

CHCORI JROTC BATTALION

**MARCH
MADNESS**

Drill COMPETITION
March 3rd, 2018

JROTC DEPARTMENT
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SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY
"CHCORI BATTALION"
MARCH MADNESS JROTC DRILL COMPETITION

December 21, 2017

TO: All JROTC Instructors

The CHCORI Battalion will conduct its first March Madness Drill Competition. The drill competition is scheduled for March 3rd, 2018 at Spotsylvania High School.

The following is a schedule of events:

- 0730 – 0755 Commander's Meeting – Spotsylvania High School Physical Education Room
- 0800 – 0810 Opening Ceremony – Main Gym
- 0815 – 1300 Drill Competition and Team Pictures
- 1330 – 1400 Knock Out
- 1400 – 1430 Award Presentation*

*This time may be fluctuating based upon number of schools participating.

The drill arena will be the Spotsylvania High School Gymnasium for platoon and squad drill, the auxiliary gym will be used for color guard, and the JROTC classroom for inspection. All participating schools are required to provide their own weapons for color guard, transportation and meals; however, there will be some drinks and snacks available at the concession stand.

To ensure proper planning and coordination for your school, all entry forms and fees must be submitted by February 16th, 2018.

Schools may direct questions and concerns to the undersigned at (540) 446-7577, email mmallard@hs.spotsylvania.k12.va.us or call (540) 898-2655 ext # 5989. Thanks for your support and hope to see you on March 3rd, 2018, March Madness Drill Competition.

Mose Mallard III
MSG (Retired)
JROTC Courtland High School

SECTION I - GENERAL INFORMATION

A. COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). We will follow 4th Brigade JROTC Drill Team Competition SO, date 13 August 2013 as posted on the 4th Brigade web site.
(http://www.ajrotc.us/doc/sops/sop_drill_1380813.pdf).
2. Commander's call will be at 0730-0800 in the P.E. classroom next to the gym.

IMPORTANT NOTE!!

A major change contained within the last version of Air Force Manual 50-14 contains the change from a 30" step to a 24" step. However, in all facets of this competition where cadence and regulation movements are being utilized (Color Guard and Regulation Drills), a 30" step is required and used as the standard by ALL units, regardless of their service affiliation.

1. Based on the fact that cadets have different command voices, judges will judge command voices based on the following things:
 - a) Voice projection
 - b) Confidence
 - c) Tone

SECTION II - COMPETITION EVENTS

PERFORMANCE REGULATIONS

1. Only the cadet leading the team can report in and out to the Head Judge. When reporting in, the team leader should announce the following to the event Head Judge in a clear and resonant voice:
 - a) The name of their school
 - b) Their service affiliation. Other items may be mentioned, but are not mandatory.

IMPORTANT NOTE!!

The wordiness of the report is left up to the unit, but it **must** make clear that the unit has completed their performance. ANYTHING after reporting out will not be graded, except for completion in the time allotted.

2. The wearing of taps on the bottom of the shoe will **not** be allowed!
3. NO bayonets, handguns (demilitarized or otherwise), special effects, music and musical instruments (bugles, drums...ANY musical instrument), or pyrotechnics are allowed to be used or carried by anyone at the competition. Additionally, no horns, whistles, or any other artificial noise making devices may be used by anyone.
4. It is common practices by many teams to have spectators deliver signals to let their unit on the floor know they are approaching their performance time limit. As this can be done easily without detection, it is not

prohibited so long as the guidelines described above on whistles and other artificial noise-making devices are followed. Teams failing to follow these rules will be disqualified from that event.

5. Teams must contain the following prescribed numbers of cadets:
 - a. Inspection - 12 cadets, plus a commander ONLY (13 team members' total)
 - b. Color Guard - 4 cadets, two rifles, two flags ONLY
 - c. Regulation Drill Platoon - 12 cadets, plus a commander ONLY (13 team members total)
 - d.. Regulation Squad - 6 cadets, plus a commander ONLY (7 team members total)
 - e. Academic Team – 5 cadets only (2 cadets must be LET1)

IMPORTANT NOTES!!

Units competing with the incorrect number of cadets will incur a 25-point per cadet penalty on the score sheet of the Head Judge. No unit will be allowed to compete in any team event with over two cadets missing from the numbers prescribed above except Color Guard units which must have exactly four cadets to compete.

