

# THE BLUE DEVILS

## “Devil’s Pride”

Booster Club

March 2007

### MARCH 9 – CAMP #3

Camp weather report: Great. Of course, we tried to convince our visiting parents, etc. that this is the way California normally is. Not sure if we were successful or not. At this time of year, however, the Concord area is usually pretty much surrounded with green hills and, of course, Mt. Diablo. Almost without exception, visitors and new members comment on how pretty the area is. Nonetheless, the weekend was pretty spectacular for camp. A few of the members wound up with slight sunburns. That’s it for the camp weather report!

What we got to see at Sunday’s drill and ensemble were very interesting. All we heard of the music was “Pegasus.” So far the Corps has learned about 4-1/2 minutes of the show. We did ask Dave about this year’s theme and show title at the last Booster Club meeting. Dave indicated that at this time the staff is still in the process of making changes and they really don’t want to commit the show to something that may be changing. In other words, we still don’t have a clue as to what all the music and the title will be. We did learn that the show *might* involve something to the effect of going from evil to good. There will probably be varying versions of “Pegasus” that will sound much different than what we saw/heard in 1982. Quite possibly we will have a full guard with the “wings” rather than the original 8. The entire guard had varying colors of wings in 1983 and it was quite an impressive sight. Wish we could give you more information, but that’s all we know ourselves.

According to the published roster as of now:

2007 Brass Breakdown:	Trumpets	24	Mellophones	12	Baritones	8
(To be on the field)	Euphoniums	16	Tubas	10	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70</b>
2007 Percussion:	Bass Drum	5	Snares	8	Tenors	4
	Pit	9			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>
2007 Guard:	34		Drum Majors:	2	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>132</b>

(There will be a floating number of alternates this year, so the total numbers are subject to change...and most likely will! Total marching members allowed on the field: 135.)

As has been our tradition, the Saturday breakfast was sponsored by your Booster Club. Again, many thanks to the wonderful members of the Booster Club and visitors for providing some excellent meals during the camp weekend. There is no reason for anyone to go hungry while at a Blue Devil camp, that’s for sure.

**CAMP #4:** The March 30 - April 1 camp will be for the brass sections only as most of the percussion members are involved with percussion competitions. If you are in the area, come on down, we can always use the extra help. Saturday: Breakfast, sack lunch, dinner. Sunday: Breakfast, sack lunch.

**“B” CORPS CIOPPINO DINNER:** Once again this fantastic group outdid themselves. Everyone in attendance appeared to be having a wonderful time greeting old friends and meeting new ones. There were people there from the very beginning of the Blue Devils up to the present time. Our servers (“B” Corps members) made sure we did not want for anything. Once the music started, it was very difficult not to be bouncing around to the beat!! In other words, it was one fun-filled evening. We have already put our order in for next year!

**SILENT AUCTION ACTIVITY:** We are still after items to offer at our Silent Auction to be held during our Grand Gala to be held August 3 (night before the Regionals at the new Stanford Stadium). If you need information on how you can help, please be sure to contact Booster Club Vice President Yvonne Moss at [yjmsounding@sbcglobal.net](mailto:yjmsounding@sbcglobal.net). Thank you! (Trivia: The Blue Devils are the very first (and maybe one of the very few if not the only) organization to be allowed to use the new Stadium.) A lot of work is going into making the Grand Gala something special that you won't want to miss. If you are in the area, don't forget there is a block of rooms set aside at the Sheraton in Palo Alto for August 3 and 4 (\$109/night) for people attending a Blue Devil function.

**2007 COUNTDOWN – April 26:** This will be DCI's third annual historically based “Classic Countdown.” This year's program will feature eight corps as selected by drum corps fans in a voting process that took place on the DCI site last February. Be sure to check the DCI web site for a theater close to you. Right now there are 232 theaters participating. Tickets for the 2007 “Classic Countdown” will be \$12.50 and went on sale at most theater locations on March 26. If you want more information regarding tickets, check out [www.fathomevents.com](http://www.fathomevents.com).

**DCI INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:** “These exceptional opportunities will provide motivated candidates with outstanding real-world experience in a variety of exciting disciplines. Interns will work side-by-side with an experienced group of dedicated professionals in a fast-paced, dynamic and fun setting which celebrates the achievement of excellence in the performing arts and in life.” There is a requirement of a minimum of one year of college coursework or related experience, or as otherwise noted on individual positions. Internships are, of course, non-paid positions. If you, or someone you know, might be interested, check out the DCI site for the various openings. Submittals should include a cover letter and resume sent via e-mail to [internship@dci.org](mailto:internship@dci.org), subject line: 2007 Drum Corps International Internships.

### **HERE AND THERE:**

**VELVET KNIGHTS** are scheduled to perform the “Star Spangled Banner” at the Staples Center before the nationally televised LA Avengers vs. the Arizona Rattlers game on Saturday, May 12. This is their first performance of the year and we hope to hear more coming from this great group. The drum corps activity was lots of fun when we could always wonder what corps such as VK and the Bridgemen were going to do next! Both corps were not only fun to watch, but also very good musically.

Notice on the BD Forum: Lemon Bay High School in Englewood, FL is looking for someone (preferably a current or former BD member) to teach their new guard this fall. If you know of anyone who might be interested, the contact is Shane Ainsworth – (941) 474-7702 work – 627-2254 home – 351-7396 cell – [shanapri.geo@yahoo.com](mailto:shanapri.geo@yahoo.com).

