible, eye-popping rifle tosses and intricate physical maneuvers are a part of every King's Guard performance.

Whenever the Guards travel, we always bring a touch of Hawaii with us to share with the people we meet. It can be as simple as a flower lei or a box of pineapples. To be Hawaiian is to share our culture. Our scrapbooks are filled with memories from our travels. The Guards are always eager to learn new techniques and styles of drill and other teams are always fascinated with the Guards' fast spinning routines. To date, our travels have taken us to over ten countries and performances in more than forty cities. The Guards count themselves very fortunate to have the opportunity to serve their community in this capacity.

At home, the Guards' calendar is filled with performances 365 days a year. Daily practice is necessary to keep the Guards fine-tuned and sharp. Because of Hawaii's excellent year-

round weather, they can be found practicing on the streets and open areas in Waikiki. First time visitors are often shocked to witness a group of men with rifles and are relieved to find out that the rifles are used only for precision drill. They can be found at cultural events, convention shows, weddings, funerals, judging drill events and even coaching local Junior ROTC drill teams. Their presence continues to be a source of pride to the Hawaiian community.*

Editor's Note - Anyone who has ever seen the King's Guard perform will attest to the fact that they remain the most exciting, unique and captivating exhibition drill unit in existence today. The 1997 Nationals were honored to have their unique drill style on display to dazzle the thousands of attendees.



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Washington-area Junior ROTC drill teams are the stars at the impressive 1997 National Capital Drill Classic

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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 55 Armed and Unarmed drill teams. From the facility staff, all the way to **Armory Commanding General, Warren Freeman**, everyone worked very hard to ensure that each participant at the NCDC was treated as an honored guest at this historic military/community facility.

The NCDC began with the trademark colorful opening ceremony featuring the presentation and posting of the colors from all competing units. The event was officially kicked off with a brief inspirational opening speech by **Colonel Dennis J. Kennedy**, U.S. Army, 1st Region, 4th Brigade Commander.

The four team events comprising the NCDC (Inspection, Regulation, Color Guard and Exhibition) provide a strong test of the overall mettle of both armed and unarmed teams. Overall awards, as well as placements within each of the team events, are often won by just a few total points.

Armed Division Highlights

Once again, competition was fierce throughout the division. It came down to the final event but when the dust had settled, **Forest Park High School** from Baltimore, Maryland re-captured the overall Armed Division Championship title for the third consecutive year. Overpowering strength in exhibition drill was the key factor as the **Untouchables** drill team finished no lower than fourth place in every team event. Their overall strength was needed as Forest Park's 3,600 total points held off their nearest rival by **just 62 points**.



Major General Stuart W. Wallace, Commanding General, US Army Cadet Command, congratulates Thomas Edison High School cadet and NCDC Knockout medallion winner, Zareen Jalil.

T.C. Williams HS from Alexandria, Virginia gave a strong performance coming just short of winning both the Armed and Unarmed Divisions. Capturing two 1st place finishes (Inspection & Regulation) and a 3rd place finish (Color Guard), only a poor score in exhibition drill kept the **Armageddon Blue** drill team from capturing the Armed title. The well-rounded Forest Park and T.C. Williams programs 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.

Earning 3rd place overall in the Armed Division, **Thomas Stone HS** from Waldorf, Maryland finished strong, placing 5th in three events (Regulation, Color Guard and Exhibition).

Other strong Armed performances were on display by: **Massanutten MA** (2nd place in Regulation and 3rd in Inspection); **St. John's College HS** (1st in Color Guard, 3rd place Regulation and 5th place Inspection); **Woodbridge HS** (2nd place Inspection); and **Benedictine HS** (2nd place Exhibition).

Unarmed Division Highlights

In the closest scoring in military drill history, **Thomas Walker High School** from Ewing, Virginia put together a balanced attack to capture the overall Unarmed Division title **BY A SINGLE POINT!** Displaying positive motivation and skill, the **Pioneer Battalion** drill team featured outstanding balance in winning the overall Unarmed championship *without capturing a single team event!* The team earned a 2nd place finish in Exhibition and two 5th place finishes in Inspection and Color Guard, building on their very strong event runner-up placement the year before.

Returning champion **T.C. Williams H.S.** missed out on a repeat championship by a single point. Despite capturing 1st place in Unarmed Regulation and 2nd place in Color Guard, the **Armageddon Red** drill team came up just short in their bid to repeat as Unarmed Division champions. Their strong effort typifies why their overall drill program remains one of the finest in the nation.

Earning 3rd place overall within the Unarmed Division was perennial NCDC top-finisher **Howard H.S.** from Ellicott City, Maryland. The dynamic **Lion Battalion** grabbed both a 4th place in Inspection and a 5th place in Regulation. This unit continues to improve and should be in top contention for the overall title at next year's event.

Many other strong finishers in the Unarmed Division included: **McDonough HS** (1st place Inspection, 3rd place Color Guard); **Parkdale HS** (2nd place Inspection, 5th place Exhibition); **Thomas Stone HS** (3rd place Inspection, 4th place Color Guard); **Huguenot HS** (1st Place Color Guard); **Denbigh HS** (1st Place Exhibition); and **Massanutten MA** (2nd place Regulation).

Also awarded was the **Mayor's Trophy**, given to the highest finishing JROTC unit in Washington, D.C.. This went to the local hard chargers from **Dunbar High School**. The presentation featured an inspirational speech by event guest, **DC Mayor, Marion Barry**.

Support for the NCDC is put forth by the **DC Capital Guardians**, the **DC Armory Board**, as well as the **Military District of Washington**. Additionally, the members of the **U.S. Army Old Guard - Bravo Company** gave a fantastic effort judging this exciting regional drill event. Without the effort of these groups, the NCDC would not be possible. A special thanks should also go out to the **U.S. Army Drill Team** who gave a dazzling display of unique precision exhibition drill.

Other memorable moments at the NCDC included a highly positive closing speech by **MG Stuart W. Wallace**, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Cadet Command. His important closing words hit a home run with the many cadets, instructors and parents in attendance. Lastly, the 44 impressive NCDC team trophies were presented to top finishing teams, thereby ending an exciting day for the schools who were a part of the 1997 NCDC.

Sports Network International would like to thank everyone who annually makes the NCDC a special part of their drill calendar. We remain humbled by the efforts so many schools undertake to attend the exciting NCDC.

