JFK Band Hosts Competition

On Saturday, Oct. 1, the John F. Kennedy "Shamrock Regiment" Band & Color Guard from La Palma hosted the 5th Annual John F. Kennedy Invitational Field Tournament at Glover Stadium in Anaheim. This Classic Annual event is the traditional Debut Show in Orange County, being almost two decades old and is the continuation of a tradition begun by The Magnolia High School Sentinels.

Bands competing at the event included Sonora (La Habra), Taft (Woodland Hills), Garces Memorial (Bakersfield), Don Antonio Lugo (Chino), AB Miller (Fontana), Colton, Anaheim, Glendora, Mayfair (Lakewood), University (Irvine), La Mirada, Silverado (Las Vegas), Warren (Downey), Cypress, La Canada, West (Torrance), Loara (Anaheim), Fountain Valley, Rancho Buena Vista (Vista), Rowland (Rowland Heights), Etiwanda, and Chino. In addition, Dream Drum & Bugle Corps (Huntington Beach) and Kennedy performed in exhibition.

The tournament was divided into an afternoon competition and an evening competition according to the classifications of the bands.

The winner of the afternoon session, Silverado from Las Vegas was invited back to participate in the evening session. The Sweepstakes award for best overall performance went to Etiwanda.

The John F. Kennedy "Shamrock Regiment" has a full schedule of events for the marching season including field tournaments in Torrance, Placentia, Anaheim (the Loara Tournament), Baldwin Park and Arcadia.

In addition, the regiment will be marching in the Loara Band Review, the La Palma Days Band Review and Parade, and the Arcadia Band Review.

The Shamrock Regiment consists of 263 musicians and 22 color guard for a total of 285 performers and has been reported to be the largest high school band in Orange County. Come experience the Shamrock Regiment! For a complete schedule see the calendar at www.kennedyband.org