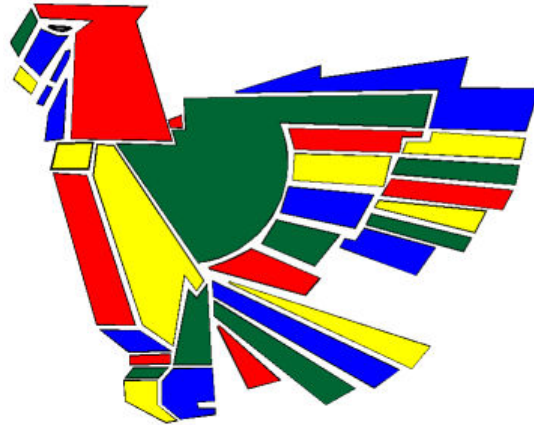


# Erie Thunderbirds



## *Drum & Bugle Corps*

DCA Mini Corps Champions 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2002

RCA Champions 1973, 1974, 1976, 1978

ICA Champions 1981

## **2011 Membership Information**

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## From the President's Desk

Winter 2011

I am honored to welcome you to the Erie Thunderbirds Drum & Bugle Corps. You have chosen to be part of one of the most highly-esteemed musical organizations in the region and I look forward to your talent, energy, and contribution.

Be prepared to be your very best. Our staff anticipates only your finest effort and I trust you expect the same of yourself. You will never play better than after a season with the Erie Thunderbirds!

We are busy creating the 2011 musical program which promises to be a challenging and entertaining production. Our writing and instructional staff is top notch and many are members of the Drum Corps Hall of Fame.

Thank you for being here. You are now part of the Thunderbird legacy, a proud history of tradition and success. Since its inception in 1956, the Meadville and Erie Thunderbirds Drum & Bugle Corps has traveled far and wide to perform for thousands of Americans, instilling a sense of pride and patriotism while providing outstanding drum corps entertainment.

The tradition continues in 2011. Welcome to the Thunderbird family.

Joe Salorino  
President

## General Information

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814-836-8500

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Email: [thunderbirds@erie.net](mailto:thunderbirds@erie.net)

The Thunderbird Alumni Association Incorporated  
is a Pennsylvania Non-Profit Organization  
Tax ID# 25-1662908

The Thunderbirds Alumni Association is dedicated to promoting musical appreciation, education and awareness of Drum and Bugle Corps activities, through various appearances and social activities.

## 2011 Board Contact Information

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## About The Thunderbirds

The Thunderbirds were formed in Meadville, Pennsylvania in 1956 as a parade corps and in 1968 joined with members of the Shoreliners Drum and Bugle corps from North East, Pennsylvania to form The Erie Thunderbirds. The Thunderbirds quickly rose to the top, capturing several American Legion and RCA Championships. In 1976 and 1979 The Thunderbirds placed 8th in the DCA Senior Championships, and maintained a placing in the top 10 into the early 80's. In 1984 a lack of funding forced the corps to disband.

In the spring of 1991, several former members of The Thunderbirds, along with members of other regional disbanded corps, met and decided to bring the drum corps tradition back to the City of Erie. Out of this meeting came the rebirth of The Erie Thunderbird Drum and Bugle Corps!

In 1993, The Thunderbirds returned to the DCA World Championships for the first time in nearly 10 years, not as a field corps, but as a smaller delegation determined to win the first ever DCA Mini Corps Championship! Not only did the Corps win that championship, but went on to place a hold on the title that spanned 4 consecutive years. The Corps reclaimed the title in 1998 and 2002.

