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JROTC National Sporter Individual Championship

Samantha Zermeno
Nation Ford HS, South Carolina
Marine Corps JROTC
433.4



JROTC National Precision Individual Championship

Danjela DeJesus
Camden County HS, Georgia
Navy JROTC
463.9



2023 JROTC NATIONAL AIR RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP

Letter of Thank You

On behalf of the Civilian Marksmanship Program, we would like to thank you for participating in this year's JROTC National Air Rifle Championship. The JROTC National Air Rifle Championship is sponsored and conducted by the Civilian Marksmanship Program in cooperation with the Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force JROTC Commands.

The competition series began with the JROTC Postal Match in September 2022, where over 6,000 cadets fired on official record targets at their home ranges before sending to CMP headquarters for scoring. Top cadets in the Postal Match earned trips to one of four Regional Service Championships – held in Ohio, Alabama and Utah in February 2023. Of the 875 athletes who competed in the Service Championships, the second-largest attendance in the event's history, 225 were invited to move on to the National JROTC Air Rifle Championship in March at the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center in Port Clinton, Ohio.

The CMP would like to congratulate each cadet for qualifying for the National JROTC Air Rifle Championship. We are honored to host this prestigious event and are proud of the accomplishments of all attending athletes.

We would like to extend our thanks to the coaches, volunteers, chaperones and parents for their support of each junior involved in this competition. We are also greatly appreciative of our event sponsors, including Crosman, who donated two Crosman Challenger air rifles – one presented to the top sporter team and one to the top individual.

The CMP is pleased to present its own monetary funds to three-position competitions as well as to the expansion of Open air gun programs for juniors and adults – remaining dedicated to the promotion of marksmanship as a life-long activity and encouraging junior athletes to continue within the sport after graduation.

Congratulations to all the hard-working young athletes of the JROTC National Championships, and we look forward to the start of our next JROTC Championship series later this year.



Mark Johnson
Director of Civilian Marksmanship

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Honored Guests

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Mr. Jim Wood, Chief Training Operations Army JROTC
Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Fullerton, Commander of Cleveland Recruiting Battalion
Sergeant First Class George Norton, U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit
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Zermenio, de Jesus Earn National Titles at 2023 JROTC Air Rifle Championships

By Ashley Dugan, CMP Writer/Editor



Danjela de Jesus playfully bit her precision gold medal as she received it onstage at the 2023 JROTC Nationals banquet.



Samantha Zermenio claimed the overall win in the sporter individual event.

Danjela (Jordan) de Jesus, 17, of the Camden County High School Navy JROTC in Georgia is a national champion. At the 2023 JROTC National Three-Position Championship, she not only led the precision air rifle class but finished a perfect run – attaining the leading scores in all three phases of the competition series.

"I thought I would do well, but I didn't give myself any expectations. I didn't want to disappoint myself," de Jesus said of the match.

The JROTC National sporter and precision air rifle event for high school athletes was held March 23-25 at the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center in Ohio. Along with Nationals, the JROTC Championships also included a Postals Match along with Regional Service competitions – all facilitated by the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP).



The 2023 awards banquet looked different than previous years – with light displays, a photo booth and music.

Dodging disappointment back in September 2022, de Jesus was the overall precision competitor in the Postal event after dropping only one point to reach an incredible score of 299-29X. She went on to fire the highest cadet score by an eight-point margin in the February Regional Service Championships with 1290-91X. With her performance, she claimed the

top spot in the Navy competition by more than 20 points over the second place individual.

She admitted the two qualifying rounds of the JROTC Nationals (featuring prone, standing and kneeling positions for record) didn't go the way she wanted. Despite her woes, de Jesus narrowly reached the concluding final used to determine overall winners, marking the eighth and final spot on the firing line.

"I just wanted to make the final – I knew I could shoot a good final," she said of her competitive strategy. "I went in as if I had nothing to lose."

She kept calm on the line, repeating a song in her mind to help retain her focus. It was enough to maintain her lead through the entire final, including on the last shot where she hit 10.5 to preserve a 0.1-point lead over the second place athlete – granting her the overall win in the match.

Following the final, with a gold medal secured, de Jesus confessed her true feelings, saying with a laugh that she was "Relieved. Sweaty. Tired."



Nation Ford High School from South Carolina found its fifth consecutive win in the sporter team competition.

On the sporter side of the JROTC Nationals, senior athlete Samantha Zermenio, 18, of the Nation Ford High School Marine Corps JROTC in South Carolina, earned the top of the podium after impressive JROTC Championships performances. Like de Jesus, Zermenio led overall at the Service Championships (by 10+ points over the closest competitor) as the top Marine Corps cadet.

