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NOMINEE
Marc Whitlock

TO: The Hall of Fame Committee Chairperson,

It is with great respect and gratitude that I write this letter in support of Marc Whitlock's nomination to the Cadets Hall of Fame.

Marc was my tuba tech and the person responsible for brass breathing during my rookie season in 1994. This was a challenging season for me. As a 16 year old, I was the subject of a lot of tough love in visual from Dave Roulier. Marc was the perfect counter balance. He was encouraging, motivating, professional, and incredibly knowledgeable in his craft. I became a fan of Marc Whitlock right away.

Now that Marc and I are colleagues, I can see that the breadth of his impact stretches much further. As an instructor with Star of Indiana, Cadets, Blast, and several successful band programs, Marc has touched countless lives.

His work as chief judge in WGI winds helped to propel that into a viable artistic outlet for programs within the marching arts. Marc is in demand as a clinician, adjudicator, and instructor in our activity.

Since the time Marc marched in the 1987 Cadets, his heart as never left the organization. He has been a member or consultant on the brass staff, off and on from 1994 to the present. In our recent tough times, Marc was in the thick of making sure that the Cadets will ALWAYS be. In particular his work as program coordinator for the 2020 program yielded some tremendous positives that will hold and propel the organization forward.

In short, Marc is a master teacher, a motivator, and a terrific model of our profession. He is a Cadet through and through. He will ALWAYS be there for this corps.

He deserves to be in the Hall of Fame and I hope you strongly consider his nomination from Donnie VanDoren. I would not be the person I am, the Cadet I am, nor the professional I am, without Marc Whitlock's impact on my life.

Respectfully Submitted,

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A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Matthew C. Stutter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "M".

Cadet Alum - 1994,96,97

Brass Caption Manager 2000-present.