

1st CSB Vanguard Battalion
Western New York

Firmitas Honestas Integritas

Strength Honor Integrity

The 1st Vanguard Battalion Unit (VBU) has a two-fold mission; it exists to promote Christian Service Brigade (CSB) and Camp Hickory Hill (CHH). Promotion of CSB is not only for existing Units – strengthening through example – but to churches without gender specific ministries with the goal to create a new Unit of CSB. Promotion of CHH is for the recruitment of both summer camp leaders and campers. This will be accomplished through visits to locations such as churches, Christian schools, etc. Vanguard will set an example as Godly men, and young men fully devoted to Christ in speech, appearance, and discipline. Skill sets will be on display by VBU members creating an excitement in those watching to follow their example in leading a disciplined and disciplined life.

VBU assists the CSB Regional Director and CHH Camp Director in anyway possible, as needed. Through area training seminars, local events, building projects at camp; our service will be to provide an available body of manpower ready to assist throughout Region 33.

VBU recruits young men, ages 14-18, who are experienced with Christian Service Brigade or Camp Hickory Hill (CHH Summer Staff, Service Crew). VBU looks for young men who are devoted to Christ, have a good testimony, have a passion for CSB/CHH, and have a flexible schedule. VBU also recruits men, over 18 years of age, to provide senior leadership of the Vanguard Battalion Unit. The Lieutenants are the backbone of this ministry, as it is their example in which the enlisted will look to for leadership, maturity, and discipline. A VBU Officer will set the example of a Godly life, and display leadership abilities creating growth for the VBU as well as the individual members. Testimony is vital, and should be written and practiced.

Organizational structure for the VBU will be comparable to CSB Battalion Units. Non Commissioned Officers will be hand selected from among the applicants to serve in the capacity of Sergeants, Corporals, and Lance Corporals. VBU will train as Squads a couple times per month – once training is complete VBU will attend many Area and Regional events. VBU will field one Squad in Buffalo and one Squad in Rochester; the entire VBU will meet at least once a month.