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Simon Sanchez High School Army JROTC Drill Team Wins!

Tiyan, Guam - The Guam Department of Education (GDOE) proudly recognizes the exceptional performance of Simon A. Sanchez High School's Army JROTC Shark Battalion at the prestigious 2024 Golden Bear West Coast National Drill Competition held last April 27, 2024 in Torrance, California.

The Unarmed Drill Team, Armed Drill Team, and Color Guard Teams, both Rifle and Saber, showcased their discipline, precision, and teamwork, reflecting the high standards of training and dedication inherent to the JROTC program. Their achievements at this national level competition not only highlight the talents of the individual cadets but also underscore the commitment of the GDOE to foster excellence and leadership skills among its students. This accomplishment serves as an inspiration to their peers and a testament to the supportive environment cultivated by the educators and staff at Simon A. Sanchez High School.

The Sharks have truly made a splash at the recent high school competition, showcasing their exceptional skills in precision and teamwork. Competing against over 40 high schools from across the west coast, including states like Nevada, Arizona, Alaska, and teams from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), the Sharks have emerged as a formidable team. Their achievements as follows:

- 2nd Place Unarmed Varsity Exhibition Drill
- 2nd Place Unarmed Varsity Sweepstakes
- 3rd Place 4-Person Exhibition Drill

The Shark Battalion's Drill and Color Guard Teams' remarkable victory at the 2024 Golden Bear West Coast National Army Drill Competition is a testament to their dedication, discipline, and skill. This achievement not only reflects the hard work of the cadets but also highlights the exceptional leadership and mentorship provided by their Army JROTC instructors. LTC Kevin Yatar, MSG Clifford Duenas, and SFC Joseph Achivida have played pivotal roles in guiding these young individuals to reach such a prestigious milestone. The community's pride in their cadets is well-justified as they continue to set high standards and represent their institution with honor and distinction. Their success is a source of

inspiration and a beacon of excellence for future cadets to aspire to. Congratulations to the Shark Battalion for setting the bar high and achieving such an esteemed accolade.



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