

Chaparral All-Service Drill Meet 2017



MURRIETA MESA RAM BATTALION

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October 18, 2017, Chaparral All-Service Drill Meet is an event that different drill teams come to one school to prove that their school is the best. Attending this event provides a valuable experience for every cadet, performing or observing. Those who compete in this event practice with their teams to be able to be the best and make their unit and school stand out from all the others. The competition is divided up into different phases:

Inspection

Regulation drill

Exhibition drill

Color Guard regulation drill

Knock-Out

Unarmed:



Exhibition placed 10th- Jake Carpenter

Carpenter states that, *"My highlight was beating Point Loma, and Newman not picking up her cover (not even flinching) when her cover came off."*



Exhibition Team led by Jake Carpenter.

Regulation placed 14th- Yanei Oliquiano

While talking to Oliquiano, he explained his perspective on how well his team did by stating, *"Marching onto the inspection deck, my team was calm and confident, with very few minor infractions on uniforms and knowledge. Our regulation drill in my opinion was the best I've ever seen, movements were sharp, and heads were high. Very proud of my team."*



Armed:

Lee (Armed commander), Dylan Bailes, Nicholas LaFontaine, Cody Hanna, Santiago Valderrama, Johan Backlund, Mykal Bannister, Melissa Vasquez, Nick Vicencio, Derick Galleros.

Regulation placed 8th- Rebecca Lee

During the regulation routine, the commander sounded off perfectly well, and had no problem leading the team, which got the team the place they deserved.

Exhibition placed 6th- Rebecca Lee

According to Lee, *"Unlike any other schools, we had the highest degree of difficulty. The DI's were very impressed with our routine."*

Both armed routines are difficult, timed around seven minutes. Lee recollects that, *"The routine was originally like a silent drill platoon, and is known for starting off at a fast pace then into a slow pace."*

"I would like to highlight cadet Vicencio and cadet Vasquez. They really worked hard, and they did an amazing job for being on the team for less than a year."

Color Guard:

Alpha Team placed 7th – Caleb Cassida



Caleb Cassida (Alpha Team Commander), Xavier Rose, Ethan Wu, Jesus Michel.



Cassida states, "Inspection was super easy for us, he (the drill instructor) barely asked us any questions. We (Alpha Team) did as well as I thought, if not better."

Cassida would like to highlight Johnson, and claims, *"I feel Johnson did a very good job for his first drill competition and as a commander."*

Bravo Team placed 11th- Tristan Johnson



Tristan Johnson (Color Guard Commander), Savanna Carrera, Savannah Armenta, Elisabeth Cassida.

After talking to Johnson about both color guard teams, he recounts on Bravo Team, by stating, *"Our team inspection was great. We passed with flying colors and I'm proud my cadets kept military profession and bearing. Our routine was simple and well executed. The precision of both rifleman was on sync and the flags were crisp and clean."*

Tristan asserts that he couldn't highlight anyone in specific. *"I can't highlight just one because it was a team effort. Each cadet made me proud and showed me that they definitely can go far."*

After the event, Xavier Rose, the commander of the Battalion, had nothing but kind words about all our drill teams. Rose states, *"The drill meet went pretty well, comparing how we did last year. It was a big step on having our drill teams be more competitive this year than the past*

few years. I am satisfied on how well we performed at the Chaparral Drill Meet and I'm looking forward on being even better next year."

Murrieta Mesa Ram Battalion's drill teams have never looked better! The commanders are always working hard and working to better their teams. The cadets within the teams are in

good hands and will continue to achieve big and grow together. The teams are moving forward and are becoming more competitive. At the end of the day, no matter what we placed, our heads will be high and continue to strive to be the best and have our name, Murrieta Mesa Ram Battalion, be remembered.

