

NOMINATION LETTER – Legacy Category

John Liptak – Drum Instructor (1938-1950)

Dear Hall of Fame Committee:



This nomination letter is being submitted in three (3) parts. Together with the two (2) Letters of Support, they provide a narrative to tell the Joe Huber and John Liptak story. Supporting and research material have been taken from the Cadet archives, with excerpts written by Dave Shaw.

John Liptak began his career with the Holy Name Cadets around 1939, when then Corps Managers Eugene Boyle and Marinus Burgs brought him and Joe Huber into the Corps. John was our primary (and only) Drum Instructor and Joe Huber came in as our Bugle and Marching Instructor. Thus began a ten-year collaboration with Mr. Huber calling the shots and Mr. Liptak supporting him and the program throughout the years.

The team of Huber and Liptak as instructors had quickly proven to be a formidable asset for the Cadets during those initial years. As instructors tend to be, Mr. Huber and Mr. Liptak were far more competitive and demanding. It was under Mr. Huber, beginning in 1940, that the Cadets' reputation for demanding discipline was established. Mr. Huber was a perfectionist, and he demanded 100% effort 100% of the time. Mr. Liptak was just as demanding of the drum line. To the boys in the Corps, it seemed like Mr. Huber was everywhere and saw everything, and whatever may have missed his watchful eye was quickly picked up by Mr. Liptak. It proved to be a formula for success that would serve the Corps very well.

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

“For Holy Name Shall Always Be . . .”

Sincerely,

Dan Kocher

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