

June 26, 2021

Dear Cadet's Hall of Fame Committee,

Re; Hall of Fame Nominee Mr. Robert Peterson.

It is an extreme honor to write this letter of support for Bob Peterson. I had the privilege of observing Bob in action with the Holy Name and Garfield Cadets in the 1950's. He brought to the table a level of drumming excellence that not many in New Jersey had ever seen before. His speed was incredible and we would watch him in awe as he warmed up with hands flashing at a blur.

At that time New Jersey was the hot bed of drum corps and Bob's skill set the bar for all other drummers to follow. At an individual contest in Newark one winter night it was his turn on stage. He started with a slow roll and worked his way up to a speed that was so fast there was no way to describe it. A few other drummers sitting near by just threw up their hands saying there is no way to top that performance and withdrew from the competition.

Bob was the sergeant of the drumline and demanded the ultimate in dedication and preparation. His leadership was much like our drum major, Anthony Bartello, who also required total commitment and in return his drumline received liberties and much enjoyment.

Above all in true Cadet tradition Bob was a gentleman and carried himself with pride, dignity and respect. He was the perfect Cadet and for those reasons he deserves entry into the Cadet's Hall of Fame.

George King

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