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# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



NATIONAL CONVENTION V.F.W.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, it has become necessary to change the format of the National contests slightly to meet these conditions.

Due notice is hereby given, that the Drill Team contests originally slated for Tuesday August 17th, will be moved up to Monday, August 16th.

Corps Inspection, Individuals and Quartets, Color Guards originally slated for Monday, August 16th, will be on Tuesday August 17th.

Unattached Color Guards, solely entered in that contest may be required to appear on Monday the 16th, as well as Individuals in the Bugles and Drum contest - the number of entries will determine the order of appearance at the representatives meetings which remain the same as stated in the rules.

Soldiers Field will be the site of the Million Dollar Pageant of Drums - all other contests and corps prelim's will take place in Hansen Park Stadium, located on the Northwest Side of Chicago and it is hoped that Grant Park Band shell will be available for the Band contests. This has not been confirmed at this date.

In addition to the above facilities, the Prosser Vocational School at Hansen Park will have available rooms for changing purposes - practice fields surrounding this school will be available for the units.

Efforts at this time are being made to have the Chicago Board of Education to open up the Prosser High cafeteria to serve lunches, there are other available quick snack places close by.

**HOUSING:** The local housing chairman in charge of Musical and uniformed groups is Mr. Arthur Muller, 6314 S. Hoyne Ave. Chicago, Ill. 60636, or address same to the 66th National Convention Corporation, Conrad Hilton Hotel, 720 S. Michigan Ave. Chicago, Ill. 60605. There should be plenty of housing available in Chicago, with planned housing at O'Hare barracks, University of Northwestern, Edgewater Beach Hotel for a few besides the many facilities of the smaller hotels in the loop and outlying districts. The Illinois Chapter of the All American thru the Chapter Commander, Edward F. Kmiec, 4622 N. Kostner Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60630 can help in dormitory style housing.

Chicago invites you to the V.F.W. National Contests - the units in and around Chicago will no doubt have open house for the many units that will come there - the friendliness and the desire of these units to make you welcome will be the highlight of your trip to the Windy City.

Remember - July 24th, is the deadline for entries - please send in all entries at one time.

Entry forms for the above contests are available thru the Department Adjutant of

## North-West Omnibus

On March 30, Harold Dillon, organizer of the American Legions National contests, was here in Portland. He was selecting the fields, halls, etc., for the Legions various contests to be held during the National convention.

During his tour of Portland he held a meeting at a local motel with an audience of some corps members from the Portland area, a few instructors, managers, legionnaires, and Frank Arsenaault.

The meeting itself was a brief summary of the coming Nationals with a question-answer type procedure. Subjects like how to improve corps, how to gain support, and how to win the battle against the band instructors were also thrown in occasionally.

Mr. Dillon said the corps prelims will be held at West Moreland park on Aug. 22, and the finals the 23 at Multnomah Stadium, both in Portland (official dates and times can be found later in the legions notices).

The contest will probably have a prelim of 20 to 25 corps, mostly from California, Oregon, and Washington. Mr. Dillon said that Garfield, the Hawthorne Muchachos, and the Hawthorne Caballeros are definitely planning to come, and that a few Midwest corps like the Royal Airs are possibilities.

A few junior corps on the west coast and possibly elsewhere will be disappointed to find that the finals will consist of 5 junior, and 5 senior corps. This will eliminate many western corps from the finals, especially if very many good corps show up from the East and Midwest.

the V.F.W. in your particular state, or thru the Department Contest Director, members of the V.F.W. National Bands & D.C. Comm. or direct from this office.

Russell H. Kampe, 2909 Pinehurst Ave. Racine, Wisconsin, Dept of Wisconsin Contest Committee, has been appointed a member of the National Bands and D.C. Comm. effective at once. ... See you in Chicago?

Sincerely

A. J. Schlechta, Chr.  
Nat'l Bands & Drum  
Corps Comm, VFW

## Midwest Senior Association News

The Midwest will crown its own senior Champion during a 3-day contest weekend Sept. 4, 5 and 6 at Racine's Horlick Field.

The first annual championship of the Midwest Senior Drum and bugle corps Association will be decided between the Men of Brass (Skokie & McHenry, Ill.), Kenosha Kingsmen, Boys of '76, Flint Skylarks, Vanguards (St. Claire Shores, Mich.), Hamm's Indians, St. Peter (Minn.) Govenaires, Minneapolis Toreadors, Spirit of St. Louis, Maumee Demons, and the Fairborn, Ohio, Golden Lancers.

The new association's flag, a red, white and blue banner with the outlines of member corps' states, will be carried by the winner during the 1966 season. It's hoped the new flag will be ready for the first Association contest, the Kingsmen's Concourse of Champions Memorial Day at Kenosha. Host Corps will carry the Association flag during the 1965 season.

Plans for the Association championship contest were completed at Chicago April 10, at the first general membership meeting since the group was formed last Oct.

Association shows will be held at Kenosha, Plymouth, Wis., Flint, Minneapolis, St. Peter, Racine, McHenry, Maumee, Dayton, and St. Claire Shores during the summer.

