



Richard Maass

Rick first marched in junior corps as a member of the Norwood Park Imperials in 1940. He started judging at the age of 21 for the All American Judges Association. In addition to judging, Rick was a marching member of the Tioga Vagabonds and later the Boys of 76, both senior corps. He was one of the founders of the Midwest Color Guard Circuit and was the drill-designer and instructor for the Vagabond Seniors. and the Norwood Park Imperials Juniors. These units placed first and second at the first Circuit Championships. Among the many corps Rick has instructed are the Norwood Park Imperials, Racine Kilties, Racine Scouts, Boys of 76, and the Baltimore Yankee Rebels. While with the Yankee Rebels, Rick developed the first complete "Theme Sho" which combined the visual aspects of the corps, uniforms, flags and drill with the music to present a recreation of the Civil War. Rick also served as Chairman for the American Legion Uniformed Groups Congress and was the First Chief Judge for DCI, a position he held for 5 years. From that time until his death, he was the drum corps rules congress parliamentarian.

Rick was a founding member of CSJA. He held many positions with CSJA, including Director, Board Member, Caption Chairman, Seminar Coordinator. Last but not least, he was the host for the meeting that formed the CENTRAL STATES JUDGES ASSOCIATION.