The Corps performs at many local and regional events, and at Junior and Senior Drum Corps Contests. The Corps travels throughout the Northeastern United States, and several members of the Corps have participated in "All Star" events such as The Galveston Texas Mardi Gras Parade, San Francisco Chinese New Year Parade, the Daytona Beach Florida Christmas Parade and The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

## Membership Information

1. Membership is open to any interested persons, at least 18 years old, who subscribes to the purpose and objectives of The Erie Thunderbirds without regard to race, creed, gender, religion, political affiliation, or physical hardship.
2. Membership for individuals under the age of 18 years will only be considered if a parent or guardian is a current active member of the corps, and/or if other special circumstances arise. The Board of Directors will make final decisions on a case-by-case basis.
3. Each member must have no prior financial obligations with any other drum corps organization. Any prior financial obligations must be paid in full before a member will be considered for continued membership.
4. Each member must supply the corps with a completed 2011 Membership Information, Medical Emergency Information and Release, Personal Release of Liability and Media Release Forms.
5. Each member must possess the ability and desire to attend each scheduled rehearsal, performance, and fundraising events. Missed rehearsals may disqualify individuals from participating in performances.
6. Auditions are always open, and placement will be determined after evaluations are completed by the Caption Heads. Instructors will be looking for the following attributes as they evaluate prospective members: Desire, Enthusiasm, Performance Ability, Experience, Attendance, Teamwork, Timeliness, and Professionalism.
7. Members must be prepared to work hard at rehearsals. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes that will allow you to participate in rehearsals in any type of weather. Members are expected to practice on their own beyond scheduled rehearsals.
8. **BUGLES:** The Corps provides bugles for use by the members. We will keep you informed of other corps who are selling off their G-bugles, in the event you want to purchase your own horn.
9. **PERCUSSION:** Level One Percussionists are generally responsible for your own sticks and mallets – all percussive instruments will be provided by the corps.
10. **UNIFORMS:** The Corps provides dress uniforms to each corps member. However, we require each member to purchase parade uniforms and shoes, on their own. Uniforms must be cleaned and laundered properly. Each member shall maintain the appearance of their uniform, and will be financially responsible for damage to corps issued items.

11. HONOR GUARD: The Corps will provide all honor guard equipment.
12. EQUIPMENT, GENERAL: Many members have chosen to purchase their own instruments, however, the corps will issue standard instruments or equipment necessary for active members to participate. Corps issued equipment must be signed for and recorded with the corps quartermaster prior to taking possession of the equipment. Should any member become inactive for any reason, equipment must be returned to the quartermaster. Should the equipment not be returned in a timely manner, the corps reserves the right to have the equipment repossessed at the individual members expense.

It will be the member's responsibility for the cleaning and general maintenance of their equipment. Any equipment that is in need of repairs, must be reported to the quartermaster, and the corps will then make arrangements for such repairs. Under no circumstances shall a member have any repairs done to corps equipment that requires a fee to be paid for such repairs. Should this occur, such fees will be the responsibility of the member, and the corps will not be responsible for reimbursement of these fees back to the member. All equipment is to be signed out and returned upon demand to the corps.

