

From: Bill Westdyk
Sent: June 30, 2021
To: Cadets Hall of Fame Nomination Committee
Subject: Hall of Fame Support Letter for Mr. Tony Bartello

Dear Committee:

It is my distinct honor and pleasure to forward this note in support of the above-mentioned nomination. Tony (Bart) Bartello and I have been friends since joining the Holy Name Cadets at age 13 and competing together for 5 years (I left early to join the Air Force). Bart continued on to lead the Corps to National Championship in 1957 in Atlantic City, an event I personally witnessed as a spectator. Our friendship has lasted for over 60 years, first as competing Cadets, then as fellow judges. Bart is also the godfather for one of my children and has been my business partner for over 35 years.

The tradition of Drum Corps has given us so much to value in our everyday lives, and Bart has lived that great experience. Committed to excellence in all he has done, he demonstrates optimistic leadership with sincerity and grace for all of us to emulate. The 1957 competing season in of itself was a model of his leadership. Under his guidance, the Corps converted a mediocre beginning into a National Championship.

Those of us who know Bart have been blessed with a life-long friend who “gets it”; always willing to help, guide and give of himself. How fortunate we are! I suspect that others will chronicle his history in great detail, I merely add my voice of support and I believe the existing members of the Hall of Fame will be gratified to have Bart join their prestigious ranks.

I respectfully request your consideration of this nomination to the Cadets Hall of Fame.

Regards, Bill Westdyk
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