

Why are you nominating/supporting this person?

Imagine my surprise at seeing Judy Tomko Ulchinsky's name on the Hall of Fame nomination list.

Let me explain and elaborate... I was surprised that Judy was not ALREADY a Cadet Hall of Fame member!

So I feel compelled, as a former Guard Captain as well, to write emphatically in support of Judy's nomination.

Judy has been, in all facets, one of the Cadet Leadership that I have always looked up to. I knew of her involvement and former role in the Corps when I marched. I have seen her on the field and on the Winter Guard floor in Cadet completion. I had much respect for her when she was one of the Color Guard Coordinators/Instructors in the last years that I marched. I followed in her footsteps by teaching the Cadet Guard myself, after age out and always appreciated her thoughtful creative process, her professionalism, and rapport with the marching members.

Our paths crossed numerous times after I became Guard Caption Head for the Dutch Boy Drum Corps and Judy Tomko adjudicated many shows as a Guard or Visual judge at the DCI level where we competed. We would have meaningful conversations, which were always impactful and informative at the Judges Critiques.

Eventually I became a Winter Guard/US Bands/DCI judge myself, and always enjoyed meeting up with Judy at shows. She probably never knew how much I appreciated her presence and legacy with the Cadets.

I know she has gone on to work for the USBands and YEA factions of the Cadets. How many of these nominees have been involved in so many pieces of the Organization?

So from one former Jersey girl to another, I offer my wholehearted support of Judy's nomination. And I also feel strongly about stating that Judy is one of the first women to pave

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the way for others in this male dominated activity... how fitting that she be from our Cadets!
How exciting for her to finally be recognized!

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