6. The standard cadence for Regulation Drill and Color Guard Drill is 116 to 124 steps per minute
7. A 30-inch step is mandatory during the entirety of Regulation Drill and Color Guard Drill. Teams should find their sequences fitting easily inside the event boundaries should closely review their use of a 30-inch step. Teams who deviate significantly from the 30-inch step will be penalized accordingly by the judges in the “overall evaluation” section of the score sheet.
8. During Regulation and Color Guard Drill, the performance of extra movements (those not required by and done primarily to avoid boundary violation) will result in a 5-point deduction per occurrence.

SECTION III - SCORING AND TIMING

A. EVENT TIMING

1. All timed events will be kept by an official time keeper among the judges. All events will begin to be timed after the team leader reports in or when the first cadet crosses the boundary line – whichever is applicable. And timing will cease when the team leader reports out or when last cadet crosses the boundary line - whichever is applicable.
2. The penalty assessed for a performance not falling within the time periods will be ONE POINT FOR EVERY SECOND UNDER OR OVER THE ALLOTTED TIME PERIOD. The time limits are as listed below:

- a) All Regulation Drill - 8 minutes
- b) Color Guard – 10 minutes
- c) Inspection will not be timed; however the commander is required to move his or her unit out of the area as quickly as possible.
- d) Academic Exam – 45 minutes

B. TIE BREAKING - Since we will be using multiple judges, ties should be rare. In the case of a tie all scores will be re-totaled if the tie still remains the inspection score will be used to break the tie.

C. JUDGING OF EVENTS

1. Judges are instructed to move all about the drill floor, so as they may see all angles of a unit. Commanders may use every inch of a drill floor and are expected to. Judges will be instructed to move out of a unit's path so they may complete the drill sufficiently.
2. All units within a particular category will be judged by the same judges. ALL JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL.
3. As a matter of courtesy, all conversation about your scores or any other teams' scores with the judges is prohibited. Judges will not discuss any part of the evaluation with anyone. All questions or comments must be directed to the CHS Drill Event Sponsor MSG (R) Mallard.

SECTION IV - INSPECTIONS

A. INSPECTION PREPARATION

1. On the head judge's signal, the cadet commander will lead the unit into the inspection area centering his unit on the Head Judge (**4 ranks of 3**)
2. The unit should then be instructed to Open Ranks by the Cadet Commander. The commander should ready his unit through "Aligning the Platoon" (Dress Right Dress and Cover).
3. The unit is then ready to be inspected by the judges. Formation in this manner allows all of the judges the best alignment for the inspection process. Failure to form the unit in this manner will result in a significant point deduction on the Inspection Score sheet.

B. INSPECTION JUDGING - At this point, the Cadet Commander will report into the inspection, "sir/ma'am" and follow instructions outlined in Section II, para. 1. Upon completion of reporting in, the event Head Judge, as well as the other judges, will begin the inspection. The Head Judge will briefly inspect the Cadet Commander, and then move on to the first rank of cadets. The other judges will take the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th ranks at random. This ensures each cadet is fronted and inspected by a judge.

C. RELATED INSPECTION MATTERS

1. Male hair length should correspond to the team's particular service regulations. No hair may touch the collar. Females with long hair will have their hair "put-up" to ensure conformity to the service manual in use by the cadet. General appearance should be well groomed and uniforms should be well prepared.
2. Teams will be inspected using their own uniforms as the standard. The Army green uniform or the new ASU may be worn for inspection. As all service uniforms are different even within a particular service branch, the difficulty any given uniform appears to take ready itself for inspection (amount of brass and other peripheral items, etc.) Will be taken into consideration when judging a cadet. All cadets should wear all ribbons that have been awarded. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
3. Leather soles or corafram shoes are appropriate wear for all portions of the competition. While poromerics are comparatively easy to maintain, leather shoes will require a great deal more effort to achieve the same appearance and must be so maintained. Should corafram shoes be worn, the judging standard will demand **absolute perfection** to achieve the same score as a well maintained leather shoe.

D. CADET VERBAL RESPONSES

1. Inspection will include questions asked to determine a cadet's poise, confidence, and overall military/government/historical knowledge, along with specific questions about their service branch. Examples of possible questions include the following:
 - Basic Level- (every cadet should know all of these)**
 - Name of present and very recent past Presidents and Vice-Presidents
 - A question about any accessory on the cadet's uniform.
 - Their respective service chain of command from the Commander-in-Chief down to their junior ROTC instructors
 - Home-state capital. Nation's Capital
 - Common knowledge of current events, as well as, topics covered in their junior ROTC classes.
2. While it is rare, a judge may incorrectly apply a regulation from their service to that of your team's service branch. If your cadets feel a rule has been incorrectly applied to their unit, **DON'T ARGUE THE POINT WITH THE JUDGE!** If the judge presses a point a cadet feels is incorrect, the correct response should be: "Sir or Sergeant, I have been instructed that "thus & so" is correct". Don't lose military bearing!
3. Should this occur, **IMMEDIATELY** after completing the inspection process, reach MSG (R) Mallard the judging director and discuss this incident. He will then contact the judges and make a ruling, thereby assuring the score sheets reflect the correct rule interpretation and scoring.

