

JANUARY NEWSLETTER



**JANUARY KAMP REHEARSAL
FRIDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 19TH
7:00 - 10:00 PM**

**SATURDAY AFTER NAMM 1:30 - 5:00 pm
SUNDAY 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL
ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA**

**Kingsmen Alumni Corps to perform at NAMM
at the request of DCI**

See NAMM SHOW 2007 UPDATE sent via email for details

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

Sat after performance:

1:30-5:00 All review opener:

1:30-2:00 warmup/basics

2:00-4:15 review opener

4:15-4:30 music ensemble warmup

4:30-5:00 Full corps drill ensemble

Sunday

10:00-1:00 Opener review:

Horns on field "A"

Drums in section

Guard on field "B"

1:00-1:30 Break

1:30-3:30 "George" drill (Depends on opener progress)

3:30- 5:00 Full Corps drill

Hello to all Kingsmen Alumni members,

I am writing to you all in regards to my observations of the past few rehearsals that I have attended. Being that I am on the staff, I have the opportunity to wear several hats. These hats include: Drill Designer, Marching Tech and Ensemble Caption Head (running rehearsals with the entire corps on the field) and possible Additional Drum Major. These observations or comments are in no way creating a negative outlook on how things are going. I am constantly watching our color guard set the standard for the Kingsmen, although I don't always see this standard set by the rest of the corps. (Brass and Percussion)

My major concerns are as follows:

1. During a rehearsal, all corps members need to go to parade rest after they have been set in a drill form.
2. Members need to refrain from talking. Asking questions is not a Problem, although I have noticed way too much talking during the Rehearsal.
3. Members need to run back to their previous set. The membership in general takes way to long to restart a phrase we are working on.
4. Horn players need to memorize their music. This includes being able to play the music in the drill.
5. The membership needs to read their drill charts in advance and watch the video files. This will only enhance the learning speed and accuracy.
6. We need MORE people to show up as often as they can. Even if you can only make 1 day of a camp, at least come to that one day. (I know this is hard for out of Towner's)
7. Individuals need to work on marching basics at home more often. Come to a rehearsal with at least One day of marching basics you can do at home. It could take 15 minutes in your back-yard to get some extra work in.
8. Work on your individual posture. This includes looking into a mirror at home. maybe do a few more stretch-outs prior to the beginning of a rehearsal.
9. Not to use any type of foul language during a rehearsal. We are the Kingsmen and we SET the standard for our activity.

This includes how we act on and off the field. I for one would appreciate everyone being aware of this concern.

Finally, lets all try to work together to make this experience a great one for all involved. This includes trusting those that are making an effort to keep things moving. For us to stay on schedule, we need to take these observations and concerns seriously.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these observations. Dave Weinberg

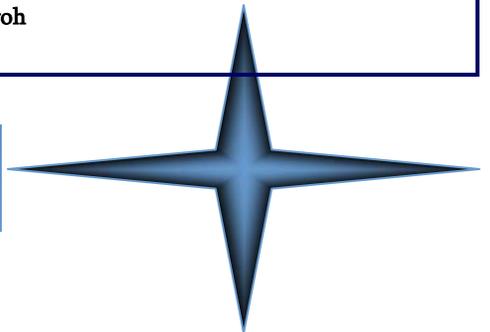
Hey, KAC! As the NAMM performance approaches, here are a few suggestions to help you (and thusly *us*!) max out the marching rehearsal part of the weekend:

1. Go over your drill dots like you would practice your instrument/implement.
2. Make sure you know what your feet are doing, especially direction changes. The methods are simple but you need to know the different moves/breaks in context. "Living Room Drill" really helps here...after getting the different methods down, along with directionality (the line you're traversing) the next step is getting the pace size(s) dialed-in; that's what happens on the field. Write your breaks on your music and get to where you can play (softly...heh!) and do the mini-drill. There are differences between the hornline, drumline and guard, method-wise; but there are no issues visually if technique is kept section-specific.
3. Horns, make sure you know what your shoulders are doing at all times...whether a slide, straight on, or backfield. If there are horn manuals (like tilts) make sure to plug them into your routine.
4. Wear your Dinkles for rehearsal. Be sure to put them on during one of the fifteen minutes you have in the parking lot... because you're at marching rehearsal early so you can be ON FIRE FOR BASICS!

