

## Sioux Empire Spectacular 2009 Participants



Originally founded in 1956 as the Rockford Rangers, the corps' name was quickly changed after staff members heard the popular Leroy Anderson song, "The Phantom Regiment". The corps has been a Drum Corps International World Championship Division I finalist every year since 1974. The Phantom Regiment won the DCI World Championships in 1996 and 2008.



Madison Scouts, one of two all-male drum corps, was founded in 1938 by a group of Madison businessmen who decided their city should have a scout drum and bugle corps. Often referred to as just "Madison" or "the Scouts", the corps has often been known for delivering fiery Latin-themed shows. Madison Scouts won the DCI World Championship in 1975 and 1988, and is one of the oldest continually operating drum corps competing in Drum Corps International events.



Founded in 1964, Blue Stars earned the silver medal at the very first Drum Corps International World Championship in 1972, finishing just .65 of a point away from winning the inaugural event. After competing for many years in Divisions II & III, the corps moved back into Division I competition in 2006 for the first time since the mid-1980s.



Spirit from JSU first competed in 1977 as Spirit of Atlanta, sponsored by a local television station its first two seasons. Spirit has been long known for highlighting its proud southern heritage with bluesy music and has been a Drum Corps International Division I finalist many times. In 2002, the corps reorganized as Spirit from Jacksonville State University, becoming one of the first university-affiliated corps and regaining a spot in Drum Corps International's World Championship Finals competition after an 11-year absence.



In 1953, The Thunderbolt was created in Cedarburg, a suburb of Milwaukee. In 1961, a Milwaukee parish founded the Imperials of St. Patrick, known for its Irish heritage. Those two corps merged in 1973 to form The Thing; so identified as the corps lacked a sponsor and new name. Their current name was adopted in 1974 to honor a major sponsor. Pioneer won the DCI Division III World Championship in 1991, and then moved to Division II status, winning that World Championship in 1994 and 1995. The group then advanced to Division I competition in 1997 and is best known for its Irish music and themes.



The Colt Cadets are an outstanding performing group made up of members in middle school and high school primarily from Dubuque and the tri-state area. Founded in 1967, the Colt Cadets are one of the few remaining cadet corps in the country!