A Call to Arms: Americans Need to Fight the Good Fight

Children killing children in our streets. Unmarried teens having babies. Public education institutions deteriorating. We see these images everyday on television, but little ever seems to be done to remedy them. As powerful and great as the United States is, why can't we find some way to alleviate these societal problems? Was the fight for freedom from England at our nation's birth that much easier than tackling meaningful welfare reform? Is the battle to take back our streets so much more difficult than fighting Hitler's plans for world domination just over 50 years ago?

Our nation has a legacy of doing great things when we put our collective minds to it. Why, then, can't we discover solutions to problems that currently plague our great nation?

We have become a society that does not foster creative approaches to finding solutions to these major crises. Every day we hear politicians ramble on with the same tired, old approach to these persistent and insidious problems. Hundreds of BILLIONS of dollars have been spent fighting poverty in this country with dismal results. The "war" on drugs, teen pregnancy, etc. have become the focus of billions of government dollars without any tangible improvement. Maybe it's time to look at solutions other than simply throwing huge sums of money at these complex dilemmas. This process may make those spending the money feel better but it is not getting at the root of the problem. We need inspired leadership with the courage to look beyond the quick spending fix that never fixes anything!

What is the core stumbling block that is keeping us from finding our way out of this maze? The answer is that we have lost our creativity, idealism and just plain guts. Conrad Hilton once said, *"To accomplish big things, I am convinced you must first dream big dreams."* This is the problem - we no longer "dream big dreams" without first considering how easy or politically popular they may be. We have fostered a timid national leadership brought forth by the lack of character and core beliefs so many of our leaders maintain today. Voters are often more interested in "what's in it for me" rather than, "what can this person do for the country." Realistic estimates, feasibility studies and cost-analyses dominate our daily way of thinking, replacing good old American ingenuity.

There is no doubt that our world is much more complex today than it was more than two centuries ago when the American Revolution occurred or even during World War II. Some argue that this is the reason it is so hard to find answers to the great social issues of our time. I cannot agree with this rationalization because the complexity in our society has increased along with the resources available to resolve these difficult problems! If the early patriots who led the American Revolution had thought to commission a feasibility study on their potential for success, I doubt they would have attempted to break away

from King George! They risked their very lives and fortunes for the sake of freedom. Many of those men were dreamers and they knew that a virtuous idea or movement was far more important than their own popularity or how this would affect their personal or political standing. This type of intestinal fortitude and selflessness is rarely found in our nation's leaders today -- and that is a national disgrace.

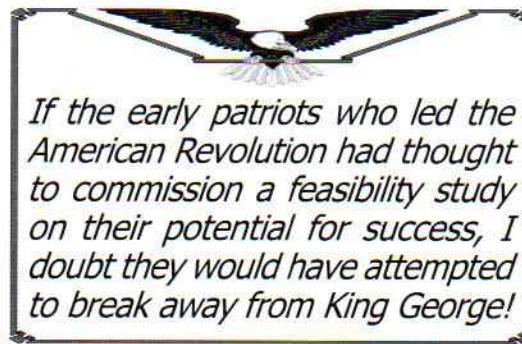
In today's society, those in power are too afraid to come up with non-traditional approaches for fear of their ideas being labeled "far right," "too radical" or worse! Some ask, "Why waste time coming up with a solution that appears unrealistic?" Is it not better to come up with a new possibility which has at least a chance of solving the problem even if it is a bit off-beat? The answer is YES! It may not be the perfect or complete answer, but often it will give a fresh perspective on the whole issue that would otherwise have been left unexamined.

If we were to embrace the possibility of a "radical solution" to these inflammatory issues instead of remaining stagnant and sticking with the same old mind set of accepting only "painless solutions," then we would no doubt see an explosion of ideas, many of which would be worth a much closer

examination. We would see a revival of creativity, idealism and even optimism - a vast departure from the leadership thought-vaccum which now exists.

American idealism is more than just finding a better way to build a mousetrap. It is also doing what is morally just in our domestic responsibilities as well as our interactions with the rest of the world. Most Americans view our history as an honorable one, filled with the USA siding with the forces of good against evil. But it is easier to take arms and fight against an enemy such as Hitler or Hussein than to battle in our own streets against the pervasive decay of drugs and poverty. Many of these same Americans see our society today as one filled with greed and self-centeredness. There is more than a grain of truth to this sentiment. We must regain our idealism as we revive our sense of national responsibility. Our nation did not rise to the level of world power because of its powerful military or its mighty economy, but instead because of the ideals it is based upon. We need to return to these ideals and reward those who exemplify them. By doing this we regain not only the respect of the world, but more importantly, that of our citizens.

There are no easy answers to any of the monumental problems that face us. Every one of us must use our own imagination and do our part to bring us out of these troubled times. Take the high ground and come up with a radical solution that is morally just. Don't worry about it not being popular or that it may be "too far out" ... you may be holding the key to making a difference in the future of your country - ***SPEAK UP!***



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Introduction

Sports Network International is very pleased to provide this invitation to all precision drill units to attend the 16th 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 coveted drill destination in the nation. Schools travel from across the U.S. to attend this all-service drill spectacular. Schools considering entry into the Nationals should make plans early as competition spaces are limited to roughly **50 schools at the Masters Level and 30 schools at the Challenge Level**.

Sports Network International, Inc. (SNI) serves as the Event Manager for the Nationals. The 1998 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 36-2203 (1996) 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 Nationals' judges are extremely motivated and give a 110% effort. 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 **Challenge Level** of the Nationals is designed 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 than the two-day Masters event. Military academies and teams drilling with facsimile weapons cannot enter the 1998 Challenge Level event.

The **Masters Level** is designed to compete the finest drill programs in the nation together within three separate competition divisions. Teams utilizing standard demilitarized rifles 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 the weapon type used.

MASTERS & CHALLENGE LEVEL ARMED TEAM EVENTS

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

MASTERS & CHALLENGE LEVEL UNARMED TEAM EVENTS

- ★ Unit Inspection (12 + Commander)
- ★ Flight Regulation (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 two entries (per team) in both Solo & Dual Exhibition events. Also, **ALL CADETS** are encouraged to compete in both the Armed & 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, instructors and spectators 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 annually hosts

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. They provide quality & affordable billeting for every Nationals team.

