



GREAT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING UNIT

The Great Valley School District, in Chester County, is proud to present the 1978 Great Valley High School "Patriot" Marching Unit. This year's Marching Unit is comprised of 185 members in grades 9 through 12. Past achievements of the Marching Unit include:

- 1976 - Percussion section featured at the MENC National Convention at Atlantic City
 - History was made when the Great Valley Marching Unit joined with the IV Degree Knights of Columbus on May 16th to dedicate the oak flooring at the Liberty Bell Pavilion, Independence National Historic Park, Philadelphia, Pa.
 - 15th Annual Virginia Beach Music Festival, 5th place overall in competition with 15 marching units from 9 states.
 - On July 3rd the "Patriots" led the Bicentennial Wagon Train along the Upper Main Line as it completed its historic journey and encampment at Valley Forge Park.
 - Excellent rating at the "Parade of Champions", Convention Hall, Philadelphia.
 - Featured pre-game and half-time performers at the Philadelphia Eagles - Oakland Raiders pro-football games at Veterans Stadium, Philadelphia.
- 1977 - Multi-award winners and 1st place in Field Competition at the Gorham Pageant of Bands, Gorham, New York.
- 1978 - Apple Blossom Festival, Winchester, Virginia - 4th place in silks and 1st place in drill team in both parades.

The Band and Band Front are led on the field by Drum Major, Stephanie Schmitt; Assistant Drum Major, Tina Dastalfo; Patriette Captain, Ginny Robertson; Co-captains, Suzanne Benedict, Jeanie McLean and Carol Viscuso; Silk Captains, Stephanie Frey and Beth Noland; Rifle Captains, Michelle Bishop and Cathy Shellem; Honor Guard Captain, Liann Bovell. Band Officers are President, Chris Durham; Vice-President, Patty Healy; Secretary, Laura Dreyer; Treasurer, Glenn Potere. Percussion section leader - John Rommel. Librarian is Kathy Bird. The Great Valley High School Marching Unit is under the direction of Dennis Rhoads. Assistant Director and Business Manager is Barbara Lazar, Rifle Instructor is Abbe Lampe, Silk Instructor is Maryann Salamone, and Percussion Instructor is Robert Gross.

The students and staff wish to express their appreciation to the Great Valley School Board and Administration and the Great Valley Music Parents' Association for the support that makes possible the many activities of the Marching Unit.