



BLUE DEVILS

“DEVIL’S PRIDE”

Booster Club Newsletter - June 2010

STATISTICS ON THE 2010 CORPS

Here is what we know right now. We have representatives from 18 U.S. states, Canada and Japan. *(albeit we are still having some changes in the sections and are waiting for about 3 new members in the guard)*

WHERE THEY COME FROM

- 1 = CO-MA, NC, NE, NJ, NV, NY, OH, PA, VA
- 2 = IL, WA
- 6 = FL, IN, OR
- 12 = AZ
- 14 = TX
- 82- CA

- 1 - Canada
- 5 - Japan

AGE OUTS (40)

- 1 Drum Major (Brian Howard)
- 3 Bass Drums, 4 Euphoniums, 11 Guard, 3 Mellophones, 2 Pit, 4 Snares, 2 Tenors, 6 Trumpets and 4 Tubas

YEARS

- 11x 1 year, 7x 2 years, 12x 3 years, 7x 4 years, 3x 5 years

The **AVERAGE AGE** in the A Corps is between 19 and 20 (closer to 20)

MEMORIAL DAY CAMP

This year our Memorial Day camp was held at Diablo Valley College rather than at Mars.

While it was great having the field for practice, we were a bit disappointed we were not able to have the joint lunch with members of the “B” Corps as we have done in the past.



We still did not have a full Corps in attendance; school and finances have taken a great toll on our camp attendance.

The weather was great, the kids were great and the Devil’s Food crew didn’t have time to sit down and was busy fixing food – food – food.

Amazing just how much these young people can eat! We would classify the 2010 Memorial Day camp as a success.



MARS REHEARSALS

Even though the evenings at Mars have been a bit on the cold side, we have thoroughly enjoyed watching the progression of the show and couldn't wait for Family Day on June 20 to see the Corps in uniform.



We had heard various rumors of what changes may be made in the Corps uniform and how colorful the guard uniforms will be. We personally have NO idea of what to expect, and that makes it just a little bit more exciting and intriguing.

We've been able to listen to the "B" Corps while at Mars, but we have not had the opportunity to watch any of their rehearsals. All we know is if they march anything like they sound – WOW!! They are sounding Terrific – with the capital T!!

FAMILY DAY



What a great day this was! It was absolutely wonderful to see all three our corps at work! We especially enjoyed the exercises and warm-ups the hornlines and drumlines played together.



Photo: Anne-Marie Starck

The color guard unfortunately did not present their new uniforms yet, but we will definitely see those at the Stanford show.



Photo: Jolesch

The corps group photos and individual shots were taken by Jolesch as usual. They are already available for order on www.jolesch.com

Guest corps at the Family Day performance were Santa Clara Vanguard and SCV Cadets and the Renegades. Well done everyone!

BOOSTER CLUB STEAK BBQ:

For the past several years, the Booster Club has put on an "all you can eat" steak BBQ for the members. Once again we are very appreciative of the hard work by Jim Serena for making sure this event happened and send thanks to everyone who showed up to help.



The menu consisted of fantastic "Blue Devil" steaks from Fritz's Meats, beans, potato salad,



Caesar salad, green salad, fruit salad and desserts galore from our Booster Club members.

We kidded Jim to make sure everything got to Mars on time as last year the meat shop crew totally forgot about us and Jim had to track them down to get the entire crew back to the store to get the steaks cooked! Jim made sure this did not happen again this year and we thank him.



AND MORE EATS

A big thank you to Pete Emmons for making sure the Corps was treated to a great spaghetti dinner recently. As the Blue Devils do not normally provide meals during the all-day rehearsals, having a great hot meal is a very welcome treat.

Sandy Gist did a great job getting all the spaghetti, sauce, etc. ready even when the dinner was put up an hour earlier. Nothing flusters Sandy, and this is one of the traits that make her so valuable.

Thank you to those who helped: Gail, Norma, Kaffy, Mary, Yvonne and especially the 2 Bills who did the majority of the heavy lifting – those big pans of spaghetti are **HEAVY**

A FEW THANK YOUS

We do have a few people to have more or less adopted several kids and they will periodically fix dinners for them and help take care of things when need be. To these people we say thank you for your love and generosity to the Blue Devil members.

We also appreciate the people who have opened their homes to many of the Corps members. Housing the kids can be extremely rewarding and tons of fun. Most often the mix is of various nationalities, socio-economic levels and cultures.

Another perk is the fact that a good deal of the time you get to meet the families from all over the United States and possibly abroad. This particular aspect has been personally one of the things we have valued.



