

New York Wing Color Guard Places 3rd in Regional Competition

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Chicopee, Mass- 1 May 2011. The New York Wing Champion, Col. Francis S. Gabreski Squadron, color guard team performed well as they took 3rd place in the Northeast Region Cadet Competition. First place overall went to the Massachusetts Wing team while 2nd place was captured by the New Jersey Wing.

The Gabreski team consisted of c/CMSgt Aysha Ozylimaz, c/SSgt Laura Lindgren, c/Amn Chan Le, and their commander c/SSgt Theresa Nelson. c/SMSgt Paul Dowty joined the team as an alternate member and stood by them should he be needed.

The New York team entered Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee, Massachusetts on a hot streak, winning the Long Island Group Color Guard Competition and, most recently, the New York Wing Color Guard Competition.

As was expected, the competition was tough and when all was said and done, New Yorki finished in an admirable 3rd place which was better than 4 of the remaining 6 teams not including themselves. Their hard work was all worth it and they all learned that they can hang with any other team in the Northeast Region.

While the future of the members of the Gabreski team has yet to be seen, their past efforts will remain in memory for a long time to come.