## 1975 -- A year of change for Pacific Northwest drum corps

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rom the close of the 1974 season to The end of 1975, there was a period of metamorphosis for several Pacific Northwest drum corps. The following is a brief recap of those happenings.

The Seattle, WA, Shamrocks (below) and the Bellevue, WA, Sentinels month closed up shop at the end of 1974



and re-emerged together as the Seattle-based Marksmen (below) in 1975. Their last field show was in 1976. The demise? Financial. They lost their bingo license and couldn't raise enough funds to keep the corps running.

The Royal Lancers (below) from Portland. OR, and the **Portland Hawks** shorton right also closed their doors at the end of 1974, joined forces and re-emerged as the 3rd Regiment (bottom left) in 1975. They continued through the end of the 1978 season.

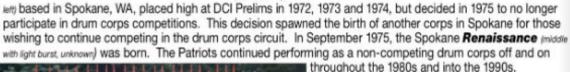


The 1974 Salem, OR, Flamingos (top) left on next page) morphed into the Salem Argonauts (top right on next page) in 1975. Their post-1974 success led to two highlevel appearances at DCI in 1976 and 1977. They ran into financial issues and did not field a corps in 1978 or 1979, re-emerging to take the field again in 1980. They



reappeared in DCI competitions in 1984, 1985 and 1987. Their last vear to field a corps was 1987. The

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And the last corps on this list is the Tri-Cities Columbians (left) from Pasco, WA. They didn't merge or rename themselves during the winter of 1974-1975, but instead, the corps folded at the end of the 1975 season. This corps had a rather long run since its inception in 1955. [Editor's note: the current Columbians (bottom left) restarted in 2012 and have fielded large corps each year through

2019 and is still in existence through the COVID pandemic, but have competed in only a few regional shows, not yet traveling to DCI in Indianapolis. Their appearance in 1973 at Whitewater, WI, included playing all the corps back onto the field for the full

retreat.) Bia happenings in the Pacific Northwest drum corps scene in 1975. Seven corps distilled to

Long live the drum corps activity!



three, with one newborn.



Current DCI corps: (above) Seattle Cascades. 1975; (far left) Columbians. 2019 (Donny Helvev); (left) Seattle Cascades.

