

James I O'Neill High School Buffalo Soldier Squadron
Army Junior ROTC Drill Team Standard Operating
Procedure (S.O.P):

A Guide For All Incoming Drill Team Captains and their
Subordinates.

This Guide Includes:

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1A: A Drill Team should include the following components for competition:

Please Note:

Unarmed = Without Rifles

Armed = With Rifles

Our drill team includes:

- One unarmed and armed **regulation** platoon (Standard Movements)
- One unarmed and armed **inspection** platoon (Being Inspected by Judges on uniform, weapon quality, and JROTC leadership knowledge).
- One **New Cadet Squad** (Standard Movements, LET One only; Some Competitions may not have these).
- One unarmed and armed **color guard** (Color Guard Movements, see your Command Sergeant Major **or** drill team captain for details)*

*Unarmed and Armed **Does Not Affect** Color Guard team composition of 2 Rifle units and 2 flag units.*

Note: Other programs will have an “exhibition team,” we **do not**. Also, please note that our school is small, and volunteer turnout is expected to be low, and changes **can** be made.

1B:A Drill Team should have the following Leadership Components, listed in order of importance:

1. One commander, (CMDR) to make the final say on practice days and times, and to represent the drill team, choose team leaders, and cooperate with the Senior Army Instructor and Army Instructor to discuss competition locations, times, and transportation; usually a high ranking NCO *or* the command sergeant major.
2. One leader for each team to report to the commander (SQD-LDR), participate as the leader of each team they are leading, and represent their team during team meetings. (Usually an NCO position, but a high ranking officer is allowed).
3. One Executive officer (XO) to represent the commander in their absence, and to run practices in the event the commander is somewhere else. (Usually an Officer, but it could be an NCO as well, dependant on volunteer turnout)

1C: A Drill Team Should have the following practice schedule and will be decided as such:

On a date determined by the commander in the beginning of the year, the entire team will meet to discuss the practice schedule for each individual team for that quarter. During this meeting, members of the team vote to decide on who practices on what day, time, ect. **The commander will break all ties created, no matter what.** After this is chosen, the commander will ask for volunteers as team leaders, and will then choose his/her Executive Officer. (XO)

Saturday Practices are recommended for all units, as well as before school practice; however, it is understood if these cannot be made due to time restraints. Also note that on **Monday** there is no expanded day, but the 3:30 bus will still be there.

1D: Our Drill Team Attends the Following Competitions: (To Be Filled in Later, Subject to Change as of April 2018).

1. Washingtonville JROTC **Local** competition on November 11th 2018, we get the MOI in August via SAI email. (845-497-4041 / jrotc120739@ws.k12.ny.us).
2. 2nd Brigade Drill Meet, Francis Lewis High School on March 3rd 2019. (718-281-3709 / jrotc120729@aol.com). ***WE ARE REQUIRED TO GO TO AT LEAST ONE LOCAL COMPETITION BEFORE GOING HERE.***
3. Newburgh Free Academy AFJROTC **Local** competition on March 9th 2019, MOI to be emailed in December-ish. (845-563-5489).

Note: If there are any problems or discrepancies involving the competition, feel free to email or call those hosting the competition.

1E: Drill Team Practice Structure:

Preparation Period (Before Expanded Day Begins) :

1. Armed Platoons need black, **non-sling Rifles**, one for each person (the black ones in the supply closet).
2. Color Guard Units need brown **rifles with slings**, flag holsters, rifle belts, flag covers, and both the school flag and American flag.

In the weeks in preparation for competition, the Commander will hand out command sheets assigned to each team leader with commands on them, from the respective school's MOI and the team leaders will practice these movements. If they do not understand a command, they will ask their immediate superior.

Here Are An Example Command Sheets To Get Started:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_fCRBnq5bpiKOW380PNJBPZj2p_NwWqLdGc1Ku_9CVU/edit

This Link will show you an example Competition, how it works, and what each team will need to do, along with information regarding to the standard rules of a competition; such as, where to be or how to act.

For any other questions, feel free to ask your Squadron Command Sergeant Major (CSM) or senior leadership with any drill experience.