

“Pass in Review” in the Pacific Northwest

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The provocation of this article is the “Pass in Review” photo taken on July 5, 1969 at the “Sound Off ‘69” show at Madison High School in Portland, OR. This was the Hawks’ (Portland, OR, below) home show and the same field used for the 1965 American Legion Nationals Prelims.

In the bottom photo, right to left: Shamrocks (Seattle, WA), Sentinels (Bellevue, WA), Royal Lancers (Portland, OR), Flamingos (Salem, OR), Imperial Cadets (Portland, OR), Cascade Cadets (Seattle, WA), Titans (Bremerton, WA, in white) and the Guardsmen (Bellevue, WA).

Not shown in the photo: the Hawks of Portland, OR, or the

Golden Skyliners of Great Falls, MT).

The Hawks were probably on the 50-yard line playing a cadence for the “Pass in Review.”

Our recollection of the “Pass in Review” is that all corps lined up outside the stadium on the track, with each corps in single file formation, except for the host corps that was set up on the 50-yard-line.

The host corps would play a cadence and the rest of the corps would enter the stadium at the back of the field and march around the track one time (depending on the stadium).

As they approached their designated yard line after their lap, they’d peel-off into a parade formation on the field. The rest of the retreat ritual is the same as we all know and love.

Show results: Shamrocks, first place A-Division; Cascade Cadets, first place B-Division; Golden Skyliners, first place C-Division.

The “Pass in Review” is military of origin where the troops in formation march by the commanding officers and dignitaries for their inspection and approval. Since drum corps is an outgrowth of the American Legion (to an extent), the Legion carried this practice over and applied it to drum corps. This is the same basic principle as marching by the reviewing stand in a parade, where the judges take the place of the commanding officer(s).

In the Pacific Northwest, “Pass in Review” was used sporadically in the 1960s. It was phased out completely by the early 1970s. Out of the hundreds of photos on our site, this is the only “Pass in Review” photo we have. It is a rarity.

While “Pass in Review” was phased out, full retreats existed in the PNW until drum corps itself was almost snuffed out of existence in the 1990s.

Back in the day, all shows had a retreat. We have a page full of classic retreat photos on our site; from 1938 through 1977. Turn the page to see a cross-section of the Pacific Northwest retreats over the years . . . ■





August 13, 1958
Washington State American Legion Championships
Left to Right: University Post #11 (Seattle Hurricanes),
Albert J. Hamilton Post #7 (Fighting Falcons),
Auburn Post #73 (Thunderbirds), Casimere AL Post #64



1946 Washington State Legion Champions
Albert J. Hamilton Post #7 Drum Major
Receiving DM trophy (cup) and State
Champion plaque



August 24th, 1946
Bellingham, Washington
Bellingham American Legion Post #7
Wins their fifth Washington State
Legion Championship

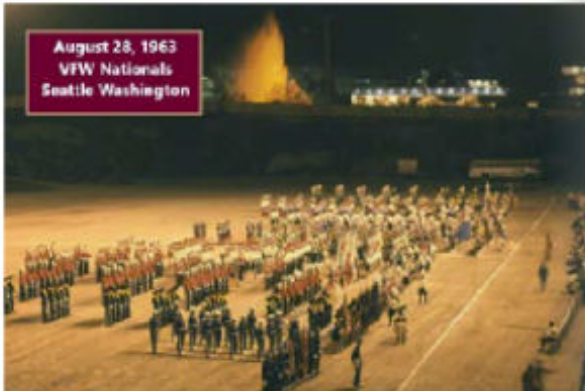


June 30, 1951
Gigantic Array of pageantry was presented at Clatsop Falls Oregon by
18 drum teams and drum & bugle corps representing Aeries of the
Oregon Fraternal Order of Eagles.
A crowd of some 2,000 watched the nearly 500 marchers go through their
paces.



July 14, 1961 Seattle
CWO Shermiea Bower in Motion Show
Seattle Thunderbirds on left Seattle Shamrocks at right
Hankerson in DM at right moving the lightning bolts

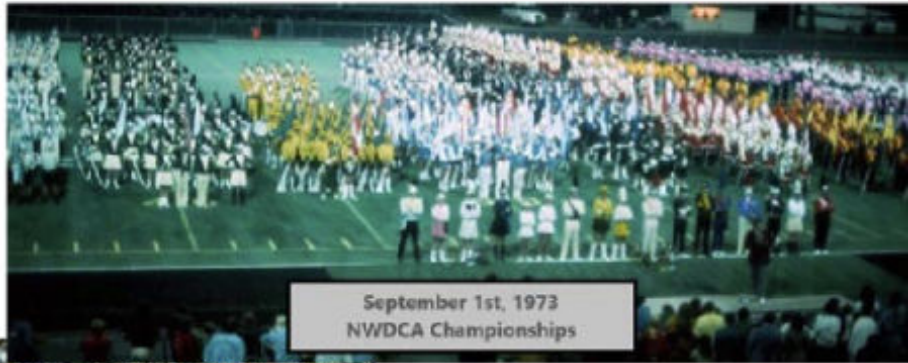
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August 28, 1963
VFW Nationals
Seattle Washington



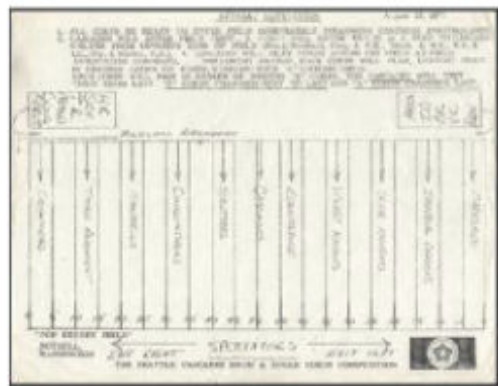
1971 or '72 PNW Retreat



September 1st, 1973
NWDCA Championships



June 30, 1974
Brazen Brass - Bellevue Sentinels Show



August 25, 1976
Seattle Cascades Show
Retreat Diagram

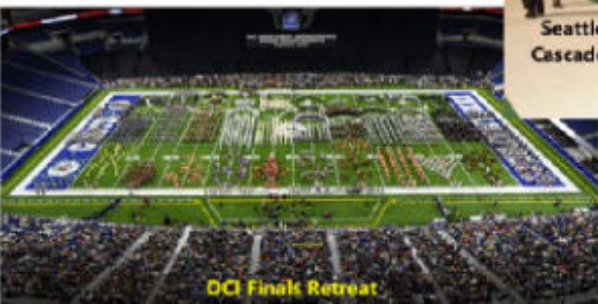


2002 DCI Finals Retreat
Seattle Cascades - 12th Place



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Cascades

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