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**The Newsletter of the
Hawthorne Caballeros
Alumni Association/
Drum & Bugle Corps**

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Paul Bongiovi

1954—2023

Director

2013—2023

Paul Bongiovi!

**Director,
Educator,
Instructor,
Arranger,
Musician,
Mentor,
Husband,
Brother,
Uncle,
Friend!**

Paul Bongiovi was all of these things and more to so many people.

Paul was born November 12, 1954, in Elizabeth, NJ and lived most of his life in Linden, NJ. Paul was a Union County Corrections Officer for 29 years before retiring in December 2012. Paul is predeceased by his parents, Paul A. and Theresa Bongiovi and his sister Joanne Bongiovi. He is survived by his wife Rita, sister Pam Bongiovi-Bevilaque and her husband, Joseph, brother Bob and his wife Laura, nieces and nephews Anthony, Gianarose, Nicole, and Giuseppe, as well as his Aunt and Uncle Frank and Carmella Fackelman, broth-

er-in-law George F. Schaefer and cousins.

Following in the footsteps of his father Paul A. Bongiovi, Paul spent most of his life following his passion starting his career as a very young child in drum corps as the mascot for the Hawthorne Caballeros Drum and Bugle Corps. During his career in drum corps he was a member of numerous NJ Drum and Bugle Corps; Polish Falcons of Elizabeth, Cranford Patriots of Cranford, Muchachos, and Caballeros. During his time with the Caballeros not only as a performer, but as an instructor, he was part of many World and National Championships. After retiring from the competing corps he became a member of the Hawthorne Caballeros Alumni Corp where he also served as director. In addition, he has taught several high school bands throughout New Jersey, most recently North Brunswick High School Winter Percussion.

He is a member of the New Jersey Drum Corp Hall of Fame as well as a World Drum Corp Hall of Fame Associate Member. He also received the distinguished award of "Caballero of the Year" and was on the cover of "Modern Drummer" representing Latin Percussion.

Paul was also a member of

the PBA Union #199.

Paul was not only a success at his job and while participating in all the aspects of his beloved hobby, he was also a kind, funny, and dependable person no matter what your relation was with him.

When Paul was named successor to the previous director of the Alumni Corps, he was given two things; a daunting task and a key to the door of the Legion Post.

We who were there before him, saw his potential and helped any way we could. You wanted to help him because you could see that he was a good person and could work with anyone to attain our common goal of continuing the history of the Caballeros organization and maintaining the highest standard of performance.

Paul will be sorely missed. We who are left behind will try to fill the shoes of a great director and a good friend.

RIP Paul!

.....Chris Sortino

Saying Goodbye...



Bob Sands, died on January 27, 2023. Born and raised in Paterson, Bob had lived in Prospect Park for many years before moving to Wayne. He worked as a truck driver and then as a Receiver for Inserra Supermarkets for 26 years before retiring. He had a long career in drum corps as a member of the color guard and playing bass in the drum section. He began with the Holy Name Cadets from 1957-1958 and then with the Garfield Cadets

from 1958-1962. After that, he began playing with the Caballeros from 1963-1969. He finished his performing career as a member of the Hawthorne Caballeros Alumni Corps from 1994-2019.

Bob was the beloved husband of Agnes (nee: Goosen) Sands. Loving father of Robin Sands of Wayne and Robert Sands, Jr. and his wife Carolyn of West Milford. Dear grandfather of Rebecca Taylor Sands of Wayne. Bob was predeceased by his brother Tom Sands and is survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Bob was 80.

Rest in Peace my friend!

.....Chris Sortino

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2023

Remember When

Fifty-One Years Ago

June 3, 1972

Hamden, CT

1	Skyliners	82.30
2	Yankee Rebels	82.10
3	Buccaneers	81.40
4	Caballeros	78.95
5	Les Diplomates	75.00

Remember When

Fifty-One Years Ago

August 26, 1972

Schenectady, NY

1	Caballeros	91.00
2	Skyliners	90.07
3	Crusaders	89.45
4	Hurricanes	88.95
5	Les Diplomates	81.01

January Birthdays

Mike Palmquist
Bob Menear
Steve Barney
Jim Mallen
Javier Morales
Bobby Sands
Guy Aucoin
Jim Nargiso
Tracey Doherty
Vince Marchese
Jaimee Hawkins
Bill George
Karen Londino
Robin
Mastroberardino
Bill Gibbons
Mary Sinisi
Ann Leib

February Birthdays

John Gerdes
Larry
Mastroberardino
Cortez Howard
James J. Costello jr.
(COS)
Kathy Lawson
Bob Durborow
Steve Andreazza



Happy
Birthday

Trivia Answer

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Q: How many years did the Caballeros play a version of “Malaguena” in competition?