SECTION V - REGULATION DRILL

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

***Teams will not be allowed to call cadence during regulation drill. ***

All of the Regulation Drill movements must be done regardless of the team's service affiliation in the order they are listed. However, the actual commands used to achieve these movements are at the total

discretion of the performing unit. Remember, the verbal commands may be used to complete the drill event. However, each Cadet Commander may keep a copy of the score sheet in their pocket in case the drill is forgotten and the team becomes disoriented. If this occurs, the commander should pull out the score sheet and utilize it to finish the drill. However in doing this, the team will receive a zero from each judge in the “Overall Evaluation” segment of the score sheet.

B. UNARMED KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

1. Many judges will judge this event. Decisions are considered final.
2. Cadence for this event should be rhythmic but **WILL NOT** conform to 120 counts-per minute. These movements are not published in advance and are known only to the Head Judge and the Drill Meet Director. The movements will be discussed briefly immediately prior to the start of the Knockout Drill.
3. Knockout commands will be given in clear, understandable language. However, a few commands will be given which either cannot be executed from the position issued or are a two-part command with only the first part of the command given. These are not given as trick commands, but are given to keep a cadet from anticipating verbal commands.
4. Upon being knocked out, any cadet who refuses to leave the floor immediately will cause the removal of all cadets from the offender’s school left in the Knockout Drill or from further participation at the competition including the forfeiture of any trophies earned at the competition.

SECTION VI- ACADEMIC EXAM

- A. **Academic exam** - At this point, the Cadet Commander will report into the exam room with a copy of the academic letter with the cadets’ name that will take the exam. Cadets must be in uniform with their name tag to be allowed in the test room. All test material for the exam will be provided to the cadets. No cell phone will be allowed in the exam room. The exam will consist of question from the Cadet Reference, the most current version available and Leadership Theory and Application manual. There will 50 questions on the exam and cadets must answer as many questions as they can within the 45 minute time limit. Individual scores will be added together to get a team score to determine the overall winner.
- B. After cadets has finished taking the exam and have any questions about the wording of the exam or possible answers please see (MSG (R) Mallard) to ensure all team are judged by the same standard.

SECTION VII - OPERATIONS

- A. COMMAND POST: The official command post will be located in the PE class room. (ONLY AUTHORIZED PEOPLE ALLOWED). All schedules and official business will be conducted in this area.
- B. AWARDS CEREMONY: Awards will be conducted in the main gym after all the competitions are completed and scores have been tallied and finalized.

- C. UNIFORMS: The military service uniform, including headgear, will be worn by the participants in all regulation drills including inspection and color guard. ACU, BDU or any other utility uniform **will not be worn at all** during the competition.
- D. COMMANDER'S CALL: A meeting of advisors and drill team commanders will be held at 0730 hours in Command Post; to discuss any problems and discuss how events will be ran. The order of participation will be announced at this meeting. (Cadet guides will be around to help teams find all event locations and rooms)

AWARDS: First, second, and third place awards will be presented for each event. Overall trophies will be awarded at this event. Winners will be determined by overall scores in **all** regulation events **ONLY**. An overall trophy will be presented to the school with the highest number of quality points. Quality points will be awarded as follows for all events:

- First place.....5 points
- Second place.....4 points
- Third place.....3 points
- Fourth place.....2 points
- Fifth place..... 1 point

F. GUIDELINES AND GRADING CRITERIA FOR PERSONNEL INSPECTION

- 1. **TEAM SIZE**: The designated team to be inspected must have 12 members, plus a commander in a formation of **four squads with three members**.
- 2. **SEQUENCE**: Assemble the teams to be inspected at the designated location. Report into the inspecting officer and prepare for inspection.
- 3. **GRADING CRITERIA**:
 - 1. Personal appearance of individual member of the team.
 - 2. Uniform: completeness
 - 3. Shoes: well-shined, free of dust and/or scuff marks.
 - 4. Brass: polished
 - 5. Hair cuts: proper cut for males and females
- 4. **MILITARY KNOWLEDGE**:

