

To: The Cadets, Hall of Fame Committee

From: Thomas Maiello (Member 1986, Director Cadets 2018, Cadets Board 2020-2021)

RE: Nomination letter for Eric Sabach to the Cadets Hall of Fame

I respectfully wish to submit my nomination for Eric Sabach for the Cadets Hall of Fame. Here is a list of points to justify Eric's placement in the HOF. My ultimate justification that solidifies Eric as a member of the Hall of Fame is that he ran into the fire twice to save the Cadets in 2018 & 2020.

Eric was a Cadets 81-84 baritone. He took what he learned as a Cadet and followed Marc Sylvester and George Zingali to teach Star of Indiana. Took what he learned as a Cadet and taught Phantom Regiment with Tony Hall and John Sanchez. Again, he helped Phantom Regiment, Blue Stars, and Carolina Crown on a full-time basis with the knowledge and experience of being a Cadet.

Eric took the Cadet philosophy of excellent to being a DCI judge from 1988-2003, BOA judge from 1997-2014, and a WGI and DCA judge. Judges all pageantry season on a high level.

2018, Eric helped the Cadets as an advisor, then board member at YEA, then a board member at CAE. Helped restore sponsorship with numerous partners after the Director issue. Brought the Cadets back to the maroon and gold uniforms by devising a business/marketing plan with supporting evidence and testimonies from alumni. Solidified Stanbury uniform sponsorship through the company he works for. with no personal compensation. Stanbury gives the uniforms/costumes for free.

In fact, when the CEO did not want to do business with the Cadets based on past experiences and the fact that the corps might not come out, he fully guaranteed any financial loss by Stanbury by paying for that loss with my commission, if need be. Thus, convincing the CEO to take the Cadets on.

Recruited board members to CAE and actively recruited the finance committee with people like the current treasurer, Martin Taylor, and Bill Loelius (Crown founding member and non-profit finance expert to keep a stern eye on all financial matters.

Actively recruited Jeff Sacktig (along with others), Matt Stratton (through Donnie VanDoren), and Jay Bocook to come back to the Cadets.

All being said, Eric Sabach has been and will be a lifelong supporter of the Cadets. For all these reasons, I am honored to fully stand by the nomination of Eric Sabach for the Cadets Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Thomas Maiello