We should have a good turnout, so let's take advantage and BE PREPARED! Thanx, Charlie Groh

Spectemur

Agendo



We are kicking off the official fundraising campaign for the StarCorps junior corps with a "Gala" event on April 20th, at the Knott's Resort Hotel (by the way, you are all invited!). At this event we will be holding a silent auction. We are in need of auction items. Here is a sample listing of items that traditionally do well at auction: Tickets to sporting events, nice gift baskets, boat charters, fishing trips, furniture, skin treatments, auto care, spa days, jewelry, estate planning packages, hotel stays, golf passes. tools, vacation packages, tires, wheels, photography packages. Themed gift baskets go very well (day at the beach, popcorn and movie night at home, etc.) If you have or have access to items or services like these that you believe would make a nice auction item that persons will bid on, please e-mail me at: bobareebop@charter.net. We need at least 20 auction items for this event. Your gift is tax-deductible for the value of the gift. If you have questions or need more information, please e-mail me. Thank you!

.....UNIFORM ALERT.....

***** PLEASE PAY THE EXTRA \$50 ON YOUR UNIFORM IF AT ALL POSSIBLE**

We will have to take the shortfall from the 50/50 drawings if we do not receive enough from the members. 109 people out of 238 have paid this additional \$50 already. Thank You.

***** If you have not paid for your uniform yet, the final order will be the January Kamp, 1/21/07. Please get measured and get your uniform paid for. This date is tied to the last date someone can join the Kingsmen Alumni Corps.**

***** Please Note*** February Kamp is a 3 day rehearsal schedule... Saturday and Sunday are at CBU.....Monday the 19th is President's Day. We will be doing uniform fittings with the new cadets at Western HS, where we will also be doing a photo shoot for publicity pictures to be used for press releases and sponsorships. We will be taking pictures again in June and August. Please plan to attend and please bring your Member tee, boots and shoes. More information will follow....**

FYI.....in the interest of uniformity, the Kingsmen Alumni Corps will maintain, store, and alter all Kingsmen cadet uniforms until after August 10, 2007. An alteration schedule of costs will be made available in February.

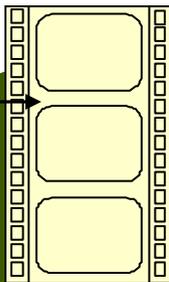
If you need a hotel room for each weekend that we will be rehearsing in Anaheim, the Best Western Hotel Buena Park is offering Kingsmen Alumni Corps members a rate of \$65 per night. These rates are based on a Friday arrival, We need to book 35 rooms to get this rate. Here are the details: Best Western Hotel & Suites 7555 Beach Blvd Buena Park CALIFORNIA 90620-1835 Rate: \$ 65.00 flat (1 to 4 people) plus tax 12% = \$72.80. Individuals must contact the hotel in Buena Park at 714-522-7360 by 5-Jan-2007 to guarantee their rooms with a valid credit card or the rooms will be released. At that time, they must mention the group name, Kingsmen Alumni Drum And Bugle Corps GF 2697, to receive the group rate. Individual cancel by 4pm hotel time by 18-Jan-2007 to avoid credit card charges. Complimentary Continental Breakfast included. Room type: 25 rooms 2 beds and 10 rooms 1 king bed. **The Next available dates are Friday, March 16th, Friday May 25th, and Friday July 13th. These dates coincide with our monthly rehearsals at Western High School.**

**Next Guard Only rehearsal: Sunday, 4 February, 9:00am—1:00pm * CBU
Super Bowl Sunday**

Horn * Cal guard rehearsal: Saturday, 10 February, 10:00am—2:00 pm * San Ramon

Horn Line rehearsal every Tuesday, 7-9 PM, Western H.S.

**NEW RIFLE VIDEO AVAILABLE
AT XKINGSMEN.COM**



*Tuesday night spinning club
Flags and Rifles. 7-9 PM
Western H.S.*

Remember to sign up for EScript, Community Plus and Community Partners Anytime you shop online, sign in to Community Plus first. The proceeds to the Corps will add up. It is an easy and painless way to give more to help keep the Corps operating.