

## SHCS 301 Color Guard Ties for Second Place in Regional Competition

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The cadet Color Guard competition team from the Sky Harbor Composite Squadron 301 did a fantastic job representing the Arizona Wing at this year's region cadet competition at Fort Chaffee in Arkansas. Teams from the Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Arizona Civil Air Patrol Wings competed in a wide range of challenging events including color guard presentation, flag folding, knowledge questions and physical training trials.

This was a first time entry for the SHCS 301 Color Guard team in the regional competition.

The Sky Harbor Squadron 301 competition team was comprised of:

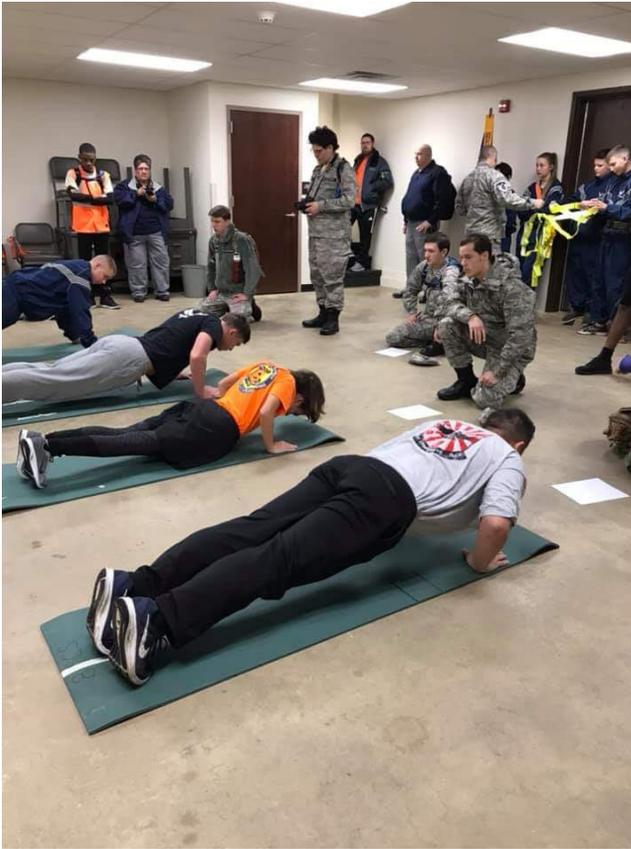
C/CMSgt Aidan Buckner  
C/SrA Dylan Conrad  
C/TSgt Kennedy Duong  
C/SSgt Sean Geraghty  
C/A1C Vincent Grubar  
C/CMSgt Markus Kohl  
C/Amn Brooklyn Schwiesow

C/A1C Vincent Grubar took first place in the mile run and the team was awarded a sportsmanship medal. Overall the team's total points earned them a tie for second place (with tie-breakers moving them to third overall).



C/TSgt Kennedy Duong offered a few comments on his experience in the regional competition.

"The competition brought the team together to achieve success. There was always something new to learn despite how long you have been doing it. It was a new experience that helped me grow as a cadet and do my personal best."



C/SSgt Sean Geraghty had a similar learning experience at the competition.

“I enjoyed meeting cadets from other squadrons in other states and seeing how different and also similar each squadron was with each other. It made me a better leader and I found my command voice along with more confidence in myself. The competition helped build character for everyone.”

C/CMSgt Aidan Buckner acted as the cadet color guard coach for the team.

“I felt pride at seeing the color guard team get better over time from early practices to the actual competition. The team really bonded together”

Maj Jeremy Cochran and 1st Lt RoseAnne Marquez were the SHCS 301 Senior Members who prepared the team and safely transported them to and from the competition.

Sky Harbor Squadron was formed in 1945 and has served continuously at the Sky Harbor Airport in several locations.

Photo 1. (left to right): C/CMSgt Markus Kohl, C/SSgt Sean Geraghty, C/Amn, Brooklyn Schwiesow, C/SrA Dylan Conrad

Photo 2 (foreground): C/TSgt Kennedy Duong