# Erie Thunderbirds Tentative 2011 Schedule of Events

Updated 18 January 2011

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Function</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>January</b>			
30 January 2011	Sunday	Rehearsal – Open House	AL Post 773
<b>February</b>			
<b>12 February 2011</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>EDCA/LEF Gun Raffle</b>	<b>Rainbow Gardens</b>
13 February 2011	Sunday	Rehearsal	AL Post 773
27 February 2011	Sunday	Rehearsal	AL Post 773
<b>March</b>			
<b>10 March 2011</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Bayhawks Game</b>	<b>Erie Civic Center</b>
13 March 2011	Sunday	Rehearsal	AL Post 773
<b>17 March 2011</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St. Pats. Day Pub Crawl</b>	<b>Downtown Erie</b>
27 March 2011	Sunday	Rehearsal	AL Post 773
<b>April</b>			
10 April 2011	Sunday	Rehearsal	AL Post 773
17 April 2011	Sunday	Rehearsal	AL Post 773
<b>23 April 2011</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Indoor Show – Tentative</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>May</b>			
1 May 2011	Sunday	Rehearsal	TBD
15 May 2011	Sunday	Rehearsal	TBD
26 May 2011	Thursday	Rehearsal	Glenwood
<b>30 May 2011</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Parade and Concert</b>	<b>Dunkirk, NY</b>
<b>June</b>			
16 June 2011	Thursday	Rehearsal	Glenwood
30 June 2011	Thursday	Rehearsal	Glenwood
<b>July</b>			
<b>4 July 2011</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Parade and Concert – 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Millcreek, PA</b>
14 July 2011	Thursday	Rehearsal	Glenwood
<b>16 July 2011</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Parade and Concert</b>	<b>North East, PA</b>
21 July 2011	Thursday	Rehearsal	Glenwood
<b>23 July 2011</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>DCA Show</b>	<b>Jamestown, NY - Tentative</b>
<b>August</b>			
4 August 2011	Thursday	Rehearsal	Glenwood
<b>6 August 2011</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Erie Open Class DCI Show</b>	<b>Veteran's Stadium</b>
<b>7 August 2011</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Erie World Class DCI Show</b>	<b>Veteran's Stadium</b>
<b>September</b>			
<b>2 – 5 September 2011</b>	<b>Fri. – Mon.</b>	<b>DCA Weekend</b>	<b>Rochester, NY</b>
15 September 2011	Thursday	Rehearsal	Glenwood
<b>18 September 2011</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Parade and Concert</b>	<b>Silver Creek, NY</b>
<b>November</b>			
<b>19 November 2011</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Corps Banquet</b>	<b>AL Post 773</b>

## Fundraising and Financial Support

The existence of the Corps depends upon its ability to raise enough money to continue day to day operations. The Corps conducts various fund raising campaigns each year. Active members are expected to participate in fundraisers as the Corps charges no dues.

### VIP Club

The Annual VIP Club appeal will begin in April and carry across the spring and summer months. Cash donations along with donations of drum & bugle corps souvenirs and memorabilia earn the individuals mention by name on the Corps website as well as being recorded into the corps permanent record. Cash donations can also be made by credit card by visiting the Corps website, VIP Club page.

### Month Long Lotteries

Month long lotteries give the purchaser a chance to win cash prizes over the 30 day period by matching the 3 digit number on the ticket to the daily number drawn each night in the Pennsylvania Lottery. Tickets are \$5.00 each and the maximum daily prize is \$100.00. A special feature of the October drawing is each member selling tickets will receive \$2.00 cash back towards their trip to Rochester, NY for the DCA Championship weekend.

### Ebay Sales

The Corps has developed a tremendous niche in fundraising, through internet auctioning of Drum and Bugle Corps souvenirs and memorabilia. We have also netted thousands of dollars from selling off old corps drums, bugles, parts, etc. as well as shirts, buttons, hats, jackets, program books, LP's, 8-tracks, drum corps news, yearbooks, photo albums, other musical instruments, you name it. If you, or anyone you know, has corps items such as this to donate, please drop off to Gary's office, or call Jay Pius at 814-833-3089 to make arrangements to have them picked up.

### Souvenirs

Over the last year the corps has worked hard to improve souvie products and sales. All available items can be purchased at performances, rehearsals and through the Corps website. Buy some souvies and share any new ideas you may have with Cheri Campbell-Godfrey.

