

SMA Rifle Team Competes at Camp Perry in Ohio

Select individuals from the Sarasota Military Academy Rifle team were invited to Camp Perry Ohio for the US Army JROTC Service National Championships in February 2010. After school on Wednesday the 17th



competitors from the team departed SMA. Cadets traveling were: Sophomore Joshua Yoder, Junior and Precision Team Captain Seth Day, Senior and Cadet Regimental Command Sergeant Major Cade Kenny, Junior Dylan Olree and outstanding first year freshman Alex Beggs. Alex was selected as one of the top freshman to attend the competition and be part of the atmosphere which surrounds the Championships at the Civilian Marksmanship Program in Port Clinton, Ohio.

The Army JROTC Postals in November included over 2000 cadets from all over the world. To be invited to attend this competition is an exceptional achievement in itself.

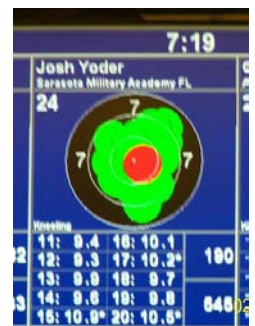
When all was said and the last pellet fired on Saturday afternoon those cadets representing SMA performed brilliantly.



In the Precision class, team Captain Seth Day finished with a first day of 572 followed by a 568 for a 2 day total of 1140 landing him in an extraordinary 28th place. Dylan Olree had a combined score of 1108 for 58th place followed closely by Cade Kenny with a 1105 in 60th place.



In the Sporter class, Sophomore Joshua Yoder ended day 1 just outside the top twenty with a 3 x 20 personal best of 531. Josh followed this up with another personal best of 545 and a two day total of 1076 which was 5 points out of making the National JROTC match to be held in March at the CMP in Anniston Alabama.



With his two day total of 1076, Cadet Yoder established a Sarasota Military Academy Sporter record. Josh has one more Sporter class competition in the Florida State VFW match before moving into the Precision class.

We want to thank Mr + Mrs day, Mr + Mrs Yoder, Mrs Kenny and Mrs Olree for taking time to make the trip and support our team. The "haunted house" which was our lodging for the weekend was something all should experience.



Our appreciation to the parents, Headmaster Dan Kennedy, Commandant of Cadets COL Cork, the Senior Army Instructor COL Ryan and the Teachers of SMA for their cooperation and understanding. With their permission, our cadets which have achieved the distinction of being selected out of a field of competitors numbering over 2000, participated in a truly outstanding competition sponsored by the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

The SMA Rifle Team continues to shine and uphold the tradition that we have established in carrying the Sarasota Military Academy name to the ***worldwide stage***.