



D.C.A.M. News

Drum Corps Affiliates of Maryland

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With the coming of 2018 many new and interesting things lay ahead for DCAM. But the first order of business is to extend heartfelt thanks to Jean Kammer for doing such a great job as President.

The highlight event on this year's schedule, as always, is the **Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Banquet**. It will be held on Saturday March 24 from 1:00 to 5:00 at Columbus Gardens (410-256-2737) 4301 Klosterman Avenue, Baltimore 21236. This years honored inductees include Robert Andrews, Ray Eyler, John Hentschel, Larry Kerchner, Gil (Butch) Rathel, and Patrick Taylor. The cost for the event is \$36.00 for adults and \$30.00 for young adults (under 21). Checks should be made payable to DCAM and sent to Larry Bourne 34 King Charles Circle Baltimore MD 21237. If you have any questions you can email Larry at kingchar34@comcast.net

Booklet Ads Make the difference: Let's start off by saying that nobody (well, very few people) like trying to sell stuff to other people. But we have to step up and do what we can to promote our Hall of Fame program book. The revenue the program ads bring in is critical to the success of event and to DCAM. So do what you can to sell some ad space, or if you can, buy some yourself.

This year's **Memorial Day Ceremony** will be held at Post 130 on Wednesday May 30, beginning at 6:30 pm. As part of the ceremony **we are hoping to put together a group to sing a couple of songs**. The songs will be "God Bless America" and "America the Beautiful". We invite anyone who's interested in taking part to join us. Our group will be under the direction of Beth Johnson. Beth is a music teacher, and is Gabe's daughter. No rehearsals are scheduled at this time but we anticipate having two. Notification will be sent out when the time is determined, they'll be held at Post 130.

Meeting cancellation policy: In the event of bad weather, or bad weather forecast on the day of a meeting, a decision will be made by officers whether to hold or cancel the upcoming meeting. Accordingly an email will be issued to all members who have email. It is requested that phone committee members call and notify those who don't have email, and that email recipients call and notify anyone they know who does not have email. The email from officers will be issued as soon as possible but in any event no later than 2:00 pm on the day of the meeting.

Possible DCAM/ YRA Merger: After initial talks with YRA President Bob Wagner, and discussion of the matter at the last two DCAM meetings the idea of a possible merger of the two organizations is moving forward. There are certainly many items which will have to be resolved in order for the two organizations to meld smoothly. The staffs of both organizations will soon begin having meetings to address the organizational, procedural, financial and other aspects of the merger. DCAM members will be kept informed of events at our monthly meetings.

The Council of Selectors needs one new member. After several years of service, Tony White is stepping down from the Council. Sincere thanks to Tony for his excellent service. The Council is now in need of someone to fill the position of Selector. Please bear in mind that the Hall of Fame (HOF) Induction Ceremony is the single most important event of the DCAM year, and that the Council of Selectors is the driving body for the HOF event. The Selector's work is generally completed in two or three meetings, so being a member does not require a lot of time. Please contact Charlie Kammer if you would like to participate.

Cruising the Caribbean: A seven night cruise of the eastern Caribbean is presently being planned. The cruise will leave out of Florida on February 2, 2019. For more information please contact Larry Bourne by email: kingchar34@comcast.net or by phone: 410-419-4234.

Congratulations to Phil: Phil Gentile has recently become the new Drum Major for the Hanover Lancers. Being a member of the Lancers myself, I can say that the outlook for the Corps has never been better than this year, and we look forward to having Phil up front leading it. And on a more personal note, it's great to see Phil back up there.

Members attendance at meetings: DCAM members are urged to attend monthly meetings. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at A.L. Post 130. The gathering of friends at these meetings always insures a good time. It's the best way to stay in touch with friends and up-to-date on the latest happenings and events in the organization. Hope to see you at the next meeting on Tuesday February 20.

Dues are now past due. If you haven't yet paid your 2018 dues, please take care of that quickly. Dues must be paid in order to win the monthly attendance prize. Last month the number drawn was Donna White, who was not in attendance. So the monthly prize remains in the pot and will continue to grow, may be in the vicinity of \$500 at the February meeting.

Health issues: Some of our members are currently having health problems. Frank "Bubbles" Assaro's condition continues to deteriorate. Jim Downey has had cancer treatment spine and lung chemo and radiation, and Pat Biscotti's problems are not showing improvement. Heartfelt prayers and well wishes go out to our friends who are contending with health issues.

And finally, here's a little **funny stuff** that I hope you'll enjoy;

Today, I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People get out of the way much faster now.

Gone are the days when girls used to cook like their mothers. Now they talk and drink like their fathers.

You know that tingly little feeling you get when you really like someone? That's common sense leaving your body.

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.

I decided to stop calling the bathroom the "John" and renamed it to "Jim". I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.

Old age is coming at a really bad time. When I was a child I thought "Nap Time" was a punishment. Now it feels like a small vacation.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.

Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

Of course, I talk to myself; sometimes I need expert advice.

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***Hope to see everyone at the next DCAM meeting.
Ron Church, Acting President***

<i>Flyers Included: Banquet Invitation Ad Contract G.A.S. YRA 2019 Cruise</i>

***Our Next DCAM Meeting will be on Tuesday February 20th,
starting at 7:30 pm.***

Our Attendance Drawing will be over \$500!!!