



Public Affairs Office
West Point, NY 10996
845-938-2006/3808

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RELEASE NO. 05-18

SANDHURST MILITARY SKILLS COMPETITION RESULTS – April 16, 2018

WEST POINT, N.Y. – Sixty-four teams representing 13 international military academies, eight ROTC programs, and four U.S. service academies assembled at West Point for the 2018 [Sandhurst Military Skills Competition](#) at West Point April 13-14.

The U.S. Air Force Academy squad earned the top overall score and received the Reginald E. Johnson Memorial Saber. It was the service's first squad to win the competition.

“We're just a weird group of Air Force guys who wanted to go Air Force but wanted to play Army,” said Air Force Academy Cadet Nathan Ziegler. “We have a lot of us who are interested in doing more ground force work instead of being directly in aviation.”

Teams are comprised of eight men and one woman. The competition consists of 11 different events ranging from marksmanship to grenade throwing. It tests individual and team military skills as well as leadership abilities and athletic proficiency. Teams accumulate points during the rigorous competition, and have the opportunity to earn up to 1,000 points throughout the course.

“It teaches you to excel with excellence in everything you do,” Lt. Gen. Robert L. Caslen Jr., superintendent, said of the Sandhurst competition. “It also teaches you the mental and physical toughness, the relentlessness and the discipline that's necessary to work as a team to accomplish the mission.”

The competition was fierce and the scores were close. Runners up (in order) include: Canada, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst - Red, University of North Georgia, and West Point (USCC) Gold.

The competition originated in 1967 when the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst presented a sword to the U.S. Military Academy. The inscription on the sword reads: “To provide the Corps of Cadets with a challenging and rewarding regimental skills competition, which will enhance

professional development and military excellence in selected soldier skills.” From then on, an annual event has been held to do just that.

Check out the West Point Flickr page for images of this event
https://www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/albums

About West Point:

The U. S. Military Academy at West Point is a four-year, co-educational, federal, liberal arts college located 50 miles north of New York City. It was founded in 1802 as America’s first college of engineering and continues today as the world’s premier leader-development institution, consistently ranked among top colleges in the country. Its mission remains constant—to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the nation as an officer in the U. S. Army. For more information, go to www.westpoint.edu.