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Color Guard and Drill: Making Battalion History

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ing the early hours of Saturday, March 3, the Color Guard and Drill teams shipped out to the state capital for the annual Indianapolis Drill State Championship. From morning to afternoon, our teams gave their all and competed against twenty-four teams from around the state. Despite constant schedule changes, which ultimately sent each team to perform earlier than anticipated, the cadets put forth their greatest efforts. Thanks to their preparedness, each team returned home that night victorious! The Drill Team, commanded by Tiffany Sachs, earned second place in the state Regulation Squad Drill category! Not far behind Drill, Color Guard Team A, commanded by Victoria Wehmeyer, took home second place, and Color Guard Team B, commanded by Drew Gearhart, was awarded first place in the Color Guard Drill category!

However, the teams were not the only ones to bring home trophies! To end the competition, a large match of Individual Drill, or Knockout, was held and all cadets present participated. Out of nearly three-hundred competitors, three cadets placed in the top ten: Senior Jacob Powers came in at eighth place, Freshmen Paige Bordowitz held out till fourth place, and Sophomore Abbey Clemmons won second place! The battalion is extremely proud of the cadets for putting forth ambition and optimism at this year's Drill Meet. Thanks to each cadet involved, the Color Guard and Drill teams earned the most awards in a single competition in battalion history!

Fundraising Accomplishments

On Saturday, February 24, the workers of Custom Fundraising Solutions partnered with JROTC to raise money for the battalion's events and equipment needs. The fundraising went well and earned seven-thousand dollars! The money was split three ways: JROTC and Building Brickies each earned two-thousand and nine-hundred dollars, and the remaining one-thousand and two-hundred dollars was paid out as incentives to cadets who promoted the event. Thanks to the hard work of the cadets and the support from the Custom Fundraising Solutions, the battalion has raised enough funds to support the program for the upcoming year!



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On The Path To DC

Cadet of the Second Quarter

The cadet recognized for the second quarter is Justice Greenleaf! Cadet Greenleaf greatly stood out among her sophomore peers as she lead the Marksmanship team to victory over the winter season! Cadet Greenleaf also distinguished herself through her determination on the JLAB Leadership team and skills as a member of the Raider team. As a squad leader, cadet Greenleaf displays her leadership abilities each time she is in class. Congratulations, Justice!



Cadet of the Third Quarter

Victoria Wehmeyer is being recognized in the third quarter for her outstanding achievements! As a Color Guard team commander, cadet Wehmeyer played a large role in bringing home a second place trophy from this year's Indianapolis Drill State Championship! Not only that, but cadet Wehmeyer and her Leadership team has emerged as national finalists in the JROTC Leadership Bowl! As captain, cadet Wehmeyer trained her team well! The battalion is proud of you, Victoria!



Between the months of October and February, the JROTC JLAB Leadership team competed against over one-thousand and seven-hundred teams in the National Leadership Bowl. Stakes were high, as the winning team in each region would earn a five-day trip to Washington DC and the ability to compete in the JROTC Leadership Bowl National Championship. After waiting for months, the team finally received the results that they won the 7th Brigade Regional Championship, outscoring all teams in the region covering Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Tennessee! Overall, the team scored within the top three percent of the nation's competing teams! The five cadets, juniors Victoria Wehmeyer and Trinity Salinas, and sophomores Justice Greenleaf, Jay Murphy, and Jack Olson have worked extremely hard for this accomplishment. Since September, team captain Wehmeyer has prepared her teammates by creating online practice quizzes and scheduling mandatory practices every Wednesday. Each team member eagerly trained with the hopes of earning their way into the National Championship. Now that the team has secured their position in the National Championship, they will be treated to a five-day trip to the nation's capital for competition and touring. The cadets will reside in dorms at The Catholic University of America, where the competition will be hosted. By securing their position in the National Finals, they have earned the prestigious Marshall Award, which fewer than one in one thousand cadets earn.



Front Page, Left Column Picture 1: Color Guard Team B presenting the colors at the Indianapolis Drill Competition.

Front Page, Left Column Picture 2: Color Guard Team A practicing their routine.

Front Page, Left Column Picture 3: Drill Team beginning their sequence at the command right shoulder arms.

Front Page, Left Column Picture 4: Cadets and their awards.

Front Page, Bottom Photo: Cadet Gearhart receiving the funds raised from the mattress sale.

Back Page, Right Column Photo: The winning JLAB Leadership team.

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