"My entire team and I, we train for weeks for this – in the mornings and afternoons. So, all I could really do was my best, and that's what I did!" she said of the JROTC Championships.

Zermenio had fired the third-highest sporter score during the qualification round – more than enough to earn herself a place in the final. There, she consistently led and kept a cool confidence on the line, thanks to the advice of her coach, Col. Sean Mulcahy. Mulcahy, who saw his last JROTC Nationals in 2023, with plans to retire at the end of the season, has undoubtedly left a lasting impression on his cadets.

"He's taught my team and myself something called 'protective mental thinking,' where all we tell ourselves on the line is, 'We're a good shooter – forget the last shot, forget the future shot – focus on the shot right here and right now. There's nothing you can do about the last shot, but there's



Samantha receives a high-five from her teammate at the conclusion of the start-from-aero final.

something you can do about this shot. Just stay positive and keep telling yourself that you're a good shooter. You've trained for this," Zermenio explained.

After sending her last pellet down-range, she positioned her monitor so she couldn't see the score. Although she didn't know what she had shot, she heard the screams of her teammates as they saw her recorded shot of 9.3 to claim the final and ultimately the sporter title by a 1.5 margin.

"It was definitely exhilarating," she said with a smile.

Next year, she plans on majoring in IT (information technology) and computer sciences – hoping to become a programmer. Though her career in marksmanship may be over, she has many lasting memories to look back upon and remember with joy.

"I will treasure the years that I've spent here and in this sport," she said. "I know it'll carry me throughout my life."

Zermenio's Nation Ford went on to overtake the sporter team title for the fifth consecutive year at Nationals, with six wins overall in the match. Team members included Zermenio, Kees Vandergriff, Lachlan Harris and Abril DeCastro.



Granbury High School from Texas led the precision team event for the sixth consecutive time.

Also marking a repeat team win for the sixth consecutive year was Granbury High School Marine Corps JROTC from Texas. Team members were Ashton Arlington, Sunnee Schumann, Caroline Martin and Kameron Wells.

Each team dominated within their classes, with Nation Ford leading by nearly 55 points and Granbury by almost 20.

Finding second in the precision team competition was East Coweta High School Marine Corps JROTC in Georgia, as Camden County



Several athletes were pinned with their Junior Distinguished badges at the event.

High School Navy JROTC found third. Navy JROTC programs Zion Benton High School from Illinois and Pascagoula High School from Mississippi earned second and third, respectively, in the sporter team event.

Following behind de Jesus in the precision individual match was Granbury's Ashton Arlington, 18, in second, while Liv Lusky, 17, of Lumpkin County High School Army JROTC in Georgia landed in third. In sporter, Christopher Mardones, 18, of Patuxent High School Navy JROTC in Maryland claimed second behind Zermenio, with Samuel Nason, 17, of Pascagoula taking third.

See a full list of results of the 2023 JROTC National Championship at <https://ct.thecmp.org/2023JROTCNatResults>.

Photos of match are available for viewing and free download at <https://cmp1.zenfolio.com/f18494471>.



The top 10 Precision individuals were awarded medals and the top 3 individuals received cash awards from the CMP.



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A total of 1,687 Junior Distinguished Badges have been awarded since the program started in 2001.

A SPECIAL THANKS



The CMP thanks all of the JROTC instructors, coaches, parents, chaperones and others who helped make it possible for these cadets to attend this competition. You each deserve a profound and heartfelt applause for the commitment you have made to these young individuals.

Thanks to our range officers, volunteers and the members of the CMP staff for their work in conducting this competition.

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JROTC National Air Rifle Championship 2023 Individual Precision Championship

75	Kerr, Kaden (372675)	Walla Walla HS WA	Army	199 - 16	179 - 2	196 - 10	195 - 14	177 - 6	183 - 5	1,129 - 53
76	Mayhue, Kaylin (379098)	Cherokee HS GA	Air Force	194 - 13	182 - 5	187 - 6	192 - 12	182 - 6	191 - 12	1,128 - 54
77	Miller, Blake (349446)	Battle Ground HS WA	Air Force	195 - 13	180 - 2	191 - 10	198 - 16	174 - 1	190 - 5	1,128 - 47
78	Mauriello, Zachary (361139)	Etowah HS GA	Air Force	193 - 11	177 - 3	189 - 10	194 - 11	189 - 8	184 - 5	1,126 - 48
79	Jaramillo, Diego (378221)	Manzano HS NM	Navy	199 - 17	180 - 6	183 - 5	197 - 17	178 - 3	185 - 5	1,122 - 53
80	Nelson, Benjamin (373970)	Walla Walla HS WA	Army	198 - 15	184 - 7	183 - 5	186 - 15	183 - 3	185 - 5	1,119 - 50
81	Watson, Sydney (420395)	Cherokee HS GA	Air Force	193 - 13	172 - 3	185 - 6	195 - 13	178 - 4	195 - 12	1,118 - 51
82	Willis, Sophia (391430)	Battle Ground HS WA	Air Force	181 - 3	168 - 4	183 - 7	186 - 6	177 - 4	184 - 5	1,079 - 29

