

Civil Air Patrol California Wing Group 3

Action Report Group 3 Color Guard Competition February 21, 2009

The Group 3 Color Guard Competition took place on February 21, 2009. In this competition two squadrons from Group 3 competed for title of “Group 3 Color Guard”. The reigning champions from March Field Composite Squadron 45 were met with the competition from Palm Springs Squadron 11. Also attending for the purpose of observing were cadets and senior members from several other squadrons in the Group.

The staff for the competition, are listed bellow:

- Project Officer – Capt Doug Giles
- Chief Judge – Maj John Findley
- Judge – 1Lt Matthew Giles
- Event Marshall – C/SMSgt Zack Lynch

Even though not assigned before the activity, 1Lt Giles appointed C/SMSgt Lynch to the position of Event Marshall. Capt Giles not only had the position of Project Officer but that of Chief Cook. He prepared burgers and hot dogs for all who attended the activity.

The five activities that the color guards took place in were: (in order of sequence)

1. A Mile Run
2. The In-Ranks Inspection
3. Standard Drill
4. Indoor Practical Drill
5. Outdoor Practical Drill

Each color guard did exceptionally well in each activity. The first three activities took place before lunch, which left both practical drills for last. As explained by 1Lt Giles “Practical drill gives real world experience to the cadets. When performing in other events they may only have a few minutes to prepare their routine. This is why we give them to same opportunity.”

Overall the activity flowed very well and was run by outstanding senior staff. All spectators and participants agreed that they had learned a lot from the event. Sadly Group 3 could only have one winner; and it was Palm Spring Squadron 11. We look forward to seeing how they perform at the Wing Competition in March.

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