

LETTER OF SUPPORT - #2 – Legacy Category
John Liptak – Drum Instructor (1938-1950)

Dear Hall of Fame Committee:

The years 1948-49-50 will always be remembered as a truly unique and proud period in the history of the Cadets. These were the years when Holy Name became more than a corps . . . we became a legend; and Joe Huber with the support of John Liptak were the men who created the legend.

While Mr. Huber died prematurely and unexpectedly in the Spring of 1950, Mr. Liptak continued the push during the season with new Corps Manager William “Chief” Kemmerer, Sr., and helped the Corps take the historical 1950 transcontinental tour to Los Angeles, California to defend their American Legion National Title. The trip was quite successful and ended with a win at the national championship show, the first 3-peat in drum corps history (1948, 49 and 50), which was an unprecedented accomplishment at the time. The combination of Joe Huber and John Liptak proved to be a wonderful collaboration that helped to create and mold our traditional criteria of what it takes to be a Cadet.

It is my honor to support the nomination of Mr. John Liptak to the Cadets Hall of Fame class of 2022.

“For Holy Name Shall Always Be . . .”

Sincerely,

Tom Maiello

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