JROTC National Air Rifle Championship 2023 Sporter Team Championship

	School/Team Members	Service	AGG		School/Team Members	Service	AGG
1	Nation Ford HS SC 1 Coach: Mulcahy, Sean (95416) Zermeno, Samantha (372890) Vandergriff, Kees (357122) Harris, Lachlan (387111) DeCastro, Abril (389468)	Marine Corps	4,431 - 162	9	Zion-Benton Team 2 Coach: Hackstein, Dan (16757) Gustafson, Addyson (388364) Vines, Riley (373262) Leong, Miah (384996) Camacho, Santiago (375679)	Navy	4,278 - 119
2	Zion Benton HS IL Coach: Hackstein, Dan (16757) White, Kalinn (375677) Benedetto, Brianna (384995) Rich, Brayden (387628) Gomez, Gianna (389061)	Navy	4,377 - 151	10	Daniel Boone HS TN Coach: Maj Sessis, Steven USMC (2007) Moody, Jake (362609) Bailey, Nanchaya (378910) Cole, Mackenzie (399858) Higgins, Zachary (378917)	Marine Corps	4,277 - 118
3	Pascagoula HS MS Coach: Goley, Gregory (39917) Ramos, Diego (355899) Nason, Samuel (355898) Alvarado Lopez, Dayanara (374278) Jones, Haleiana (381474)	Navy	4,373 - 154	11	West Valley HS AK Coach: Walker, Travis (343886) Golden, Evelyn (354313) Finnikov, Joseph (378381) Roberts, Amy (397362) Arzac, Ebin (397359)	Marine Corps	4,276 - 129
4	Patuxent HS MD Coach: 1stSgt Treiber, Jeffrey USMC (82473) Mardones, Christopher (354058) Vetting, Madeline (376687) Harmon, Rossi (392522) Parekhji, Antara (354061)	Navy	4,343 - 138	12	Claudia Taylor Johnson HS TX Coach: MAJ Groggett, Thomas USA (164427) Turi, John (350955) Madrigal, Elijah (414883) Mercado, Sara (372127) Thanaen, Saichon (387502)	Army	4,258 - 110
5	North Brunswick HS NC Coach: Williams, George (25014) Gonzalez, Jose (383290) Lopez, Jasmine (382371) Martinez, Tiffany (410037) Gore, Hannah (344550)	Army	4,341 - 144	13	West Forsyth HS NC Coach: Sugg, Richard (170535) Weiser, Debi (352399) Baker, Mekayla (393647) Feathers, Logan (355263) McSwain, Austin (419621)	Army	4,250 - 110
6	Ozark Sporter HS MO Coach: 1SG Crawford, William USA (274237) Daniel, Rhett (376039) Lovett, Victoria (405762) Crawford, Matthew (346384) Gargus , Kara (377121)	Army	4,339 - 115	14	Clover HS SC Coach: Woodham, Clarence (130145) Bratton, Charles II (364239) Velose, Taelor (415808) Bessman, Gwendalyn (394974) Kristjanson, Clarissa (385560)	Air Force	4,246 - 118
7	Webb City HS MO Coach: Elder, Dustin (286590) Tatum, Johnathon (395433) Burton, Preston (373738) Walker, Yaisa (395421) Elder, Gabe (349800)	Army	4,301 - 122	15	Nation Ford HS SC 2 Coach: Mulcahy, Sean (95416) Kalenza, Sophie (378865) Ricardo, Zurisaddai (416179) Audette, Caroline (350170) Zermeno, Jennifer (372893)	Marine Corps	4,243 - 96
8	Jack C. Hays HS TX Coach: LtCol Wimp, Donald USMC (189798) Gray, Brynn (374420) Guerrero, Alexis (415962) Talavera, Kobia (379612) Padilla, Sophia (415957)	Marine Corps	4,280 - 110	16	Spanish Springs HS NV Coach: Mendenhall, Wade (74374) Beaubien, Benjamin V (393235) Tate, Evan J (381958) Kaplan, Sophie (428529) Miller, Oliver (377081)	Army	4,230 - 99