The Association's first major test will be June 5 at Maumee, when the Kingsmen, Men of Brass, Skylarks, and Golden Lancers meet the Pittsburgh Rockets. The following Saturday, June 12, will bring the Kingsmen, M.O.B., Spirit of St. Louis, and Hamm's Indians together at the Plymouth Cheese Festival.

Every corps in the Association will see action July 10, with the Skylark's contest in Flint and the Toreadors' show in Minn.

"It looks as though the MSA's first season will be a big success," said Chairman "Pep" Steed (Men of Brass).

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## Capital City Beat

by Jeannette L. Mundstock

Madison has done it again--put on the biggest Spring Spectable, March 27, in its history. The Racine Explorer Scouts carried off the Hanks Memorial Trophy in a "Photo-finish" with the Phantom Regiment of Rockford. The regiment was the 1st winner of the trophy last year. The Monona Grove cafeteria was jammed for two hours with spectators and contestants taking advantage of the big bargain steak dinner served by the MADISON SCOUTS parents group. The evening show was held at the same early hour but was run a little differently this year with only small corps competing. The Berlin Golden Eagles finished with a - 100 score and left the field amid loud applause. The complete MADISON CORPS previewed their 1965 Boy Scout corps by John Theusen. It looks like a good year for both Madison corps. The Badgerland Tabulators, led by Anne Mixdorf, Adjutant, did a fine job, and it was an extremely long day for them, as well as for the judges. They deserve our thanks. Clinics and Badgerland meetings were the order of the day on Sunday, the 28.

The Madison Scouts were busy on Monday afternoon as well. They furnished the music at the ground breaking for the new Dane County Coliseum to be erected at the Fairgrounds. They were excused from classes, but after the ceremony put in a long two hour practice session in the arena. Practices will be moved outside as soon as weather permits, and then the summer season will not be far away.

The Madison Scouts Hi-Lites is celebrating its 5th birthday, with an anniversary issue.

Jeannette Mundstock

## BEAVER STATE BEAT



Question: Will the Pendleton Senior Drum corps stay together long enough for the competition season to come around? Answer: Nobody seems to know. There has been quite a hassle over this question the past few weeks. All we can do is wish them the best of luck. Who's Who?? Hard telling anymore. Everyone is working like a dog to get ready for the coming performances. The Lancers of Portland and the Flamigos of Salem still say the light is green for their merger. Speaking of the Lancers, You have just GOT to see their drum major. He is one of Bruce Plumb's boys and must stand all of 4 feet 5 inches tall. There's no problem hearing him, though. Jeri McNutt of the Lancers has been doing some recruiting lately. She has been working on Roger Allen of Pendleton to join the Lancers.

The Hawks of Portland have recently received a new set of drums I understand. At least that's what I'm told by a few of my informers. The Falcons of Athena change over in command. Mr. Lyle

of Athena is the new director. Howard White, Bob Zerba, Hugh Gilliland, Beverly Tillman, Eddy Meguez, and a few others are on the corps commission. Right now we are wondering if we are going to have enough players for instruments. Things ain't so pretty good.

You Beatle fans out there will be happy to know that the Portland Collisium people have cancelled the Beatles and decided to let the American Legion have the National Drum Corps competition there instead. Yeah Yeah Yeah, ...Ha ha ha...

That's it for now. Maybe I'll be back next month if there's something to write ..

## PATOMIC REFLECTIONS

The Reading Buccaneers, of greater Reading Pa. sponsored a real swinging affair. March 27, was the date. It's to bad that more corps don't look into the possibilities for this type of winter fill in. The theatre was packed, and the reaction of the audience was very rewarding. The Bucs and the Rebs. are to be complemented for their professional approach to an amateur production. The corps both proved that they are ready for the coming season, as far as music is concerned.

Word from Canada today confirms rumors I had heard about a formation of a new Senior corps. The corps is being formed from the nucleus of the late Vics drum corps from Montreal. They have lined up an impressive array of instructors for the corps, and I must say that if these men don't make a top flight corps out of this group, then none can. Hy Dreitzer, musical arranger. Bill Hooton, M & M John Flowers on drums. For information concerning the corps contact the Bus Mgr. Rene Clement, 5291 Ste. Clothilde St. Montreal, Quebec.

For those fans of the Rebels that live in the New England area, the Rebels will be in your section of the country on the following dates. June 5th New Haven Conn. July 3rd Bridgeport Conn., July 31st Waterbury, Conn., and on Sept 11th at Milford, Conn. We will also appear at the following contests. May 29th Allentown, Pa. July 10th, Hershey, Pa., July 17th, Pittsburg, Pa. Aug 7th Waverly N.Y. Aug. 14, Reading.

The biggest news with the DCA corps is the signing of the Reilly Raiders, Sunrisers, and Norman Prince. The aforementioned corps will not, and I emphasize, will not be in any of the 65 shows because of previous contracts, but they will be competing with the DCA corps in the 66 season. This brings the total of Senior corps to 12, perhaps the critics of the DCA, will have to eat their words yet? Remember to speak a kind word about someone, it will bounce back and hit you everytime. Boost your corps, and practice. Write.

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