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**Riverside Preparatory School
“Cadets win top honors at local competition”**

Victorville, California -- Cadets from the California Cadet Corps at Riverside Preparatory School competed in the annual California Cadet Corps, 18th Brigade (High Desert), Individual Major Award's competition on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at Lakeview Middle School.

The Individual Major Awards competition is an interview board process system that selects the most outstanding cadets. It is an opportunity for the best cadets to demonstrate their competency at Cadet Corps knowledge. A panel that consisted of soldiers from Fort Irwin and local veteran organizations interviewed the cadets. The interview board is used to assess the cadet's appearance, composure, knowledge of the California Cadet Corps, knowledge of current events, and the standards and subjects covered in the California Cadet Corps curriculum, as well as the ability to give an oral presentation. Verbal questions were asked from the following Cadet Corps standards: patriotism, academics/citizenship, military subjects, fitness/wellness, drill and ceremonies, first aid/CPR, map reading and leadership.

Riverside Preparatory School Cadets competed in three categories: Junior Division Outstanding First Year Cadet, Junior Division Outstanding Non-Commissioned Officer and Junior Division Outstanding Overall Cadet. Junior Division cadets competed against 5 Middle Schools in the High Desert.

1st Place Junior Division Outstanding First Year Cadet – Cadet First Class Tyler Biberston

1st Place Junior Division Outstanding Non-Commissioned Officer – Cadet Corporal Alexander Alaniz

2nd Place Junior Division Outstanding Overall Cadet – Cadet Corporal Blake Collum

First Place winners will advance to the California Cadet Corps State Championship to be held at the Centennial Celebration (100 Years), April 8-9, 2011 at Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base.

1LT Kenneth Cook-Askins is the Commandant of Cadets at Riverside Preparatory School. The California Cadet Corps has been at Riverside Preparatory School since August 2007.

The California Cadet Corps has been developing leaders since 1911 and is the oldest school based youth leadership development program of its kind in the United States and is currently administered by the California National Guard. The program strives to develop leadership, citizenship, patriotic spirit, fitness and personal health/wellness, and academic success in its members, as well as promoting knowledge of basic military subjects. Currently in more than 60 elementary, middle, and high schools across the state, the California Cadet Corps serves 6,000 students annually.