## Member's Code of Conduct

1. It is against the Law to have alcohol or drugs on school campuses. Since many of our rehearsal facilities and performance venues are located at/on school campuses, no members are to partake in alcohol or drugs at Corps rehearsals, performances, or other events at such locations.
2. Members under 21 will not consume alcoholic beverages at any Erie Thunderbirds functions.
3. Members of The Erie Thunderbirds are guests in the schools and other facilities we use for rehearsals and performances. Members are to stay to assigned areas, and are not permitted to handle facility property without permission. It is important that we leave each facility in good order.
4. Handle all corps equipment and uniforms with extreme care. You are completely responsible for all equipment issued to you.
5. Do not act in any manner that would be detrimental to the image or reputation of The Erie Thunderbirds Drum & Bugle Corps. Remember, someone is always watching. This provision includes behavior or statements in any medium, i.e. internet (RAMD, DCP, etc.). Your comments there reflect not just your thoughts – they are representative of the entire corps. Think before hitting the send button, or do it without identifying yourself as a member of The Erie Thunderbirds.
6. Members will attend rehearsals and performances in a timely manner. If you know you will be late or absent, be courteous enough to contact your caption head or section leader.
7. Any behavior which may be deemed to promote discrimination in any way, or any behavior which promotes any form of harassment will not be tolerated.
8. Personal involvement between any adult member and any person under the age of 18 is unacceptable. Direct supervision of these types of matters are the direct responsibility of the parent or guardian of members under the age of 18.

The Erie Thunderbirds is a volunteer organization and its members are comprised of a wide variety of ages and backgrounds. It is the position of the Corps that it's members' behavior is their individual responsibility. The Corps will not be held liable or responsible for the inappropriate behavior of any of its members or volunteers. Anyone not abiding by the rules and codes of conduct of The Erie Thunderbirds may be subject to suspension or dismissal.



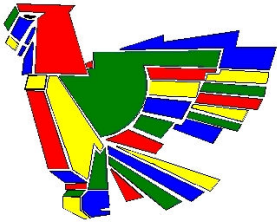
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# 2011 Member Information

Last Name _____	First Name _____	
Address _____		
City _____	State _____ Zip _____	
Phone (H) _____	Phone (W) _____	
E-Mail (H) _____	E-Mail (W) _____	
Cell _____	Company Name _____	
Previous Musical Organizations & Years (Drum Corps, Bands, Rock Groups, etc. – <i>include instruments</i> )		
_____		
_____		
_____		
What other talents do you have that would help The Thunderbirds? (check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pit Crew	<input type="checkbox"/> Quartermaster/Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Software (e.g. Database)
<input type="checkbox"/> Mailing Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Audio/Video Production	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction
<input type="checkbox"/> Organizer	<input type="checkbox"/> Souvenir Sales	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Volunteer Work
Membership Information		
Section:	<input type="checkbox"/> Brass:	<input type="checkbox"/> Soprano <input type="checkbox"/> Mellophone <input type="checkbox"/> Baritone <input type="checkbox"/> Contra
	<input type="checkbox"/> Percussion:	<input type="checkbox"/> Snare <input type="checkbox"/> Tenors <input type="checkbox"/> Bass <input type="checkbox"/> Pit <input type="checkbox"/> Cymbals
	<input type="checkbox"/> Honor Guard	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Drum Major	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Booster	
Equipment:	<input type="checkbox"/> I own, or will provide, my own instrument	
	<input type="checkbox"/> I will require use of Thunderbird equipment (Serial Number: _____)	
Uniform:	<input type="checkbox"/> Jacket Size	<input type="checkbox"/> Uniform Number
	<input type="checkbox"/> Pant Size	<input type="checkbox"/> Citation Cord
Agreement to Adhere to Policies of The Corps		
By signing below, I agree to adhere to the policies of The Erie Thunderbirds. I certify that I do not have any outstanding financial obligations to any other corps (Junior, Senior, or Alumni), and I agree to accept financial responsibility for loss or damage to any Thunderbird uniform or equipment in my care.		
Signed: _____ Date: _____		



## 2011 Personal Release Of Liability

I have read and understand the membership information and code of conduct provided by The Erie Thunderbirds Drum and Bugle Corps.