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

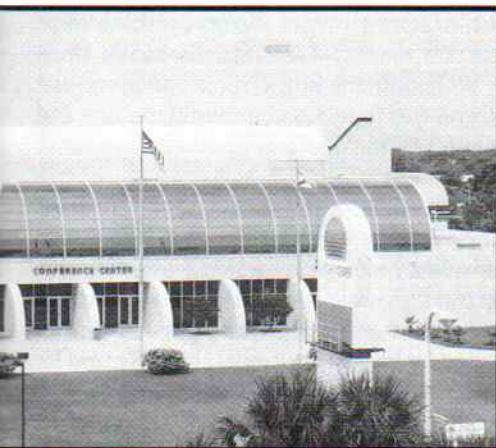
The single-day Challenge Level competition will be held on Friday, May 1st, with the two-day Masters Level competition held throughout the day and early evening on Saturday & Sunday, May 2nd-3rd. Both events feature a Knockout Drill upon the conclusion of the judging and an Awards Ceremony the evening following the competition. All teams shall attend their Awards Ceremony.

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 competition divisions - Demilitarized Arms, Unarmed and Alternative Arms (Masters Level) --- Armed and Unarmed (Challenge Level). **The impressiveness of these trophies remain legendary!**

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 NHSDTC school plaque.



the finest drill & ceremony event in America, the Nationals.

The Masters Level competition maintains both Solo & Dual Exhibition for all armed teams. Regulation Cadet Commanders in all divisions at all competition levels (both Masters & Challenge) also compete for a Commander's Trophy. These individual trophies are awarded 1st through 3rd place. Also, the top 30 finishers in both the Armed & Unarmed Knockout Drills at both levels will receive a hand-painted 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 **must 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 hotels with other schools from across the country, provided with treasured event 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 1998 NHSDTC bronze medallion on a goldtone neckchain*
- ❖ *Specially-designed NHSDTC t-shirt for all cadets, ordered to size*
- ❖ *Specially-designed NHSDTC collared sports-shirt for all adults, ordered to size*
- ❖ *Swiss-embroidered four-inch patch designed for the NHSDTC 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 \$91.00 per person for the full 4 day / 3 night package. Challenge level schools have the option to stay 2 nights only for \$81.00 per person. Three, two and one to a room prices are slightly higher, utilized primarily for instructors and other adult team followers. **All participants and instructors are required to attend the NHSDTC through the Team Package Plan.**

The School Registration Fee for the event is \$150.00 for Challenge level or \$300.00 for Masters level. Schools wishing to enter both levels should contact SNI for details. **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 NHSDTC

To register your school into the National High School Drill Team Championships, please complete the enclosed NHSDTC Registration Form and mail it to Sports Network International along with your Registration Fee. Upon receipt by SNI, your school will be immediately notified by mail that we are in receipt of your request for entry. Teams not accepted into the NHSDTC competition will have their Team Registration Entry Fee returned within 10 business days.

While many units register for the Nationals as soon as they receive this invitation, many schools register as late as December. Schools who register after December 15th seriously risk having no competition space available for their teams. Schools unsure of which competition level they should enter should contact SNI before submitting their School Registration.

The Nationals are renowned for the strong teams who annually choose to attend. And with the advent of the Nationals Challenge Level competition, schools of all talent levels can now be a part of the Nationals experience.

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 NHSDTC Event Manager (SNI) to ensure a competition entry space remains open before sending in their Event Registration Form and School Entry Fee.

All school 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.

In Closing

We invite all teams, especially those who have considered attending in the past, to look at attending the 1998 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:

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Daytona Beach, Florida 32114
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Norwich University is unique among institutions of higher education. Others may make the same claim, but Norwich University was the first private military college in the United States and continues to be one of the finest with a rich tradition of producing future national leaders both in and out of the military. No other university combines a military tradition of nearly two centuries, ROTC programs encompassing all four service branches AND a Coast Guard program, along with a broad range of traditional undergraduate degree programs available to students interested in either a military or civilian style education.

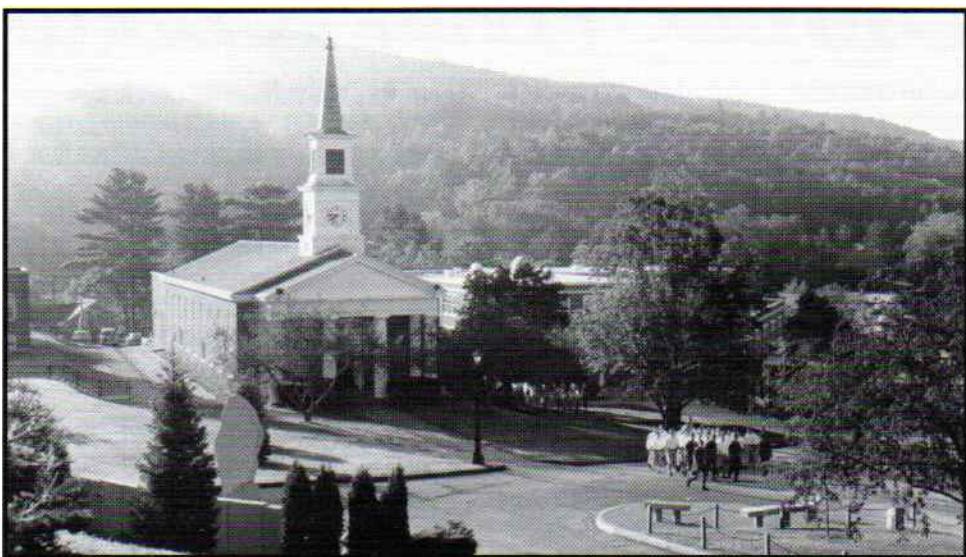
The history of Norwich begins in 1819 with the founding at Norwich, Vermont of the "American, Literary, Scientific, and Military Academy." Its founder was Captain Alden Partridge, a graduate and former Superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He conceived of the "Academy," a title taken in emulation of the West Point institution, as a place where young men might receive an education more closely related to life than in the purely "literary" institutions that dominated collegiate education of those times. Captain Partridge's idea of combining a course of military instruction with the usual college offerings was unique: Norwich was the first private military college in the United States, the first college to offer engineering courses to civilians, and one of the first to offer courses in agriculture, modern languages, physical education and political economy. The U.S. Army credits Norwich with being the forerunner of modern ROTC.

