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## Bell JROTC Drill Team competes at Area II JROTC Drill Meet



**The Bell High School Army Jr. Reserve Officer Training Corps Drill Team**

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**MARION COUNTY** -- The Bell High School Army Jr. Reserve Officer Training Corps Drill Team traveled to West Port High School in Marion County to participate in the Area II Drill Meet on Saturday (Feb. 25).

The JROTC Drill Team made the Bulldogs proud!

Members of this team competed against six different schools, and despite the stiff competition, they emerged with success and pride.

Teams that competed in the Area II competition included the Male Mixed Armed Squad Regulation commanded by BHS Cadet Major Mikayla Baillie, Male Mixed Regulation Color Guard commanded by BHS Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Hunter Martin, Male Mixed Unarmed Squad Regulation commanded by BHS Cadet Captain Jessica Coney, Male Mixed Armed Platoon Regulation commanded by BHS Cadet Command Sergeant Major Emerson Valdez, and Male Mixed Unarmed Platoon Regulation commanded by BHS Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Hunter Martin.

Though all of our teams did great, we would like to congratulate our Competitive Color Guard Regulation for qualifying for the State Drill Meet by placing second in the color guard category.

Though the odds were against them, all of the members of all of the BHS JROTC drill teams held their own against the larger division schools.

“Having been on the Drill Team for all four years of my JROTC career,” said Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Hunter Martin, Drill Team Captain, “this has by far been the most productive and dedicated team I’ve had the pleasure of leading as drill captain. I am excited to go to state with our color guard, and have high hopes for the future of the drill team for the years to come.”

The host school did well in the competition, too, and West Port JROTC is going to Lakeland for competition on April 1 just like some of the BHS JROTC.

The West Port JROTC male team took first place in all five of their events while the girls took three first place trophies and one second place. All of those teams qualified to move on to the State Finals scheduled to be held in Lakeland on April 1.