JROTC National Air Rifle Championship 2023
Sporter Team Championship

	School/Team Members	Service	AGG		School/Team Members	Service	AGG
17	Page HS NC Coach: Buchholz, David (277592) Church, Kenny (391955) Wilson, Makenna (345857) Strader, Thomas (405021) Smith, Patrick (391958)	Navy	4,226 - 117	23	McMichael HS NC Coach: Maj Mercer, Andrew USAF (184152) Piotrowski, Dalton (394138) Long, Parker (422686) Steele, Kelsey (421591) Kennon, Garyn (374220)	Air Force	4,146 - 85
18	Des Moines Central HS IA Coach: GySgt Gettler, Michael USMC (15649) Dobek, Hope (371270) Wright, Lizzea (389791) Sleeth, Paul (420353) Rumbaugh, Wesley (426454)	Marine Corps	4,210 - 98	24	Palm Bay Magnet HS FL Coach: DeYoung, Roy (205688) Gowen, Kayla (366169) Fischer, Jamey (366792) Antaloci, Ashleigh (377651) Horner, Thomas (366796)	Marine Corps	4,138 - 80
19	Lebanon HS OR Coach: Smith, Mark (115325) Griffiths, Alivia (368059) Griffiths, Alana (368406) Hiller, Erin (388611) Wilson, Jalynn (417600)	Army	4,208 - 106	25	Utah Military Academy Camp Williams UT Coach: SP4 Tracy, Ian ARNG (430498) McDonald, Ellanore (397369) B, Carson (377777) Mackey, Samuel (233244) Marchant, Matthew (380455)	Air Force	4,120 - 90
20	South Effingham HS GA Coach: Stautberg, Terry (39844) Littlejohn, Alexandra (423223) Ekern, Ryton (354172) Alderman, Asa (391882) Amster, Vincent (354174)	Navy	4,202 - 101	26	South Panola Team B Coach: Bailey, Jordan (170476) White, Zyonie (420211) Becerra, Cameren (377576) Gonzalez, Adrian (420215) Hickingbottom, Matthew (390516)	Air Force	4,116 - 102
21	South Panola Team A Coach: Mims, Robert (96350) Hernandez, Veronica (420197) Hickingbottom, Sarena (351429) Aguilar, Masimo (351419) Willey, Aidan (351443)	Air Force	4,195 - 95	27	North Allegheny HS PA Coach: Accamando, Donald (428049) Mahoney, Daniel (358701) Walk, Kylie (397879) Vizcarra, Kyle (358702) Rhoten, Curtis (358698)	Air Force	4,088 - 78
22	Calvert HS MD Coach: Beardmore, Gerald (212384) Doyle, Emma (380426) Worthy, Isabel (391180) Morgan, Zachary (358797) Donaldson , Avery (429781)	Navy	4,171 - 108	28	North Pole HS AK Coach: Spilinek, Bradley (216829) Hawk, Kaitlyn (352867) Nichols, Jordan (391718) Bonzo, Kadyn (421840) Schumacher, Isabell (379131)	Air Force	4,020 - 84



