



February 21, 2010

Dear Alumni/Actives:

I invite you to participate in a very special event, our silent auction. For the third year, we will have a silent auction during our annual dinner on April 17, 2010. Proceeds will benefit the Q-8 Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. We need your help to make the event a success.

We are a chartered alumni association of Hofstra University and the regional chapter of the National Alumni Association of Pershing Rifles. Company Q-8 has been chartered at Hofstra since 1952 and is a member of the inter-fraternity community at Hofstra.

Pershing Rifles was founded by General of the Armies John Joseph "Black Jack" Pershing in 1894 to instill discipline, integrity and leadership in a coeducational, civilian, national honor society. Pershing Rifles is not affiliated with any branch of the military or government. Since its founding, there have been tens of thousands of Pershing Rifle men and women who have gone on to serve our nation within the public or private sectors, such as General Colin Powell (A-8 CUNY) and James Earle Jones (M-3 University of Michigan).

Our annual dinner in April attracts Hofstra Pershing Rifles alumni from all over the country, continuing the bonds that were created in college or while serving in active military duty.

We have awarded more than \$10,000 in scholarships to Hofstra ROTC cadets to assist with tuition. The majority of these cadets do not receive any other scholarships. After paying 100 percent of their educational expenses, many continue to serve our country. Our annual scholarship allows our ROTC cadets to stay in their programs and graduate. Many become commissioned officers in the United States military. In addition, we provide equipment used for drills, competitions, funerals and patriotic events.

With your help, we can continue to make a difference. Please consider donating an item to the silent auction. Items that have auctioned well in the past include: gift baskets, dinner gift certificates, theater tickets, books, small home appliances, computer items, military and sports memorabilia, and spirits.

For more information on the silent auction, please contact me at (516) 785-8014 or [Cameron2@optonline.net](mailto:Cameron2@optonline.net). I would be glad to arrange the pick up of your donation.

I appreciate your time and efforts on our behalf and I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Jim Cameron*

James Cameron, Trustee, Q-8 Alumni Association, Inc.  
Silent Auction Committee Chair