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## WMHS hosts JROTC sports event



**United States Army Chief Warrant Officer Daryl Richardson of WMHS's unit of the Army JROTC watches his cadets from the sideline of the volleyball court.**

### **Story, Photos and Video**

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**WILLISTON** -- Four sets of cadets from Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps units competed on the campus of Williston Middle High School on Saturday in a relatively big sports event.

There were more than 200 cadets. Ten instructors who are either active or retired from various United States military branches brought the students to compete, and there were scores of parents and volunteers helping WMHS to host the event in Williston and as guests from Ocala, Orlando and Gainesville enjoyed the day too.

**<https://youtu.be/q9TE6G-t89o>**

**In this narrated video, part of the daylong events at Williston Middle High School are seen.**

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**A team prepares to play volleyball.**



**A WMHS AJROTC cadet smacks a softball.**

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**The home team expresses their endorsement for their team.**



**Basketball competition in the gymnasium was part of the total competition package.**

United States Army Chief Warrant Officer Daryl Richardson of WMHS's unit of the Army JROTC and United States Army Sergeant First Class Frank Velez, the two JROTC instructors at the host school, led their 75 cadets to be good hosts, good sports and fierce competitors.

West Port High School of Ocala brought the most visiting cadets and guests other than the hosting unit. The WPHS Army ROTC included instructors United States Army Lt. Col. Robert Irick, Sergeant Major Ray Douyard, First Sergeant John Boman and Sergeant First Class Joseph Bjornstad. Joining the instructors from this high school were 63 cadets.

Coming from the most distant campus were the 46 cadets from Edgewater High School's unit of the United States Marine Corps JROTC. Instructors USMC Lt. Col. Bryan Lucas and Sergeant Major Ray Fullard left their campus in Orange County to participate.

Representing Eastside High School of Gainesville were the 34 cadets and two instructors – United States Navy Lt. Cmdr. Byers Hickmon and Chief John Philippon. This set of cadets is of the United States Navy JROTC brand.