In 1834, the Academy was chartered by the State of Vermont as Norwich University, beginning the series of acts by which the relationship of the University to the State was established. On March 14, 1866, old South Barracks, the principle building of the University at Norwich, burned to the ground, dealing a serious blow to the institution. At this time, it was decided not to attempt to rebuild at Norwich, but to seek a more central spot in Vermont. The present location at Northfield, almost the exact geographic center of the state, was decided upon and construction of the original Jackman Hall was begun the same year. This building was not completed until 1868 and, in the intervening period, classes were held in an already existing building in Northfield. Finally, on September 3rd, college activities were opened on the "Hill," where they have continued to the present time.

Norwich has continued to grow and to expand its usefulness. New buildings have been added as the physical needs of the college have increased, and there are now twenty-eight major buildings valued at more than twenty million dollars. Its grounds consist of about twelve hundred acres of land, including athletic fields, practice fields, and ski slopes adjacent to the campus.

Where can you find a college combining the intensity of a service academy with the intimacy of a small college?

NORWICH UNIVERSITY



Norwich University cadets marching in front of White Memorial Chapel on the picturesque Northfield, Vermont campus.

Throughout its development, Norwich has held fast to the guiding principle of its founder: to provide a complete education, equipping its graduates for useful lives as individuals and as citizens. Several Norwich graduates have attained national prominence, including Grenville M. Dodge, builder of the Union Pacific Railroad, and Admiral George Dewey, popular hero of the Spanish American War; both have campus buildings named in their honor. Many other alumni have attained positions of eminence and have rendered valuable service to their country as both civilian and military leaders.

Over 500 Norwich men took part on both sides of the Civil War: 27 generals, 57 colonels, 30 lt. colonels, and 33 majors represented the military college. More than 750 Norwich men took part in World War I including 342 commissioned officers. Over 1,600 alumni served in the armed forces in World War II, nearly 1,300 of them holding commissions. Sixteen held the rank of general. Norwich alumni have taken part in all of our country's wars since then.

Merging with Vermont College in 1972 enabled Norwich to expand its academic base, extend its offerings to women and add a non-military lifestyle. Norwich was among the first schools to offer female military training, preceding the service academies in 1974. Beginning with a group of eight women, the Corps of Cadets now maintains 136 women, comprising roughly 17% of the Corps.

Women are fully integrated into the Norwich Corps of Cadets, living in coed dormitories, studying, training and participating in club organizations together with the male cadets. Norwich women cadets participate fully in all three ROTC units on campus: Army, Navy (including the Marine Corps), and Air Force.

In 1987 Norwich began offering the Peace Corps Program, the first of its kind in the nation. Open to both military and civilian students, the program encourages community service and prepares students for service in developing nations.

Norwich University maintains a strong emphasis on the development of leadership in both civilian and military pursuits. Its mission is to foster in each student the growth of the self-discipline, personal integrity, social responsibility, physical fitness, respect for law and intellectual ability essential for full and effective participation in a free society.

Today, Norwich offers Northfield campus students the choice of two lifestyles and 29 academic majors including architecture, business administration, engineering, liberal arts, nursing and science. Students in the Corps of Cadets lead a disciplined life and are enrolled in one of three ROTC units. Civilian students lead a traditional collegiate lifestyle: attending classes and participating in athletics and campus activities.

Civilian careers of Norwich alumni cover a wide range of occupations and professions. A survey of alumni shows them engaged in 32 different fields of endeavor, including engineering, teaching, government service, medicine, finance, law, manufacturing, and agriculture. The Norwich tradition has contributed to each of its alumni, making graduates more effective in their chosen professions and more valuable to the national welfare.

Norwich University maintains the finest, most well-rounded educational experience of its kind today. Through their involvement with the Nationals, Norwich has exposed thousands of cadets to their outstanding university. Sports Network International is proud to associate ourselves with this fine institution and wishes it great success in the decades to come.

Facing the "Challenge" at the Nationals

When you blaze a new trail, you have to find out who are the leaders and who are the followers. Twenty-six schools made the trip to Daytona Beach to "draw a line in the sand" in the inaugural Challenge Level competition at the 1997 Nationals. These highly motivated, up-and-coming programs put together a solid day of competition drill against their national peers.

The grit, determination and will-to-win was every bit as fierce at the Challenge Level event as it was at the Masters Level event that followed the next day. The Challenge Level competition at the Nationals brought together 26 schools looking to end their drill season against their peers in beautiful Daytona Beach, Florida at the National High School Drill Team Championships. The judges were highly impressed with the effort put forth by these newer, less experienced drill and ceremony units.

The five team events within each division (Inspection, Regulation, Color Guard, Squad/Element and Platoon/Flight Exhibition) gave these proud teams a chance to display what they have worked so hard to achieve. The nature of this event featured schools displaying strength in some events and weakness in others. The overall scoring was tight in many events. With schools attending from across the country, a wide diversity of drill styles were on display in every area of the Challenge Level Nationals competition.

Armed Division Highlights

Paced by 1st place exhibition performances, the **Lords of Discipline** armed drill team from **Oxon Hill HS** achieved the overall championship within the armed division. Earning a 2nd place Regulation finish and a 3rd place Inspection finish helped this Oxon Hill, Maryland Air Force unit earn a Championship title, with a total score of 4,117 out of 6,000.

Cedar Shoals HS from Athens, Georgia displayed solid overall strength in capturing the Armed Runner-up title. The **Silent Knights** Army drill team gained a top five finish in four of the five team events (only missing out in Regulation) with two 2nd and two 5th place finishes, maintaining a solid 3,863 total points.

Other outstanding performances were on display by numerous armed schools including: **New York MA Silent Death** (1st place in Inspection and Regulation); **Pine Ridge HS Ladies of Distinction** (1st place Color Guard); **Valley Forge MA Blue Trojans** (2nd place in Inspection & Platoon Exhibition); **Port St. Lucie HS Fighting Jaguars** (3rd place finishes in Squad and Platoon Exhibition); and **Forest Park HS X-Cel** (three top five finishes - Inspection, Squad & Platoon Exhibition).

The Commander's Trophy is awarded based only on scores garnered by cadet commanders during Platoon Regulation drill.

Cadet Knox from **New York MA** captured 1st place in the always tough Armed Division with a strong 289 point total (out of 350). **Cadet Owens** from **Oxon Hill HS** earned 2nd place (258 points) and **Cadet Duverglas** from **Colonel White HS** grabbed 3rd place (249 points).