A: 15

Trivia Question

What years did the “Evening With The Corps” show take place at Carnegie Hall?

OFFICERS

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Larry Mastroberardino

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Chris Sortino

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Steve Raclowski

Post Commander

Mike DeVecchio

Ole! Newsletter Editor

Chris Sortino



Pics From The Past



Alumni 2023 Schedule

Up To June 10th

Sunday, January 8 *

Music Rehearsal 12-5
Post 199

Sunday, January 22 *

Music Rehearsal 12-5
Post 199

Sunday, February 5 *

Music Rehearsal
12:30-5
Post 199

Sunday, February 19 *

Music Rehearsal
12:30-5
Post 199

Sunday, March 5 *

Music Rehearsal
12:30-5
Post 199

Sunday, March 19 *

Music Rehearsal
12:30-5
Post 199

Sunday, March 26 *

Music Rehearsal
12:30-5
Post 199

Saturday, April 1 *

Lancers Stage Show
York, PA

Sunday, April 16 *

Music Rehearsal
12:30-5
Post 199

Sunday, April 30 *

Drill Rehearsal
Time & Location T.B.D.

Sunday, May 7*

Drill Rehearsal
Time & Location T.B.D.

Saturday, May 20 *

Sunday, May 21 *

Camp Weekend
Time & Location T.B.D.

Monday, May 29 *

Memorial Day Parade

Hawthorne

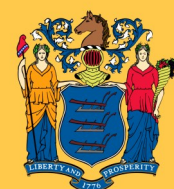
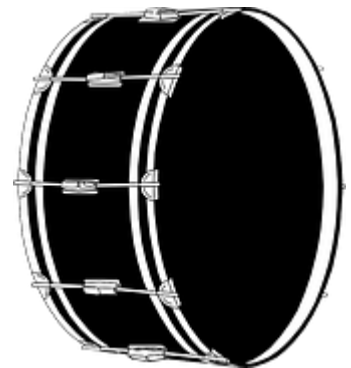
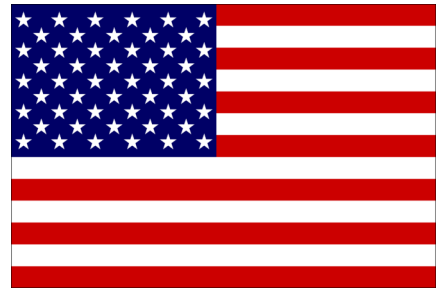
Saturday, June 3 *