**ACADEMY** 's Independent Winter Guard took first place in prelim and final competition at the WGI Regional held at Mesquite High School with a final score of 85.6. Congratulations! We are looking forward to seeing Academy as a Division I Corps this year. They were fantastic as a Division II Corps. (Understand they also have quite a number of former Blue Devils as instructors!)

**TROOPERS** of Casper, WY announced their new Director is Fred Morris. This is exciting news to drum corps fans as it means the Troopers will be back on the field again. According to Mr. Morris, "Troopers look forward to entertaining at a stadium near you. We're definitely back to stay for at least an additional 50 years." Welcome back, Troopers!

**Finger Lakes Chapter of Bugles Across America** is looking for brass players to participate in an event on May 19 (Armed Forces Day) to honor our men and women in the services at National, State Veterans and cemeteries overseas. They are also encouraging brass players to contact their local Department of Veterans Affairs to volunteer their services to play Taps for a veteran. [Echotaps2@wmconnect.com](mailto:Echotaps2@wmconnect.com).

In addition to his role as the BD Program Coordinator and guard instructor, our own **SCOTT CHANDLER** has joined with Michael Cesario and Design Studios of Fred J. Miller, Inc. Scott's "Chandler Collection" of innovative stretchwear is popular with guards and dancers across the U.S. The Blue Devils and FJM first got together in 1995 and together they have developed the "Blue Devil look" and created our signature "Blue Devil Blue" color. We think Scott is a master at everything he does, so this comes as no surprise to us. With our guard instructors, we are certainly looking forward to seeing the 2007 Blue Devil Guard in action.

**"TUGS"** - It has come to our attention that many new people in the Blue Devil family are not aware of who/what we are talking about when we mention "Tugs." To go back into history: This was a sort of mascot that was around for many, many years (much like the little imp that is on many of our promotion items). "Tugs" always stood proudly in his uniform with both arms stretched upward and giving the "thumbs up" sign – all is well. As the final notes were played when the Corps finished their performance at DCI Finals, each and every member took this stance, raising their arms (with instruments) high and giving the thumbs up sign. You will note that in the picture, the members showed they were after the #1 position – which they got that year! This is one of the traditions that have gone by the wayside over the years...and we, personally, wish Mr. Tugs would make a reappearance!

**MEMBERSHIP** – We have a few members we have not heard from. Since we just know this must have just skipped their minds, we are enclosing a renewal form with this month's newsletter. To those who have sent in their membership dues, thank you very much, and please disregard the sheet. To those who have not sent in their dues (\$20 for the year per family), here is your chance to get back on the roster. Katie is waiting to hear from you. To our new members: Welcome to the Blue Devil "A" Corps family!

### **Our next Booster Club Meeting**

**TUESDAY – April 3, 2007**  
**I-HOP Restaurant – Martinez, CA**

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

#### **2007 Booster Club Officers**

President	Mary Cloyd
Vice President	Yvonne Moss
Secretary/Treasurer	Sonja Williams
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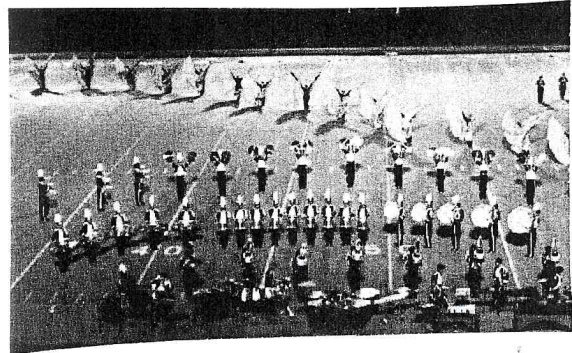
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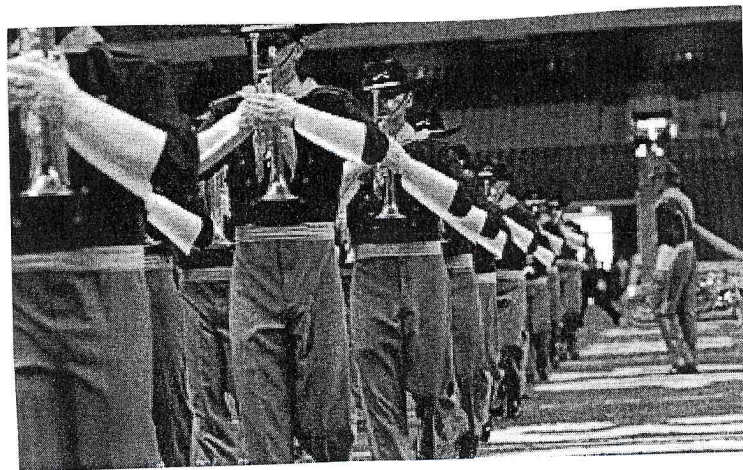
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"We're #1" -- And we were!!



Wings



Troopers



**Blue Devils "A" Corps Booster Club Membership Application  
2007 Season (January – December, 2007)**

**Circle One:** New Member(s)    Renewal

**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax** \_\_\_\_\_

**e-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Corps member and relationship** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year(s) of corps member participation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other corps affiliation (e.g. instructor, former member)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments/suggestions:** \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is membership fee of \$20 per family.

Please mail this application and your check payable to Blue Devils Booster Club to:

Katie Wills  
Blue Devils Booster Club Membership Chair  
1036 Bermuda Drive  
Concord, CA 94518