

## DRILL TEAM HISTORY



The Scottsdale Saddle Club drill team was first organized in the 1980's, and was then known as the "The Mustangs." This team was comprised of Scottsdale Saddle Club Youth and horses of a variety of colors. The team colors were gold and navy, and riders dressed in military uniforms. Led by Captain John Harvey, they carried a total of five flags, and performed at places such as Rawhide, WestWorld, and the Parada Del Sol. The team sadly disbanded over the years as teens went off to college, and families moved away.

However, on August 5th, 2001, the Scottsdale Saddle Club drill team was reborn. With Janelle Pacesas as Captain, the team was formed with only a few saddle club members. The team quickly grew, and three flags were recovered from the old team. The new team had their inaugural performance on October 13th, 2001 at the StoneGate Arena Grand Opening, with a total of 9 riders. Riders included Janelle Pacesas, Fawn Warren, Kristen Philpott, Mimi Philpott, Heather Mansfield, Shauna Mansfield, Becky Coty, Tonia Coty, and Pennie Coty. City of Scottsdale Mayor, Mary Manross, was on hand to dedicate the arena to the Community. The drill team performed the National Anthem with four American flags, followed by a drill performance. City of Scottsdale Council members were also on hand - and on horseback! - for the days events. The Stonegate Equestrian Park is located at 120th Street and Mountain View Road. The 24-acre park boasts miles of trails, two arenas - one with lights, a warm-up pen, water troughs, horse trailer parking, a hitching rail, horseshoe pit, shaded ramadas, a meeting room and a playground.

Today, the team is thriving with numerous members participating on the team. Team colors are red and black, and uniforms consist of black jeans, red shirts, black scarfs and black hats with matching red tack for the horses. We now have six flags- four American Flags, one Arizona State Flag, and one Club Flag. Watch for this team in local parades and performing their drills and Grand Entry presentations for crowds around the valley and beyond!