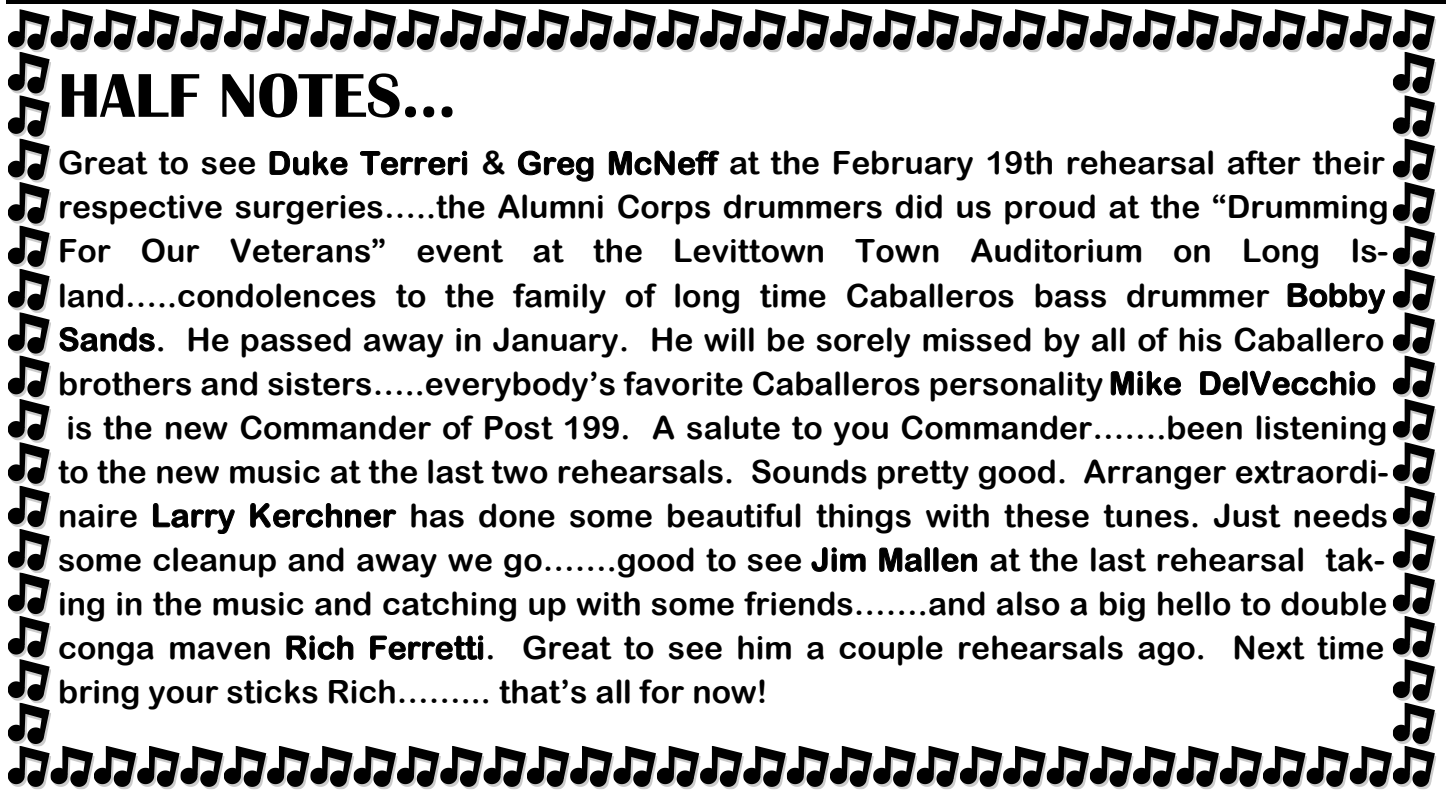
Elk's Parade

Wildwood

Saturday, June 10 *

Hawthorne 125th Anniv.
Outdoor Standstill
Or FieldShow





HALF NOTES...

Great to see **Duke Terreri & Greg McNeff** at the February 19th rehearsal after their respective surgeries.....the Alumni Corps drummers did us proud at the "Drumming For Our Veterans" event at the Levittown Town Auditorium on Long Island.....condolences to the family of long time Caballeros bass drummer **Bobby Sands**. He passed away in January. He will be sorely missed by all of his Caballero brothers and sisters.....everybody's favorite Caballeros personality **Mike DeVecchio** is the new Commander of Post 199. A salute to you Commander.....been listening to the new music at the last two rehearsals. Sounds pretty good. Arranger extraordinaire **Larry Kerchner** has done some beautiful things with these tunes. Just needs some cleanup and away we go.....good to see **Jim Mallen** at the last rehearsal taking in the music and catching up with some friends.....and also a big hello to double conga maven **Rich Ferretti**. Great to see him a couple rehearsals ago. Next time bring your sticks Rich..... that's all for now!

Alumni Association Dues for 2023 are now due.

Please give the \$10 dues to **Larry Mastroberardino** or **Greg McNeff** or mail to **Greg McNeff 143 Mohawk Ave, Hawthorne, NJ 07506**

HELP WANTED!

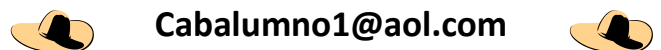
The Alumni Corps has openings in ALL SECTIONS, especially **Contra** and **sopranos** in the **Horn line**, **Color Guard** and openings for **Bass** and **Double Tenor** in the **Drum Line**.



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