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Arlington AFJROTC cadets compete for first time at Nationals

ARLINGTON- Cadets from Arlington High School's Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) attended the National High School Drill Team Championships for the first time in the program's history and the experience they gained was invaluable.

"We learned so much from observing the other teams," said Cadet Senior Master Sergeant Jadeziah Blue. "They were very focused and precise. We know what we need to work on."

Four cadets and one alternate attended the conference May 5-7 in Daytona Beach, Fla. Arlington's team placed 24 out of 41 in the Open Level Color Guard category. Arlington was the highest placing team from Washington state in the Open Level category.

"We're now even more motivated to be better," said Cadet Second Lieutenant Lucas Jankovic. "It was great interacting with teams from all over the country."

Less than five percent of the thousands of JROTC units nationally are accepted to compete at the championships. More than 4,000 cadets from over 150 schools in 30 states attended the championships.

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Arlington High School's AFJROTC cadets competed for first time at the national championships May 5-7 in Daytona Beach, Fla. L-R: Major Mike Blue, USAF (retired) Senior Aerospace Science Instructor; Cadet Shelby Birdsong; Cadet Jadeziah Blue; Cadet Alex Seuthprachack; and Cadet Lucas Jankovic. (Photo Credit: Sports Network International)