

Cadets take Second Place in Region Event

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Cadets from the Coastal Charleston Composite Squadron, representing the South Carolina Wing, took second place in the annual Region Color Guard Competition at Ft Pickett, VA this past weekend. The team, comprised of cadets Taylor Cyr, Peter Jerdan, Elizabeth Kovarik and Braden Reid competed against teams from Maryland, West Virginia, and North Carolina. The Coastal Charleston team and the North Carolina team tied for first place at the end of the competition. The tie was broken when North Carolina placed higher in the Written Exam, according to CAP Lt Colonel Phyllis Griffin, competition coordinator.

The competition consisted of seven events; Inspection, Standard Drill, Indoor Practical, Outdoor Practical, Panel Quiz, Written Exam, and Mile Run.

The South Carolina team tied for second place with North Carolina in the Inspection category, second in the Standard Drill, first in the Indoor Practical, second in the Outdoor Practical, third in the Panel Quiz, fourth in the Written Exam, and first in the Mile Run. Cadet Peter Jerdan of Coastal Charleston Squadron won the individual Fleet Foot award with the best time of 5:32 in the Mile Run.

The total scores of the three Drill Teams competing were 13, 14, and 15.

The squadron Deputy for Cadets, Lt Col. Chad Morris had nothing but praise for the four members Color Guard team. "Their excellent showing in the competition was due to their hard work and many practice sessions, plus attention to detail.

Lt Col Morris, assisted by Flight Officer Stephen Harper, Captain Tina Petersen, the squadron's cadet commander Nathan Coward, and cadet Lexington Hoffman accompanied the team to Virginia.