

NOMINATION FOR JOHN HANNIGAN INTO THE CADETS HALL OF FAME (Contemporary Category)

I've known John Hannigan since 1973 when he first joined the Corps. John came to us with a few other members from the local Garfield Epoch's (the spin-off corps created with the separation of members from the Cadet Plebe organization). This was a difficult period for the Corps, and over the next few years we continued to grow our membership and improve the quality of our program to ultimately become a DCI Finalist in 1975. John quickly blended in with the Corps members, and through the years not only played soprano bugle and mellophone when in the line but was also the co-drum major with me in 1977 and then our solo major for 1978 and 1979. He received the distinguished recognition by Drum Corps World Magazine for being the Drum Major of the Year for 1978 and 1979. Not a bad junior corps career. I had fun working with John as co-drum major, and I'm pleased to say that we've maintained our friendship after all these years.

John went on to instruct our Corps in the visual caption and had an involvement with several DCA corps as either an instructor, administrator, or board member. These corps included the Bushwackers, Skyliners and Hurricanes. He even helped to organize a DCI-like circuit in the UK where he taught the UK Southern Knights (1988 DCUK Champions) and Poynton Commodores.

But back to our Corps – John has been involved with the Corps through the years, behind the scenes as a former board member, benefactor, volunteer, organizer of our first Cadets Phone-a-thon (the model that preceded the Maroon and Gold Campaign), and a behind-the-scenes organizer and underwriter of several Cadet celebrations.

While John does have an extensive list of drum corps accomplishments below, I am most grateful for his contributions to the Corps during some of our most difficult years. John does not walk away from a challenge, but attacks it head on. Recently, I've been working with him, and Cindi DeVivo, on our Homecoming Weekend events. I love the banter back and forth from the three of us, the point and counter-point discussions, and the ultimate resolution that develops. You see, when you love the Corps, **and do all things for the good of the Corps**, good things will follow.

I am honored to submit the nomination of John Hannigan to the Nominations Committee for consideration into the Cadets Hall of Fame class of 2021.

Sincerely,
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1967-1977

“For Holy Name Shall Always Be . . .”

JOHN HANNIGAN – Drum Corps Bio

PRE-CADETS

1973 - Garfield Epochs

CADET EXPERIENCE – (Member 1973-1979)

Joined Cadets in October 1973

1974 Soprano Bugle

1975-76 Mellophone

1976 Mellophone soloist

1977-79 Drum Major

1978 - Drum Corps World Magazine - selected Best DM of the Year.

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1978 - Organized and ran Cadets Military Ball.

1979 - Selected Cadet of the Year.

1980 - Cadets Visual Instructor

1984 - Introduced and organized the first Cadets Phone-a-thon Fundraiser.

Mid 1990's - YEA Board Member.

2018 - Organized and underwrote the Cadets Dave Shaw Celebration. (Raised \$14,000).

2019 - Organized and underwrote the Cadets Alumni Workshop in Newark, NJ.

2019 - Organized and underwrote the Cadets 85th Anniversary Homecoming Weekend. (Raised \$23,000).

2021 - Initiated and helped organize the Cadets 87th Anniversary Homecoming Weekend.

DCA EXPERIENCE

1982 - 1986 Bushwackers Visual Caption Head

1986 - Bushwackers win DCA Championship

1990's - Taught the Bushwackers, Skyliners, and Hurricanes.

Late 1990's - Hurricanes Board Member.

2000's. - Visual Instructor for the Hurricanes and Bushwackers

2012-2015 - Bushwackers Chairman of the Board.

2015 - Inducted into the Bushwackers Hall of Fame.

EUROPEAN EXPERIENCE

1987 - 1989 - UK Southern Knights Visual Caption Head and Show Designer.

1988 - Southern Knights win DCUK Championship

1989 - Visual Instructor - Poynton Commodores.

1988 - organized a drum corps clinic in England. Included Zingali, Sylvester, Twiggs, Hannum, and others.

1991 - taught the UK's Southern Knights during their DCA tour.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

2015 - Inducted into the Bushwackers Hall of Fame.

2017 - inducted into the New Jersey Drum Corps Hall of Fame.