

May this serve as a letter of support for John Hannigan to enter into the Cadet Hall of Fame.

I have known John for over 30 years, in fact he tells me, I am the reason he joined the Cadets, so this is kind of personal. As most of you know, John was drum major in the late 70s and is most famous for his photo taken when the corps could not sing amen due to an impending penalty, so the audience was very happy to help out, with John's encouragement.

John stayed active in drum corps since his age out years and was actively involved with the Bushwackers senior corps, both teaching as well as admin.

Several years ago, John decided to go full speed in supporting The Cadets. He has been a central figure in almost anything alumni. His involvement in the 85<sup>th</sup> Celebration as well as our upcoming event this October is unparalleled. He is on the phone most everyday with Cindi DeVivo, creating, planning and most importantly, executing the many details for these events to make them happen. He Does everything, from finding the venue, negotiation the price, picking the menu, finding a hotel and meeting rooms, and the list goes on forever. His commitment and dedication is something we have all benefitted from, but only a handful of people know of it. Keep in mind, this is all voluntary and he doesn't ever complain about the time invested.

He is also actively involved in the social media side of things. He was fortunate to be a close friend of Dave Shaw and as result, he has taken on the responsibility of sharing the many photos and stories of our glorious past with all of us on the alumni Facebook page.

There are many more things John has done as a great alum, but this should give you a pretty good idea, why I have chosen to support him.

Respectfully,

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