Challenge Level trophies are spectacular at this novice-level, all-service drill spectacular.

Unarmed Division Highlights

In a tremendously exciting, tight competition, first year Nationals attendee, **Wilby HS**, displayed the type of preparation required to win at Daytona at any level. The Marine Corps **Wildcats** drill team from Wilby, Connecticut displayed great balance, gaining a 1st place finish (Element Exhibition), two 2nd place finishes (Regulation, Flight Exhibition) and a 3rd place (Inspection). These top placements gave their hard-nosed cadets an overall score of 4,037 out of 6,000 points.

First-year attendee **Pine Ridge HS** from DeLand, Florida just missed in their bid to gain an overall championship. The **Esoteric Reality** drill team was fantastic, gaining a top five trophy finish in ALL FIVE EVENTS! The Air Force program garnered 3970 points overall with a 1st place finish (Color Guard), a 2nd place finish (Inspection), two 3rd place finishes (Regulation, Flight Exhibition) and a 4th place (Element Exhibition).

Other strong Armed performances were on display by: **Winnsboro HS Lady Cats** (1st place Inspection and Flight Exhibition); **Coventry HS White Falcons** (1st place Regulation); **East Boston HS Jets** (2nd place Color Guard); **Valley Forge MA Gold Trojans** (2nd place Element Exhibition); **James F. Byrnes HS Nighthawks** (3rd place Color Guard); and **Brentwood HS Fighting Falcons** (3rd place Element Exhibition).

The Commander's Trophy competition was tough within the Unarmed Division. **Cadet McKnight** from **Coventry HS** captured 1st place with a strong 322 point total (out of 350). **Cadet Vo** from **Wilby Hill HS** earned 2nd place by one point (301 points) and **Cadet Pittman** from **James F. Byrnes HS** grabbed 3rd place (300 points).

A super Awards Ceremony was held immediately following the conclusion of the Armed and Unarmed knockout drills. This brief ceremony gave recognition to the individuals and the schools who helped to make the Challenge Level competition such a success in its inaugural year and a memorable part of their Junior ROTC program.

We at Sports Network salute the spirit, style and esprit-de-corps of the first-ever Challenge level attendees at the nationally-recognized National High School Drill Team Championships. We were honored by the sincere efforts and the total commitment put forth by so many instructors and cadets to prepare for and meet the "Challenge" at this truly unique and historic military drill competition.

COMPETITION DRILL EXCELLENCE IS PAR FOR THE COURSE AT THIS MASTERS!

The Nationals' Masters Competition lived up to its name with many schools remaining in the hunt for the three overall championship titles going into the final team event! Determined, gritty teams & tough, hard-nosed instructors "put the pedal to the metal" at the 1997 Nationals!



The Lady Leathernecks of Fern Creek H.S. in Louisville, Kentucky captured their first-ever National Championship within the Alternative Arms Division at the 1997 Nationals.

Every year across the United States, schools work hard to make the trip to the finest drill event in the world, the National High School Drill Team Championships. Their drive and determination to attend is legendary and remains the reason "The Nationals" has become the standard by which all other drill events are measured.

In 1997, over 2,300 cadets and instructors from 25 states made themselves a part of the most geographically diverse field in the history of the Nationals. A 15' by 20' video screen at the Awards Ceremony gave the closing night a "larger than life" feeling for all of the cadets. Every division was a battle to the last point producing a vast array of schools that took home the gold.

Demilitarized Arms Division Highlights

In a division where one poorly-timed slip can take you out of contention, teams worked hard to put forth premium, crowd-pleasing efforts. After missing the title in 1996, Theodore Roosevelt High School came back strong to capture the Overall Division Championship. The San Juan Guard Army JROTC unit from drill-powerhouse San Antonio, Texas drove all the way to their fourth "demil" championship in five years with a well-rounded effort consisting of a strong 1st place finish in Regulation Drill, as well as two 2nd place finishes (Squad & Platoon Exhibition); and two 3rd place finishes (Inspection, Color Guard), showing fantastic preparation for this lofty drill meet. The National Championship gave a tremendous send-off for retiring SAI LTC Jim Rose (R), whose accomplishments here at the Nationals are legendary.

Finishing as National Runner-Ups was the talented Black Watch drill team from Winston Churchill HS. With amazing style, this dynamic Army JROTC program floored the judges with phenomenal exhibition routines (1st place-Squad & Platoon Exhibition), but a low score in Regulation cost them a repeat title. The Blue Guard drill team from Douglas MacArthur HS improved this year to capture 3rd place overall paced by strong 1st place Inspection and Color Guard finishes. Other schools with top finishes included: T.C. Williams HS (2nd place-Regulation); Palm Bay HS (3rd place-Regulation); John Marshall HS (3rd place-Platoon Exhibition & 5th place-Inspection); Oak Ridge MA (4th place-Inspection); Springfield HS (3rd place-Squad Exhibition); Colonel White HS (4th place-Regulation); Central Catholic HS (4th place-Color Guard); John Jay HS (4th place-Squad Exhibition); and Enterprise HS (5th place-Regulation & Squad Exhibition).

Unarmed Division Highlights

Theodore Roosevelt High School from San Antonio, Texas climbed to the National Championship platform by capturing their sixth National Championship in seven years. The Army JROTC Riderettes drill team won their title with a solid, all-around performance paced by overwhelming, 1st place finishes in both Squad & Platoon Exhibition, as well as top three finishes in both Regulation and Color Guard competition.

The scrappy Blue Angels from Army JROTC Douglas MacArthur HS put forth a powerful overall effort to gain the National Runner-Up trophy in the Unarmed Division. Earning 1st place finishes in both Inspection and Regulation put the pressure on the division champs, but a tough score in Color Guard cost the team a shot at the title. Tight scores between John Jay HS (3rd place overall-4131 pts.); Walla Walla HS (4th place-4130 pts.); and Homer Hanna HS (5th place-4119 pts.) made the Awards Ceremony a real nail-biter. Other strong performances were turned in by: Navy Nationals Champ Flour Bluff HS (2nd place-Regulation); Florida Air Academy (1st place-Color Guard & 3rd place-Inspection); N.B. Forrest HS (3rd place-Color Guard & Element Exhibition); and John Marshall HS (3rd place-Flight Exhibition).