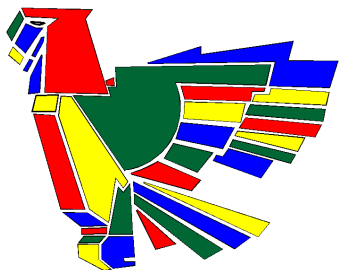
Participation in Drum Corps Activities involves a measure of risk and exposes participants to certain physical dangers. The Corps maintains orderly and supervised rehearsals to minimize these risks and will provide the appropriate training and alerts to all members regarding potential dangers. I understand that I participate at my own risk, and that The Erie Thunderbirds Drum and Bugle Corps assumes no liabilities whatever.

I do hereby waive, release, absolve, and agree to hold harmless The Erie Thunderbird Drum and Bugle Corps (and other rehearsal facilities as needed), the organizers, sponsors, supervisors, participants, and people transporting me to or from activities, from any claim arising out of an injury.

Member Signature and date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian and date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If member is under 18 years of age)

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_



# 2011 Medical Information And Release Form

This information is to be used in strict confidence until such time the Director or designated staff member deems it necessary to inform the supervising adults.

The Erie Thunderbirds Drum and Bugle Corps strives to make this a safe activity. Please be aware that there is an element of risk involved to the participant. All members participate at their own risk. So that we can be of assistance if the need arises, please complete the following to be best of your knowledge.

## Member Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

## Emergency Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

## Personal Physician

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

## Insurance Information

Insurance: \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Group #: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Insured: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

## Pertinent Medical History

List only those conditions that affect or may be affected by your participation in Corps activities. Use the back of this form if necessary.

Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

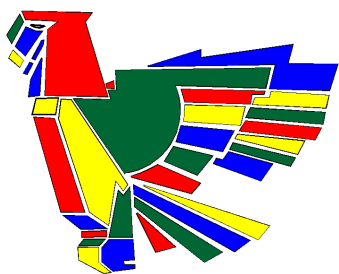
Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Limitations: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Release:** This release will authorize medical doctors and/or emergency room treatment of the above named Corps member while under the supervision of the Corps Director or his designee(s) of The Erie Thunderbird Drum and Bugle Corps, Inc. Listed above, are any known medical problems, Medications to be used/not used, or special treatments this Corps member is presently under which could occur while with the corps.

**Note:** The Erie Thunderbird Drum and Bugle Corps is not responsible for medical expenses incurred by/or for members.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## 2011 Media Release Form

The signing of this form, allows The Erie Thunderbirds to use any or all media content (such as photographic images and video or audio recordings of the member listed below and The Erie Thunderbirds from any liability that may result from such use. Such media content may be modified, published, and distributed without further release via any means deemed appropriate by The Erie Thunderbirds.

Media content may be created during any The Erie Thunderbirds sponsored activities, including but not restricted to performances, rehearsals, and social events. NOTE: The Erie Thunderbirds cannot restrict current membership, guests, or bystanders from filming or recording our activities at public venues, however, the Corps reserve the right to restrict generation of media during private rehearsals.

Furthermore, these rights may be assigned or extended by The Erie Thunderbirds to other organizations or rehearsal and performance venues. These include, but are not restricted to, Drum Corps Associates.

Members acknowledge that The Erie Thunderbirds involves performances at public venues and that appearances at such venues constitutes acceptance of, and release to those venues, usage of media related to that particular performance by related organizations.

Rights of individuals to generate media content may be further restricted by organizations or venues that host rehearsals, performances, or other Erie Thunderbird sponsored activities.

I hereby irrevocably authorize The Erie Thunderbirds Drum and Bugle Corps to copy, exhibit, publish, or distribute any and all such images and audio of me. This includes any composite or other artistic forms and media wherein I appear. I understand that such media is to be used for purposes of publicizing Corps activities or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written copy, wherein my likeness appears. I agree that any such use is permitted without compensation, monetary or otherwise.

Furthermore, member affirms that they are not restricted by any existing contract or obligation from appearing or performing with The Erie Thunderbirds Drum and Bugle Corps.

Member Signature and date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian and date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If member is under 18 years of age)

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_