



Civil Air Patrol National Cadet Competition

What is the National Cadet Competition?



The National Cadet Competition [NCC] annually evaluates the best team of cadets represented at the wing, region and national levels. The NCC enables cadets to model traits of the highest standards of leadership and personal responsibility. The NCC encompasses the **National Drill Team Competition** [NDTC] and the **National Color Guard Competition**

[NCGC]. Teams come from all eight regions to compete to win the USAF Chief of Staff Sweepstakes Trophy (given to the first place NDTC and NCGC winners), as well as other top awards.

What areas do I compete in?

For the NDTC, cadets compete in seven events: uniform inspection, standard drill, innovative drill, written examination, panel quiz, mile run and volleyball. **For the NCGC**, cadets compete in six events: uniform inspection, standard drill, indoor posting of the colors, outdoor posting of the colors, mile run, and written examination.

In each case, the complete cadet is evaluated- their aerospace and leadership knowledge, their uniform appearance, their drill and their physical fitness.

What do I get out of competing?

Besides academic and physical training which helps you with your achievement tests, you learn the value of hard work and preparation, as well as having the opportunity to square off against the best cadets from other groups, wings and regions.

What is the history of the NCC?

The NCC has been conducted annually since **1948**, originally called the National Drill Competition. It was refined and renamed in 1978.

Since 1978, the **Northeast Region** has won 14 times- the most of any region, with **New York** taking the most of any wing (7), most recently in 2002. NER has won the last two NDTC's.



Who participates in the NCC?

Teams are made of cadets of all grades and ages (*color guards must be C/NCOs though*). A competition is held at each level of command. Groups then compete for the title of wing team. From there, the wing team competes at region competition, and the winner travels to the NCC. This is for drill team and color guard. Each team must have at least 2 senior member escorts.

What happens if you win?

You advance to the next level of competition, until you win the NCC. You may also earn honorary duties or performances, such as **NCGC winners** posting the colors at the National Conference, or **NDTC winners** delivering the CAP annual report to congress. NCC winners can also say they are part of the best team in the nation!

Only the best cadets from each group, wing and region compete. With hard work and training, you and your team can become the best in the nation.



How do I start a team?

Since the competition often starts at the wing level, your squadron/group will form and submit a team to compete there. The rules for competition are outlined in CAPM 50-16 chapters 16 and 17 (see back side of this page for a web link). Cadets should encourage the formation of teams. **Senior member** support is of utmost importance as well. The seniors assist the cadets in the preparation and training for the competition, as well as escort them.

The most important thing to do is understand the rules and practice, practice, practice! Your hard work will pay off.



Great Cadet Competition resources on the Web:

<http://www.nywgcadets.org/dt/>
New York Wing Drill Team homepage
Tons of photos and NYWG DT history

<http://www.capnhq.gov/nhq/cp/cpc/ncc/nccindex.htm>
CAP NHQ Page on the NCC rules and history

http://www.mnwg.cap.gov/cp/ncc_2001.htm
Minnesota Wing Drill Team photos

Congratulations to
the NYWG (FLG) Demon Drill Team
2002 NCC Champions

The first NYWG Team to win the Chief of Staff Sweepstakes trophy since 1991.

Contact Capt. Andrew Welsh, CAP, NYWG Asst. Director of Cadet Programs (North),
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