

Association of Military Musicians

AMM's Mission

The Association of Military Musicians is a fraternal organization that strives to preserve the proud tradition of military music. Military musical ensembles don't just play marches and ceremonial music—today's audience demands much more than that, and with panache to boot!

Membership is open to any and all who have served in a military musical organization, whether a band, orchestra, fife & drum corps, or a vocal group.

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The Sequester and Cuts to Military Music

By Walter Pincus, the Washington Post Online, 3/5/13

Drum roll, please.

The House, for a second year in a row, has approved a measure limiting Pentagon spending on military bands next year to only \$200 million.

An amendment by Rep. Betty McCollum (D-Minn.), a member of the House Appropriations Committee, was approved as part of the fiscal 2013 Defense Authorization Bill and could save \$188 million if it makes it through Congress. A similar amendment passed by the House last year, however, was dropped by the House-Senate conference.

In a statement placed in the Congressional Record, McCollum said: "Over the past four years, taxpayers have spent \$1.55 billion for the Pentagon's 150 military bands and more than 5,000 full-time, professional military musicians.... At a time of fiscal crisis

the Pentagon will have to get by spending only \$200 million for their musical arsenal."

The military has plans to spend \$388 million on military bands in fiscal 2013 — roughly \$10 million less than this year.

But, when it comes to reining in spending, only the Air Force had plans to do so, dropping eight of its 23 bands next year. The other services are increasing funding.

In 2010, former defense secretary Robert M. Gates first directed public attention to spending on military bands, noting that more money was spent on them than on the State Department's Foreign Service Officers. Gates, however, never formally proposed reducing band spending.

For fiscal 2013, the Air Force reductions will eliminate 103 positions; those whose bands are being

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One of the Good Guys...



Richard A. Naujoks, 72, passed away on Feb. 25, 2012, of kidney and organ failure brought on by Interstitial Lung Disease. Richard aka "Dick" served a career in the Army as an all-round brass player (he could play them all), arranger, and good guy. Pleasant, amiable, a little absent-minded, he didn't allow life's little issues to detract from his own mission—to serve, be of service, and to be helpful to others. Richard's previous wife Sharon passed away in 1992 and he leaves a brother, Robert and sister, Shirley. Following completion of his Army career, Richard finished a master's degree in music education and set about to learn the accordion. He became involved in several San Antonio charities and musical ensembles that brought music to the handicapped and never ceased to bring his talents to others—mostly gratis—until illness finally claimed him. Richard was a former member of AMM, attended several reunions, and often played the jam sessions on both trumpet and trombone. He was a musicians's musician, exceptional in his skills, and he will be missed.

Student Veterans Volunteer for Flag Duty



The following article furnished by AMM Chaplain Gary Hartman. Published in the Columbia, SC Star on November 9, 2012. Photo credit and article to the Columbia International University.

By the dawn's early light, on a near-freezing morning in November, seven military veterans, most of them CIU students, filed out of the Columbia International

University administration building and with resolution in their step, gathered at the CIU flagpole. It was the start of a new day of the business of education at CIU, but not without these veterans first ceremoniously raising the flags of the United States of America and the state of South Carolina.

The new CIU ceremony was initiated by CIU staff member Gary Hartman who served in the U.S. Army as a musician. As the flag was raised and the other veterans saluted, Hartman played the National Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner" on the trumpet.

The raising of the flag used to be a daily duty of an employee of CIU's Physical Plant, but Hartman, who works in CIU's IT department, thought that more honor was due the flags and the nation and state they represent. So he began contacting CIU students who served in the military and asking for volunteers for the ceremony.

"Veterans have a passion to be involved in CIU and are looking for a way to give back to CIU in at least some small capacity," Hartman said.

Hartman was further encouraged by CIU's new and growing Chaplaincy program led by former Navy Chaplain Dr. Mike Langston, so he said adding the ceremony "only made sense."

Hartman says there are 75 military veterans enrolled at CIU, and he has formed an email group with many of them.

Hartman served in the Army from 1976 to 1996, playing the trumpet in Army bands across the nation and at international locations, finishing his military career with the 282nd Army Victory Band at Fort Jackson in Columbia.

Founded in 1923, Columbia International University is private, Christian and multid denominational. CIU specializes in Bible-centered professional development that prepares students to impact the nations with the message of Christ in ministry, missions, and the marketplace. The university is recognized for its emphasis on biblical authority and world evangelization. www.ciu.edu



Cuts, continued

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affected would be moved to other regional bands.

The decision was made "in response to today's fiscally austere environment," said Ann Stefanek, an Air Force spokeswoman. "The Air Force is going to get smaller, and so will our bands."