Alternative Arms Division Highlights

This division featured the tightest overall finish in the history of the Nationals. When the dust had settled, the Marine JROTC from Fern Creek High School from Louisville, Kentucky had captured the National Championship by 8 points out of a possible 6,000! The Lady Leathernecks were helped by a strong Regulation Drill performance (1st place), as well as top finishes in Color Guard (2nd place) and Platoon Exhibition (3rd place). The hard working team built upon their 3rd place team finish in 1996 to put together their first National Champion title.

Always-tough Miami Coral Park HS put together its strongest performance ever at the Nationals, just missing a National Championship. The Hurricanes Army JROTC drill team was paced by a 1st place Color Guard routine and top five finishes in three other team events. Oak Ridge MA finished a strong third, missing the National Championship by a scant 32 points. The Lady Cadets drill team captured third place overall with first place finishes in two events (Inspection and Squad Exhibition). Other top schools included: Leesburg HS gained a 1st & 2nd place (Platoon & Squad Exhibition); Palm Bay HS grabbed two 2nd place trophies (Regulation & Platoon Exhibition); and Enterprise HS and Springfield HS captured two 3rd place finishes each.

Many top schools returned to the Nationals in 1997, making the event the most exciting in recent memory. With the inclusion of the new Challenge Level competition (see page 11), the Nationals have become a drill competition for ALL schools wishing to be a part of drill excellence at any level. Every school in attendance put forth their best efforts making the event memorable for competitors and spectators alike. All schools should be praised for "putting it on the line" at the Nationals. It takes a great deal of work, on and off the drill floor, to attend the Nationals and if the smiles on the faces of the instructors, parents, and cadets are any measure, their efforts were well worth it!

While many items separate the Nationals from other drill meets, the single biggest reason remains the *many top-quality schools from across the nation that make the Nationals an annual part of their season*. An impressive 116 competition drill teams from 76 schools representing a record 25 states attended the Nationals in 1997. These schools attend the Nationals from throughout the Southeast, as well as from states as far away as: Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Ohio, Illinois, Texas, Oklahoma, Hawaii and Washington. The Nationals do not attempt to be the largest drill competition, just the very best!

1997 National High School Drill Team Championships

Masters Level Event Standings

All totals are based on a maximum 1200 points per event

Demilitarized Arms

Inspection

Douglas MacArthur HS - Blue Guard	1129
Winston Churchill HS - Black Watch	1104
Theodore Roosevelt HS-San Juan Guard	1099
Oak Ridge MA - Fighting Cadets	1097
John Marshall HS - Schreiber's Rifles	1070

Regulation

Theodore Roosevelt HS-San Juan Guard	767
T.C. Williams HS - Armageddon Blue	733
Palm Bay HS - Pirates	717
Colonel White HS - Black Knights	716
Enterprise HS - Blue Knights	714

Color Guard

Douglas MacArthur HS - Blue Guard	975
Winston Churchill HS - Black Watch	963
Theodore Roosevelt HS-San Juan Guard	914
Central Catholic HS - Chaminade Guard	893
Coventry HS - Red Falcons	888

Squad Exhibition

Winston Churchill HS - Black Watch	1117
Theodore Roosevelt HS-San Juan Guard	1103
Springfield HS - Emerald Guard	1087
John Jay HS - Silver Eagles	1079
Enterprise HS - Blue Knights	1073

Platoon Exhibition

Winston Churchill HS - Black Watch	1158
Theodore Roosevelt HS-San Juan Guard	1154
John Marshall HS - Schreiber's Rifles	1145
Douglas MacArthur HS - Blue Guard	1120
Fern Creek HS - Leathernecks	1108

Demilitarized Arms

Theodore Roosevelt HS-San Juan Guard	5037
Winston Churchill HS - Black Watch	4999

Solo Exhibition

1st Place: Cadet Kimura - St. Louis HS
2nd Place: Cadet DelPilar-Damien Memorial HS
3rd Place: Cadet Moses - Winston Churchill HS

Dual Exhibition

1st: Cadets Akeroyd & Akeroyd - Winston Churchill HS
2nd: Cadets Gleason & Gleason - Cranston HS
3rd: Cadets Estomo & Hughes - Flour Bluff HS

Unarmed

Inspection

Douglas MacArthur HS - Blue Angels	932
Homer Hanna HS - Mighty Brown Eagles	810
Florida Air Academy - Blue Berets	803
John Marshall HS - Bandoleers	802
John Jay HS - Snap II	800

Regulation

Douglas MacArthur HS - Blue Angels	787
Flour Bluff HS - Sea Hawks	783
Theodore Roosevelt HS - Riderettes	775
Winston Churchill HS - Queen's Guard	771
John Jay HS - Snap II	761

Color Guard

Florida Air Academy - Blue Berets	968
Theodore Roosevelt HS - Riderettes	935
N.B. Forrest HS - White Lightning	927
Homer Hanna HS - Mighty Brown Eagles	910
T.C. Williams HS - Armageddon White	903

Alternative Arms

Inspection

Oak Ridge MA - Lady Cadets	825
Lyman HS - Lady Greys	817
Springfield HS - Grenadiers	785
Enterprise HS-Belles of the Blue Knights	774
Jeffersontown HS - Molly Marines	743

Regulation

Fern Creek HS - Lady Leathernecks	832
Palm Bay HS - Lady Pirates	829
Springfield HS - Grenadiers	806
Lyman HS - Lady Greys	791
Miami Coral Park HS - Hurricanes	788

Color Guard

Miami Coral Park HS - Hurricanes	975
Fern Creek HS - Lady Leathernecks	971
Enterprise HS-Belles of the Blue Knights	941
Lyman HS - Lady Greys	916
Leesburg HS - Yellow Jackets	880

Element Exhibition

Theodore Roosevelt HS - Riderettes	1021
Walla Walla HS - Sponsors	1013
N.B. Forrest HS - White Lightning	1012
Winston Churchill HS - Queen's Guard	1011
N.B. Forrest HS - Blue Thunder	1008

Flight Exhibition

Theodore Roosevelt HS - Riderettes	901
John Jay HS - Snap II	866
John Marshall HS - Bandoleers	841
Douglas MacArthur HS - Blue Angels	820
Oxon Hill HS - Devastation	805

Squad Exhibition

Oak Ridge MA - Lady Cadets	1096
Leesburg HS - Yellow Jackets	1067
Enterprise HS-Belles of the Blue Knights	1064
Miami Coral Park HS - Hurricanes	1042
Palm Bay HS - Lady Pirates	1036

