American Legion Virginia
State Joint Drill Competition

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Introduction

This official invitation is extended to the American Legion Virginia State Joint Drill Competition. This annual competition is supported by the **American Legion, hosted by Gloucester High School,** which serves as the Event Manager. All service JROTC programs in good standing throughout the state are encouraged to apply for entry into this prestigious competition. Spaces are gained on an earliest registered basis, so gain yours today!

The "American Legion Virginia State Joint Drill Competition" is widely recognized by all knowledgeable drillers as a fine drill competition. This year's event will again be held at Gloucester High School in Gloucester, Virginia. This event affords many schools who maintain competition drill teams the ability to compete in a first-class environment against top programs and support this multiple-service competition.

The most up-to-date and extensive details on the event can be found on the American Legion website. We encourage all teams and their followers to become familiar with the website to ensure they are fully prepared to have a problem-free attendance that will generate positive team memories for years to come.

Who Chooses to Attend the American Legion Virginia State Joint Drill Competition?

All schools attend the event for many reasons. Several schools are seeking to be the champion, while many have several events; they know they do well within and want to compete in a large all-service competition. Some schools have newer or rebuilding programs and will attend and compete to get their cadets' experience to build for the future. All programs are welcome, and we know you will ALL have a great time! EVERY school that attends will be serving to promote all JROTC services, drill building excellence along the way.

Competition Location Details

The American Legion Virginia State Joint Drill Competition will be held at Gloucester High School, located in Gloucester, Virginia, at 6680 Short Lane, Gloucester, VA 23061.

Team Events, scoring & cadets required are as follows:

Unit Inspection: 9 cadets + CDR

Color Guard Drill: 2 rifles / 2 flags only

Flight Regulation: 9 cadets+ CDR

Exhibition Drill: 8 cadets + CDR min.no max



Armed Solo & Dual Ex, Unarmed Dual Ex Drills are not counted towards overall team finish.

The **Unit Inspection** event involves cadets and a Cadet Commander standing for a tough inspection in front of event judges. Both **Regulation & Color Guard** competitions are comprised of graded, memorized movements performed in sequence in strict accordance with the military manual. **Exhibition Drill** uses a 6-9 minute time limit, and the movements are left to the imagination of the drill team within a military framework.

Each team is limited to one solo, one unarmed duet, and one armed duet.

Costs to Attend - How to Attend

Every competing cadet attending the event must register with the American Legion by sending an email to the American Legion representative along with mailing in their form for the events they are competing in, along with the entry fee of $100.00. Each team will receive one solo and unarmed/armed duet included.

Mail all entry forms and fees to:

American Legion Virginia State Joint Drill Competition (Attn: Mark Stein)

7041 Stafford Street.
Warrenton, Virginia 20187

Event Judging & Scoring

Up to three scoring judges will be utilized in each competition area. All judges will receive an extensive event judging manual and briefing before attending. Additionally, American Legion scorekeepers will triple check the scoring system and complete scoring package presented to all teams at the end of the day.

All teams receive BOTH their competition start times and a final event daily schedule one week prior via the event website. The event uses a staggered start and with a short number of teams in every event and proper training, judging maintains very little benefit going early or late. Competition events will continue all day. Immediately after the competition ends, the Awards Ceremony distributes stunning event Championship Overall trophy, as well as 1st-3rd place team trophies in each team event.

All cadets will be required to maintain Regulation Service dress uniform during all non-exhibition events. Many units maintain authorization from HQ for mods to this uniform, which will be allowed. Exhibition drill will allow teams to wear any accessories to an otherwise approved JROTC uniform, so long as the uniform is within good taste. During Team Exhibition, units may add accessories including but not limited to: spats, scarves, ascots, gloves, fancy headgear, etc (again with Service HQ approval).

Additional Registration & Inclusion Info

All school registrations are accepted on an earliest post-mark basis. Schools should register once they have made the firm decision to attend but should not delay ensuring a competition space remains available. While most schools who have been looking hard at entering this competition will register early, history shows some will choose to wait. We welcome ALL motivated JROTC programs. It is an experience your cadets will remember forever!

Schools accepted will receive an immediate e-mail confirmation upon their event registration. Competition questions, as well as all payment and paperwork items, are submitted to the American Legion at the contact areas listed below. Schools are encouraged to contact American Legion by email or telephone, as well as to check their website for any questions in advance of the event.

In Closing

Thank you for considering attendance at the American Legion Virginia State Joint Drill Championship**.** This event promises to provide a pleasant experience for competitors, instructors, and spectators alike. We encourage all interested JROTC units from around the state of Virginia to make this event a part of your annual competition calendar. It can do wonders for the overall health, vitality, and population of your program! Should you have questions, please call or email the location outlined below. Here's wishing you good health and success throughout the school year.

Sincerely,

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