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**UPDATE**

### **SSHS Army JROTC Drill and Color Teams Declared the Champions**

*Tiyan, Guam* – **The Simon Sanchez High School Army JROTC Shark Battalion has indeed made a significant mark declared the Champion at the 2024 Golden Bear West National Drill competition** in Torrance, California. Their recent victory, included winning in different categories in the competition.

The SSHS Army JROTC Shark Battalion competed against schools across the US West Coast, Nevada, Arizona, Alaska, and the CNMI. **Securing 2nd Place in both Unarmed Varsity Exhibition Drill and Unarmed Varsity Sweepstakes, along with a 3rd Place finish in the 4-Person Exhibition Drill, the Sharks have proven that they are a force to be reckoned with.** These accolades not only highlight their prowess in precision and coordination but also place them among the elite in high school drill competitions.

SSHS JROTC Senior Army Instructor, LTC (Ret) Kevin Yata said, *"This win and all the accomplishments of our Shark Battalion Drill, Color Guard and Competition Teams belong to each and every Cadet who put forth the time and effort in learning and then executing their part for the Team. As JROTC Instructors we provide the guidance, instruction, motivation but more importantly, the opportunities for students/cadets to learn, lead and have fun. Drilling is not easy."*

The Team Commanders and Cadets' unwavering commitment in the absence of a permanent campus is a profound demonstration of their adaptability and tenacity. Their ability to maintain discipline and foster creativity during late-night practice sessions speaks volumes about their character and dedication. The support from Mrs. Carla Masnayon, the Sanchez Administration, Faculty, Staff, Superintendent Swanson, and the GDOE Team has been instrumental in their success. This collaborative effort showcases the power of a strong support system and the remarkable outcomes that can be achieved through teamwork and perseverance, even when faced with significant challenges. Their collective achievements stand as a shining example of what can be accomplished with hard work and mutual support.

For more information, please call Simon A. Sanchez High School at (671) 653-2313 or email [sshs@gdoe.net](mailto:sshs@gdoe.net)

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APRIL 17, 2024 PHOTOS DURING COMPETITION

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## SSHS COLOR GUARD



## SSHS JROTC TEAM