Platoon Exhibition

Leesburg HS - Yellow Jackets	1011
Palm Bay HS - Lady Pirates	963
Fern Creek HS - Lady Leathernecks	949
Miami Coral Park HS - Hurricanes	920
Springfield HS - Grenadiers	903

Overall Champion Totals

Unarmed

Theodore Roosevelt HS - Riderettes	4426
Douglas MacArthur HS - Blue Angels	4267

Alternative Arms

Fern Creek HS - Lady Leathernecks	4456
Miami Coral Park HS - Hurricanes	4448

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Solo Exhibition

1st Place: Cadet Embry - Oak Ridge MA
2nd Place: Cadet Knieriem - Leesburg HS
3rd Place: Cadet Hay - Oxon Hill HS

Dual Exhibition

1st: Cadets Davis & Rials - Enterprise HS
2nd: Cadets Lacourt & Tessier - Palm Bay HS
3rd: Cadets Ziegler & Douglas - Springfield HS

Roster of Schools Masters & Challenge Levels

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Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

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Army JROTC
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Air Force JROTC
Coventry, Rhode Island

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Army JROTC
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Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

East Boston High School
Army JROTC
East Boston, Massachusetts

East Richland High School
Army JROTC
Olney, Illinois

Effingham Co. High School
Air Force JROTC
Springfield, Georgia

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Army JROTC
Elberton, Georgia

Enterprise High School
Army JROTC
Enterprise, Alabama

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Army JROTC
Fairmont, North Carolina

Fern Creek High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Fern Creek, Kentucky

Florida Air Academy
Air Force JROTC
Melbourne, Florida

Masters Level Regulation Drill Commanders Trophies

Demilitarized Arms

1st Place: Cadet Kim Theodore Roosevelt H.S.
2nd Place: Cadet Smith Enterprise H.S.
3rd Place: Cadet McAlister Douglas MacArthur H.S.

Flour Bluff High School
Navy JROTC
Corpus Christi, Texas

Forest Park High School
Air Force JROTC
Forest Park, Georgia

Forest Park High School
Army JROTC
Baltimore, Maryland

Greene-Taliaferro High School
Air Force JROTC
Greensboro, Georgia

Hialeah High School
Air Force JROTC
Hialeah, Florida

Holmes High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Covington, Kentucky

Homer Hanna High School
Army JROTC
Brownsville, Texas

Howe Military School
Army JROTC
Howe, Indiana

Huguenot High School
Army JROTC
Richmond, Virginia

James F. Byrnes High School
Air Force JROTC
Duncan, South Carolina

Jeffersontown High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Jeffersontown, Kentucky

Unarmed

1st Place: Cadet Franklin Flour Bluff H.S.
2nd Place: Cadet Walker Winston Churchill H.S.
3rd Place: Cadet Lund Walla Walla H.S.

John Jay High School
Air Force JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

John Marshall High School
Navy JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Lyman High School
Army JROTC
Longwood, Florida

Mattoon High School
Army JROTC
Mattoon, Illinois

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

Missouri Military Academy
Army JROTC
Mexico, Missouri

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

Kemper County High School
Army JROTC
Dekalb, Mississippi

LaSalle Military Academy
Army JROTC
Oakdale, New York

Lawrence Co. High School
Army JROTC
Moulton, Alabama

Leesburg High School
Air Force JROTC
Leesburg, Florida

Nathan Hale High School
Army JROTC
Tulsa, Oklahoma

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

Newburgh Free Academy
Air Force JROTC
Newburgh, New York

North Hardin High School
Army JROTC
Radcliff, Kentucky

North Myrtle Beach H.S.
Navy JROTC
North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Lincoln High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Yonkers, New York

Lincoln High School
Navy JROTC
Tallahassee, Florida

Northwest High School
Air Force JROTC
Oakland Park, Florida

Winnsboro High School
Army JROTC
Winnsboro, Louisiana

Winston Churchill H.S.
Army JROTC
San Antonio, Texas

Xavier High School
Army JROTC
New York, New York

Oak Ridge Military Academy
Army JROTC
Oak Ridge, North Carolina

Onox Hill High School
Air Force JROTC
Onox Hill, Maryland

Palm Bay High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Melbourne, Florida

Pine Ridge High School
Air Force JROTC
Deltona, Florida

Pleasantville High School
Army JROTC
Pleasantville, New Jersey

Port St. Lucie H.S.
Army JROTC
Port St. Lucie, Florida

Rayville High School
Army JROTC
Rayville, Louisiana

Riverside Military Academy
Army JROTC
Gainesville, Georgia

Rockdale/Heritage/Salem High Schools
Marine Corps JROTC
Conyers, Georgia

Springfield High School
Army JROTC
Holland, Ohio

St. Louis High School
Army JROTC
Honolulu, Hawaii

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

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

Valley Forge Military Academy
Army JROTC
Wayne, Pennsylvania

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

Wilby High School
Marine Corps JROTC
Waterbury, Connecticut

Winnsboro High School
Army JROTC
Winnsboro, Louisiana

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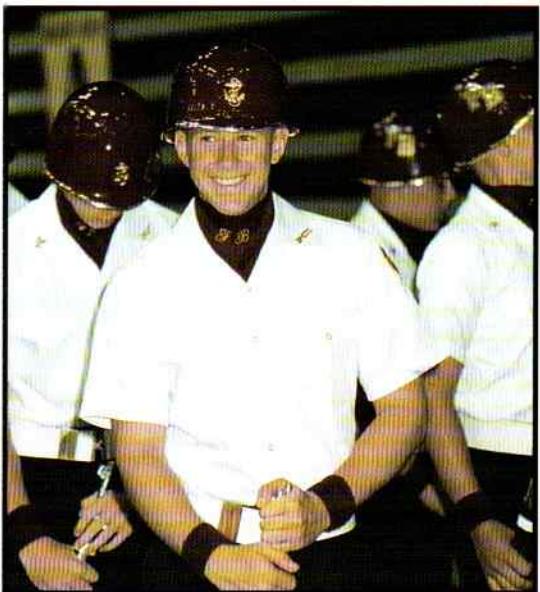




Nationals guest speaker Colonel (P) Larry Gottardi, US Army Cadet Command, is presented with a framed event satin by SNI Event Director, Justin Gates.



Tension runs high as the hard-charging Army JROTC cadets from Lyman High School (Longwood, Florida) wait on the edge of their seats for the trophy presentations to begin at the Nationals Awards Ceremony.



