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**Lewis Center's Air Force JROTC wins big
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Unit CA-20068 from the Academy for Academic Excellence recently sent their Air Force JROTC Drill and Exhibition Team to compete at Southern California Invitational Drill Meet (SCIDM), earning three second place trophies. Being the first charter school and school in the High Desert in the history of SCIDM to attend, this team's dedication, commitment and hard work paid off.

AAE's AFJROTC instructor Master Sergeant Ray Britt said, "...they have really worked extremely hard in preparation for this meet and were ready!" Competing at a national level, with 20 schools in the same category, the team competed in three events: Junior Armed Inspection, Junior Armed Regulation and Junior Armed Exhibition. The AAE Drill Team was awarded three 2nd place trophies for their performances in Junior Armed Inspection, Junior Armed Regulation and Junior Armed Sweepstakes which is a combination of all the sections the team competed in.

For almost half a century, the University of Southern California's Air Force ROTC detachment 060, the Airman of Troy, have hosted the Southern California Invitational Drill Meet. SCIDM is one of the most prominent drill meets in the nation. All branches of ROTC and JROTC are invited to participate. The judges are active duty, non-commissioned officers from both Air Force and Marine Corps.

For more information, visit <http://www.lewiscenter.org/aae/afjrotc.php>.



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