JROTC National Air Rifle Championship 2023
Precision Team Championship

	School/Team Members	Service	AGG	10	Ansbach HS AE	Army	4,603 - 240
1	Granbury HS TX 1 Coach: Casey, Scott (164421) Arlington, Ashton (348397) Schumann, Sunnee (348260) Martin, Caroline (348255) Wells , Kameron (371913)	Marine Corps	4,673 - 300 1,175 - 86 1,174 - 76 1,173 - 80 1,151 - 58	10	Coach: Buchanan, Christopher (265556) Pohlman, Alexander (382123) Russell, Kalea (395293) Robertson, Collin (353952) Pirner, Emma (376021)	Army	1,164 - 74 1,154 - 63 1,146 - 52 1,139 - 51
2	East Coweta HS GA Coach: Maj Merrill, Peter USMC (167206) Serrano, Theodore (371462) Hicks, Wyatt (396354) Carcipollo, Leonardo (396349) Nazario, Destiny (396355)	Marine Corps	4,655 - 302 1,179 - 87 1,164 - 83 1,162 - 69 1,150 - 63	11	Coach: 1SG Crawford, William USA (274237) Wells, Asa (377123) McCall, Katie (375963) Watson, Jett (357789) Ridinger, Drew (413456)	Army	4,594 - 238 1,168 - 70 1,148 - 55 1,144 - 57 1,134 - 56
3	Camden County HS GA Coach: Banta, Stephen (131794) DeJesus, Danjela (372331) Byrd, Virginia (387832) Swain, Abigail (348717) Kruger, Mason (387833)	Navy	4,644 - 292 1,172 - 86 1,168 - 77 1,165 - 76 1,139 - 53	12	Coach: Griego, Alberto (115660) Ortiz, Isaac USA (347400) Zacherl, Walter (386442) Wood, Ethan (371691) Schmidt, Emily (386430)	Marine Corps	4,589 - 246 1,165 - 74 1,146 - 63 1,140 - 50 1,138 - 59
4	Granbury HS TX 2 Coach: Casey, Scott (164421) Wells, Kennedy (387797) McGrath , Cadence (371870) Czernik , Julia (372309) Allen, Viola (416873)	Marine Corps	4,644 - 274 1,166 - 73 1,161 - 69 1,160 - 57 1,157 - 75	13	Coach: McMenimen, Matthew (124516) Avitia-Lozano, Leslie (378223) Martinez, Alex (378222) Elicerio, Jasmine (425955) Jaramillo, Diego (378221)	Navy	4,579 - 228 1,160 - 55 1,158 - 65 1,139 - 55 1,122 - 53
5	Upson-Lee HS GA Coach: Meyerriecks, Chuck (148516) Lane, William (350232) Riggins, Kinsley (350223) Lifsey, Bailey (372908) Mayer, Kinsey (350226)	Navy	4,640 - 264 1,168 - 69 1,167 - 76 1,166 - 70 1,139 - 49	14	Coach: Quidachay, Vincent (112789) Thompson, Madison (427203) Hull-Walton, Theron (377971) O'Hara, Jameson (392938) Zarate, Victoria (393219)	Navy	4,561 - 221 1,152 - 65 1,138 - 54 1,137 - 46 1,134 - 56
6	Fountain Fort Carson HS CO Coach: Smith, Rodney (94209) Allison, Courtney (323909) Cavanaugh, Caden (374996) Williams, Tahirah (390895) Leptrone, Kya (386273)	Army	4,625 - 258 1,168 - 76 1,165 - 73 1,153 - 57 1,139 - 52	15	Coach: Mebes, Mark (149048) Justice, Raquelle (351315) Scott, Tristan (357549) Kerr, Kaden (372675) Nelson, Benjamin (373970)	Army	4,548 - 223 1,154 - 58 1,146 - 62 1,129 - 53 1,119 - 50
7	Eldorado HS NM Coach: Koerber, James (63160) Claussen, Rory (371717) Paas, Carter (387780) Garcia, Haylie (387764) Moore, Rhiannon (388640)	Marine Corps	4,624 - 253 1,159 - 63 1,158 - 68 1,156 - 58 1,151 - 64	16	Coach: Bise, Jeffrey (238452) Curtiss, Cy (420394) Newberry, Hunter (420396) Mayhue, Kaylin (379098) Watson, Sydney (420395)	Air Force	4,535 - 225 1,150 - 61 1,139 - 59 1,128 - 54 1,118 - 51
8	Sarasota Ma FI Coach: Pellegrino, Riess (39718) Ayers, Gabrielle (371606) Fast-Clarke, Emrie (384694) PV1 Irizarry, Jagrieliz USA (388813) Strahs, Christopher (384655)	Army	4,615 - 240 1,173 - 75 1,157 - 60 1,152 - 53 1,133 - 52	17	Coach: Woodrow, Andrew (233237) Harpe, Rheanne (229701) Harpe, Fletcher (258531) Miller, Blake (349446) Willis, Sophia (391430)	Air Force	4,501 - 183 1,157 - 65 1,137 - 42 1,128 - 47 1,079 - 29
9	Joshua HS TX Coach: Davidson, James (56611) Reames, Brooklyn (386959) Sharp, Nolan (366992) Golleher, Aren (385533) Woods, Riley (392966)	Navy	4,606 - 243 1,165 - 67 1,150 - 60 1,147 - 57 1,144 - 59				





**JROTC National Sporter
Team Championship**

**Nation Ford High School,
South Carolina**

**Marine Corps JROTC
4431-162**

**Coach: Sean Mulcahy
Samantha Zermenio
Kees Vandergriff
Lachlan Harris
Abril DeCastro**



**JROTC National
Precision
Team Championship**

**Granbury High School,
Texas**

Marine Corps JROTC

4673-300

**Coach: Scott Casey
Ashton Arlington
Sunnee Schumann
Caroline Martin
Kameron Wells**



