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Career Center Golden Knights Finish 1st at Raider Challenge Competition

JACKSON, Mich. – Jackson Area Career Center’s Army JROTC kept the first-place trophy for their Golden Knight Raider Challenge at home for the third time since 2005 when they began hosting this event.

Golden Knight Raiders topped teams invited from Wayne Memorial, Westland John Glenn, Taylor Truman, Southgate Anderson and Detroit Public Schools held on Oct. 11-12 at Camp McGregor, MacReady Reserve and the career center.

“We trained hard, so I knew we had a good chance at winning again this year. I am very proud of our raiders” said SGT Tom Miller. They gave everything they had and took first or second in all seven events! Career center cadets have earned an invitation to the Raider National Competition in Molena, Georgia on Nov 2-3” said SGT Tom Emond. “We are extremely proud as this is a first for our cadets!”

Each team was made up of eight cadets and two alternates. Cadets spent the night at Camp McGregor and woke early Saturday morning to compete in seven events. The competition included Push Ups & Sit Ups, an obstacle course, a biathlon, Snake 1-mile Run, the National Guard’s Obstacle course, the Tough One that included a one-rope bridge, and finished with a 3K run while carrying a 25-pound pack.

The Career Center’s first-place team represents different Jackson-area public school districts and was led by team captain Connor Boyer (Grass Lake). Other members are Shayn King (Columbia Options), Garrett Lucas (Northwest), Alec Krieghoff (Northwest), Anthony Hamel (Northwest), Zach Naramor (Springport), John Votzke (Columbia), Lateka Franklin (Michigan Center), Kelsye Irvine (Hanover), Jordan Parker (Grass Lake).

The Golden Knight Raiders is just one of several clubs/teams open to cadets who enroll in the Career Center’s Army JROTC program. Other clubs and teams include the JROTC’s Leadership and Academic Challenge, Air-Rifle Marksmanship, Cavalry (Horse) Troop, Service Learning, Color/Honor Guard and Drill and Ceremony. These groups are an extension of the Army JROTC program and designed to promote leadership, citizenship, decision-making, discipline, physical fitness, mental well-being and volunteerism.

For more information, go to www.jacc-mi.net or www.usarmyjrotc.com

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Caption: Jackson Area Career Center's Army JROTC Raiders Challenge 1st place team pictured kneeling in front Cadets Boyer and Franklin, (left to right) Cadet Irvine, Votzke, Hamel, Naramor, King, Lucas, Parker and Krieghoff.

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