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Saturday at the NW JROTC Regional Championships was an exciting day for the NJROTC Seagull Company! 30 schools' JROTC units, representing all four services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines) were there.

The day started early with our five member academic team winning **1st place in the Academic Competition**. 1st place! Everett's team captain Joshua Rice scored 2nd highest amongst all competitors!

Next, our two Color Guard teams each finished 2nd place in their respective categories.

Our Unarmed Drill team shouldered aside many larger and much more experienced schools and took 2nd place! Highest ever finish in Unit history! Everett's Su Brooks won the **1st place gold medal as the best Unarmed Drill Team commander!**

This was followed by our Armed Drill Team stepping out on the drill deck and going against some incredibly tough competition and coming away with a 3rd place finish!

Our two Marksmanship teams went against the best in the northwest and took 2nd and 6th places respectively! Three of Everett's marksmen, (Dustin Nguyen, Max Enderle and Diego Schlagel) were in the **top five out of 53** marksmen!

Everett's Cadet Winter Mathison took the bronze medal for his performance in Individual Armed Exhibition.

At the end of the day, when all of the various team placement points were added up and ranked... the **Everett Seagull Company** (consisting of EHS, JHS and CHS cadets) came home with the **Regional Championship 2nd Place trophy!** The highest finish in Unit history!! This senior officer is unashamed to admit he watched with tears as our Cadets, who have worked so hard and overcome so much, received trophy after trophy.

Besides all their great performances, I'm also proud of our Cadets' flawless professional behavior and sportsmanship throughout the day. They genuinely cheered for and congratulated their fellow competitors whether they finished ahead or behind us.

It was a good day for Everett Public Schools!