AFTER FINALS BRUNCH

If you think you might be interested in joining us in Indianapolis for the "After Finals Brunch," please be sure to make your prepaid reservation by August 5. Checks made payable to Blue Devils may be forwarded to Sonja Williams – P. O. Box 4184 – Walnut Creek, CA.

Any questions may be referred to williamssonjab@hotmail.com (be sure to indicate Blue Devils in the subject line) or by calling (925) 683-1598. After August 4, please call the telephone number as Sonja plans to be joining the Corps.

The brunch will be held at the Omni Hotel in Indianapolis. The time is approximately 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the cost is \$35/each. Attire for the event: Comfort and casual.



SYSTEM BLUE – The Blue Devils' System Blue is taking off like wildfire.

There are quite a number of organizations and companies that BD SB will be partnering with in its quest to bring quality merchandise to the music activity.

System Blue is also instrumental in conducting clinics throughout the United States with world-class instructors.

Please check out the Blue Devil web site to learn more about the various events that are happening.



MEDIABOX

The Blue Devils are proud to announce the new **Mediabox** -- the hub of all the Blue Devils media content from 1971-today!

VIDEOS, AUDIO, PHOTO ALBUMS & BD BLOG: Fans and corps members post their experiences/photos/videos.

Much content is available for free. A subscription will however give you full access to the entire media archive.

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Visit the Mediabox either at <http://bluedevils.org/mediabox> or get the new **BD iPhone app NOW** and follow the BD on your Iphone, Ipod and Ipad with Scores, Schedules, News and all the Mediabox content!

MAIL STOPS

A copy of the 2010 Mail Stop list is included with this month's newsletter. As we mentioned before, receiving mail while on tour is such a welcomed thing. Even if you don't have anyone in the Corps, please consider just dropping a note (or a small care package if you so choose) to a favorite member, section or the entire Corps.

We do want to point out that the Fairfax, VA mail stop is still in the tentative stage at this point in time – little housing glitch. Also, please allow ample time for any correspondence to reach a mail stop or it could possibly go to every mail stop and then wind up back in Concord.

DATES	POST OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS
Thursday-Friday July 8-9	Brighton Post Office 90 North 4 th Avenue Brighton, CO 80601-9998
Thursday-Friday July 15-16	Woodbury Post Office 7595 Currell Boulevard Woodbury, MN 55128-9998
Wednesday- Thursday July 21-22	Little Elm Post Office 1012 W. Eldorado Parkway Little Elm, TX 75068-9998
Thursday-Friday July 29-30	Church Street Post Office 825 South Church Street Murfreesboro, TN 37130-9998
Wednesday- Thursday August 4-5 TENTATIVE	Fairfax Post Office 10660 Page Avenue Fairfax, VA 22030-9998
Wednesday-Friday August 11-13	Carmel Post Office 275 Medical Drive Carmel, IN 46032
Mail not reaching the Post Office in Carmel in time will be forwarded to	BLUE DEVIL HALL 4065 Nelson Avenue Concord, CA 94520

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

Please check the Blue Devils site for the listing of the upcoming performances. Go to Programs, "A" Corps, Calendar.

To get additional information and to see which corps will be performing in the various shows, go to the DCI.org – Schedule – from there you can click on the show you are interested in.

FIRST SCORES

6/25/2010 - Clovis, CA (DCI)

World class	
Blue Devils, Concord, CA	77.500
Santa Clara Vanguard, Santa Clara, CA	75.300
Blue Knights, Denver, CO	70.800
Troopers, Casper, WY	67.300
Pacific Crest, Diamond Bar, CA	64.600
Mandarins, Sacramento, CA	63.900
Open class	
Blue Devils B, Concord, CA	70.000

SCV Cadets, Santa Clara, CA	67.500
Revolution, San Antonio, TX	63.600
Blue Devils C, Concord, CA	50.000

6/26/2010 | Stanford, CA (DCI)

World class

Blue Devils, Concord, CA	78.650
Santa Clara Vanguard, Santa Clara, CA	77.100
Blue Knights, Denver, CO	73.100
Troopers, Casper, WY	69.000
Pacific Crest, Diamond Bar, CA	66.500
Mandarins, Sacramento, CA	64.500

Open class

Blue Devils B, Concord, CA	72.850
SCV Cadets, Santa Clara, CA	69.500
Revolution, San Antonio, TX	66.250
Blue Devils C, Concord, CA	52.150

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 6

**I-HOP Restaurant
Martinez, CA**

7:00 P.M.

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