Navy Nationals Champion Flour Bluff H.S. (Corpus Christi, Texas) can smile after completing a fantastic platoon exhibition performance.



The Hawaiian influence was strong with St. Louis H.S. (Honolulu, Hawaii) grabbing a tough 1st place solo finish.



Fern Creek H.S. (Louisville, Kentucky) represents the Marine Corps proudly with top national finishes every year.

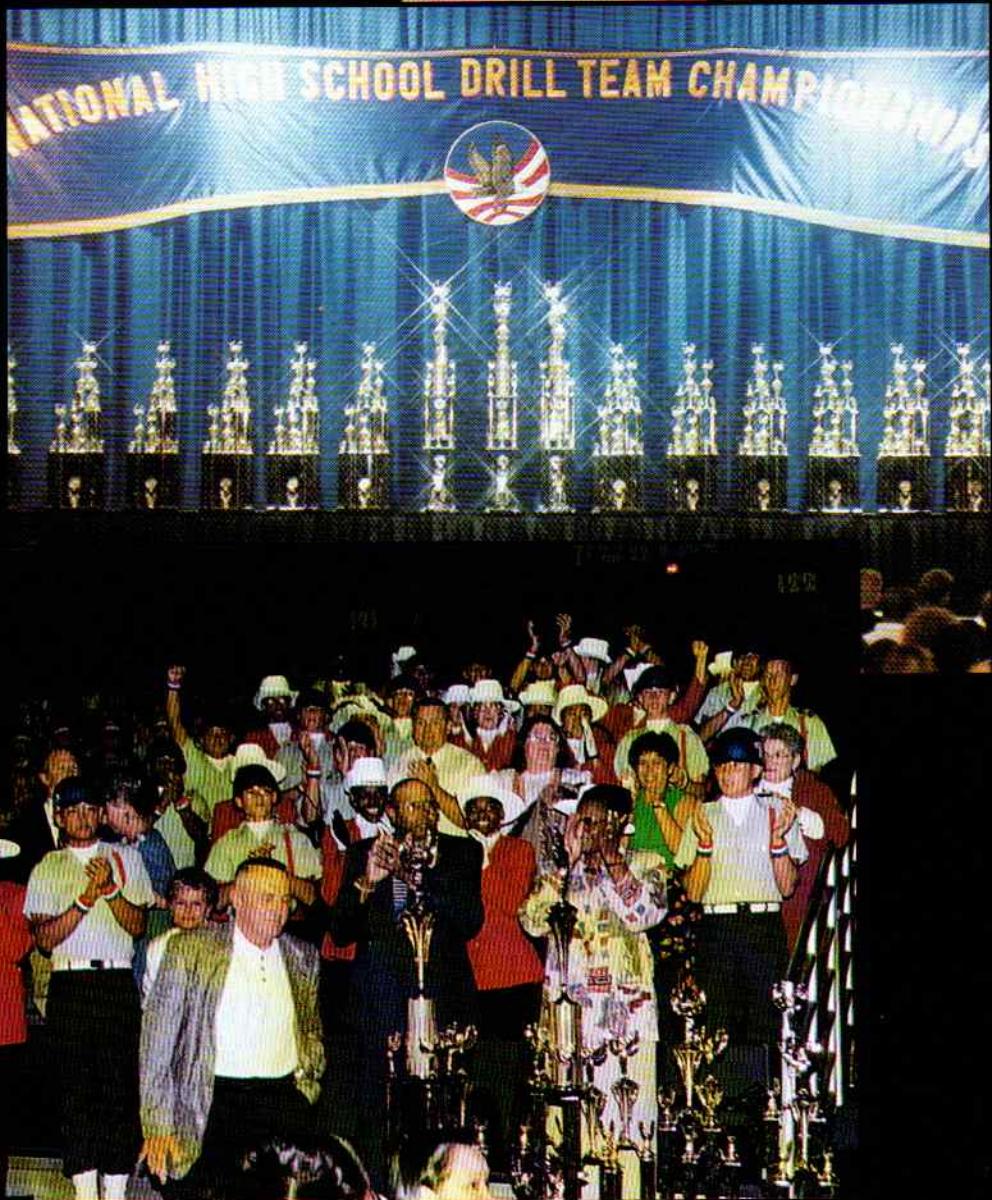
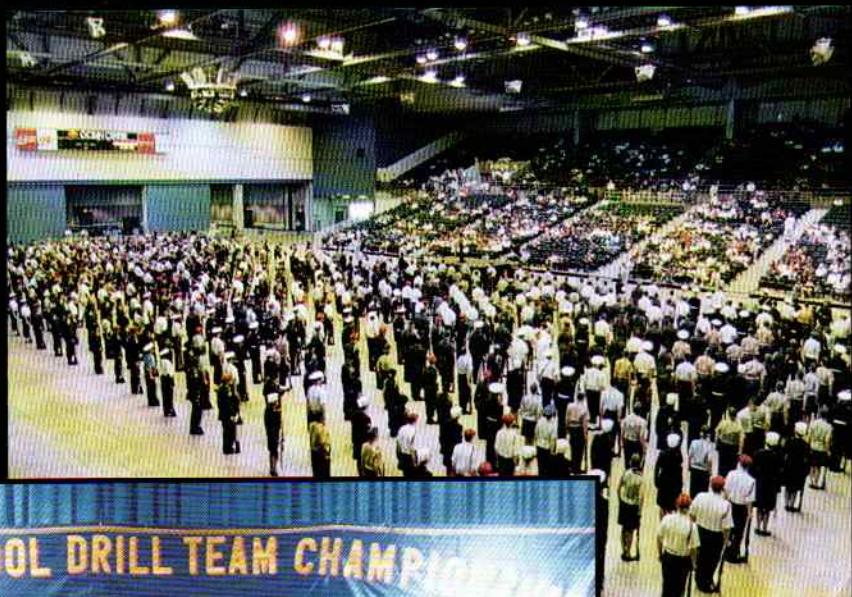


Oak Ridge M.A. (Oak Ridge, North Carolina) cadets handle the pressure-packed Unit Inspection event, standing tall before event Head Judge 1Sgt. Keith Williams, USMC.



The unique style of Air Force program Oxon Hill H.S. (Oxon Hill, Maryland) causes many heads to turn during their unarmed exhibition performances.

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