

Dear Cadet Hall of Fame Committee,

It is with great joy that I nominate Mrs. Anne Wildt to the Cadets Hall of Fame in the Classic category.

To say that Mrs. Wildt went above and beyond with her time and service to the corps would be an understatement. She spent eleven consecutive years as a volunteer. I had the pleasure of traveling with her for five of those years. In all of that time I never once saw her cross, impatient or speak an ill word to or about anyone, though on occasion I am sure it would have been justified.

She started as Quartermisterss to the original girl guard. While the boy's uniforms had snaps and hooks on them, Mrs. Wildt was left to use safety pins to keep the girls looking like proper Cadets and she never failed at the task. We never once wore our uniforms with even a thread out of place. She walked beside us in every parade and cheered us in every competition. We would have been completely lost without her.

In 1975, the corps added grocery shopper and food preparer to her list of duties. Can you imagine going grocery shopping and preparing food for 125 teenagers and a handful of adults? No one ever went hungry.

In the early years, the Cadets had fund raisers and Mrs. Wildt volunteered to help with these as well. From collecting donations, to setting up, to cleaning up for Tricky Trays and participating in door to door candy sales which involved getting orders and receiving and delivering the candy.

Each summer members of the Cadets would live at the Wildt's home. There were times that the members would have their own finances and other times the burden of feeding many teenagers fell to the Wildt's.

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In 1977 the family deli was sold and a large refrigerator and meat slicer was donated to the corps. Their very first food truck was born. Mrs. Wildt went from Quartermistress to kitchen manager.

I was eleven years old in 1969 when I first met Mrs. Wildt and 52 years later I still remember her with love, admiration and gratitude.

Please consider this most worthy nominee.

Patricia (Lovas) Trojanowski

1969 Original Girl Guard Member

1969-1975

P.S. I do believe that Mr. Wildt deserves an Honorable Mention since at that time in history Mrs. Wildt would have needed his consent to travel the country, have his home invaded by hungry teenagers every summer for eleven years and for his very generous donation of the refrigerator and slicer.