Each member must know:

 - 1. The enclosed military knowledge questions and answers.
 - 2. Proper uniform wear, rank, etc.
 - 3. Military chain of command

SECTION VIII - EVENTS and LOCATIONS

******INSPECTION WILL BE WITHOUT ARMS******

Boundaries for Regulation Unarmed Inspection

Location: Band Room

Dimensions: 30ft X 30ft

Boundaries for Regulation Drill Unarmed

Location: Gym

Dimensions: 94ft X 50ft

Boundaries for Color Guard

Location: Gym

Dimensions: 50ft X 47ft

Boundaries for Squad Drill

Location: Auxiliary Gym

Dimensions 64.5ft X 50ft

SECTION IX - ENTRY FORM

CHCORI JROTC MARCH MADNESS DRILL COMPETITION March 3rd, 2018.

Entry Rules:

1. Drill competition is open to all JROTC units composed of currently enrolled students only.
 2. Only one team per school per event.
 3. **Registration fee \$25.00 (All schools)**
 4. Cost per team per event is \$25.00
 5. Cost for Knockout Drill (unarmed \$2.00)
 6. **Registration fee is Non-Refundable**
- Please indicate below the events in which your team will be participating and return this form
NLT **February 16th, 2018.**

ALL ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

Name of School: _____

School Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone number: _____ Fax number: _____

We will compete in the following categories:

___ **Inspection** (12 cadets plus commander)

___ **Master level Color Guard** (4 cadets with the commander caring the American flag)

___ **Regulation Drill Unarmed Platoon** (12 cadets plus commander)

___ **Regulation Armed Platoon** (12 cadets plus commander)

___ **Regulation Drill Unarmed Squad** (6 cadets plus commander)

___ **Regulation Armed Squad** (6 cadets plus commander)

___ **Academic Team Exam** (5 cadets; see academic team requirement)

___ Challenge Level Color Guard (9th & 10 grade cadets or cadets with less than one year of dill experience)

___ Individual Knockout Drill, Unarmed (This event can be prepaid or paid by cadets on site)

Note: Teams competing for the overall title must participate in the five bold events listed above.

• **Total Fees - Number of events _____ X 25 + \$25.00 registration = _____.**

Make check payable to: Spotsylvania Career and Technical Center

**Mail this entry form with fees to: Spotsylvania Career and Technical Center
ATTN: MSG (R) Mallard, JROTC
6713 Smith Station Rd.
Spotsylvania, VA 22553**

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Academic Team Form

School Name: _____

Team Name: _____

Academic Team

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. Any LET Level: | Cadet Name _____ |
| 2. LET 1 | Cadet Name _____ |
| 3. LET2 | Cadet Name _____ |
| 4. LET 3 | Cadet Name _____ |
| 5. LET4 | Cadet Name _____ |

JROTC Instructors' Name: _____

SECTION X - General Knowledge Inspection Questions

1. What are the responsibilities of the following coordinating staff personnel?
S-1
S-2
S-3
S-4
S-5
S-6
2. Name the three most commonly used flags:
Garrison, Post, and Storm
3. Name the five basic colors of a map and what each represents
Blue – water,
Green – vegetation
Black – man made objects,
Red – major road network
Brown – elevation and relief
4. Name the current office holders:
The President of the United States
The Vice President of the United States
The Governor of your state
5. Where is the main headquarters for the United States armed forces located?
Washington, DC
6. What does TRADOC stand for?
7. Define Leadership:
8. What are the two special burdens of a leader
Accountability and Responsibility
9. Name a command that is executed in one count:
At ease, Rest, Fallout, Fall-in
10. What is the length of a step at quick time?
30 inches
11. Why did Congress see a need for JROTC programs?
To develop young leaders at an early age who will be able to understand the requirements of good citizenship.

12. Name the four life saving steps in order:

Clear the airway
Stop the bleeding
Treat for shock
Protect the wound

13. What is the Army JTOTC mission?

To motivate young people to be better citizens.

14. What is the birthday of the US Army?

June 14, 1775

15. Describe the rank of First Sergeant.

Three chevrons and three rockers with a diamond in the middle

16. Who is the Secretary of Defense?

The Honorable

17. While marching on which foot is the command, Rear march given?

Right foot

18. Cadets should be able to answer question about awards on their uniform.

Example: What is the highest award on your uniform?