The Army, Navy and Marine Corps, which also face personnel reductions, are keeping their current 125 bands for 2013 and actually increasing their spending on them by \$6.4 million, according to the Defense Department.

The Pentagon defends spending on bands, saying they assist in recruiting and retention programs and also play at White House, Defense Department and other government and congressionally sponsored events.

The Army maintains 99 bands and intends to spend \$221.1 million on

them next year. That's up \$3.3 million from this year. The Navy has 14 bands that will cost an estimated \$55.6 million next year, while the Marine Corps has 12 bands that will cost \$53.6 million in 2013.

McCollum scored another victory on Thursday. Her amendment, put forward with Rep. Jack Kingston (R-Ga.), to eliminate all Pentagon spending to sponsor professional or semi-professional sports, including auto racing, was attached to the fiscal Defense Appropriations Bill. Some \$80 million was spent on sports sponsorship this year, including \$26 million by the National Guard to place its logo on Dale Earnhardt Jr's NASCAR vehicle, as well as on his uniform and those of his racing team.



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Reunion Update by Mike Noland



The 2013 AMM reunion will be held in Clarksville, TN on the 19th through the 21st of September 2013. This will be the fourth reunion to be held in Clarksville and I hope it will be the biggest and best one to date. The reunion site will be at the Riverview Inn in downtown Clarksville.

For the members who have attended previous reunions here the location will be about ½ mile upriver from the Quality Inn. The hotel overlooks the Cumberland River and when you step out the front door you are in downtown Clarksville.

The agenda for the reunion will be pretty much the same as in the past. Thursday the 19th of September will a registration day and you will be free to take in the sights of Clarksville or head off to Nashville or Bowling Green as some of you have done in the past. Bowling Green is the home of the Corvette museum and Nashville is now the home of Antique Archeology which is where the American Pickers have their new store. Clarksville is also home to the 101st Airborne Division and they have an outstanding museum.

The post is also home to the largest PX in the AFEES system and we also have a new commissary. The hospitality room will also be open.

On Friday the 20th of September we will also continue registration. At 1900 hours will have a concert performed for us by the Cumberland Winds. This is a local concert band and a few members are also members of our organization. During the second part of the concert, AMM members will be invited to sit in and participate in the remaining portion of the concert. We hope to have a jam session afterward and invite members of the Cumberland winds to sit in. Of course the hospitality room will open all day but will be closed during the concerts. Refreshments can be purchased at the bar during this time.

Saturday the 21st will be the big day. We will continue registration and will have a concert band rehearsal in the morning. Our business meeting will be held sometime in the early afternoon. Later on that evening we will have our dinner dance. The hospitality room will be closed during this time and we will have a cash bar provided by the hotel. Dinner music will be provided and I have been in contact with the Tennessee National Guard

to provide a combo for our dance. Dress for the dance will be casual.

The cost for the reunion will be \$55.00 per person which will cover all expenses incurred during the reunion. We have made a \$500.00 deposit for the dinner dance area and the hotel is giving us the hospitality room and the room for our concert. Please make your check out to Mike Noland at 402 Andrew Dr., Clarksville, TN 37042. I ask you to make this out as soon as you can so that I can keep an accurate account of who will be attending. Several members wait until the the last minute to send their money and this causes a lot of anxiety for the person putting on the reunion. I have to have a headcount in by 10 September. The hotel will have a 10% overage prepared for last minute guests. The meal will be a buffet with two meats so please sign up early. Late signers will be seated last and may run the risk of not getting fed.

The Riverview Inn's number is 931-552-3331. When you call for your reservation, please tell them that you are with the Association of Military Musicians. The cost of the room per night is \$79.20 plus tax. We are all getting the military rate and I believe that this is the lowest rate that I have seen for several reunions. The cutoff date for guaranteed room

prices and reservations is 15 August 2013. We are guaranteed 30 rooms. After that you may be taking a chance. I would hope that you make your reservations as soon as you receive this newsletter and send me your reunion money right after that.

We have had low attendance for a few of our last reunions and had to dip into our treasury to pay some bills. That is what the treasury is for but we cannot continue to do that. My goal at every reunion is to provide the best time for your dollar and to break even on the costs. Let us do our best to attend the reunion and talk this up with your military musician friends and encourage then to join the organization. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me at 931-216-3221 or email me at waldhorn4@bellsouth.net If you email me, please put AMM Reunion in the subject section. If that area is left blank, I usually do not open it or it sometimes goes to SPAM. More details will be provided in following newsletters or on the website.

