



"The President's Own"

UNITED STATES MARINE BAND NEWSLETTER

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1985 TOUR BEGINS 8 SEPT.

"The President's Own" United States Marine Band will once again bring its music to America as it departs Washington, D.C. Sept. 8 to begin its 1985 national concert tour.

Led by Marine Band Director, Colonel John R. Bourgeois, the Band heads for the western seaboard and will tour cities in Kentucky, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California.

The first stop -- a tradition for over three decades -- is Kennett Square, Pa., where Longwood Gardens, part of the Dupont Estate, provides a picturesque backdrop for the Band's first concert.

Band members play two concerts a day, a matinee and an evening performance, Monday through Friday, and give one performance on weekend evenings. A

typical week averages 12 scheduled performances. "The President's Own" presents a concert program complete with sparkling solo performances, a baritone vocalist, a piccolo trio and a saxophone quartet. The Band's repertoire ranges from Berlioz and Tchaikovsky to John Philip Sousa.

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MICHIGAN CITES BAND

"The President's Own" was cited in a resolution passed by the Michigan Legislature for its outstanding contribution to the cultural enrichment of the citizens of Michigan during the Band's 1984 national tour.

The commendation was presented recently at a ceremony in the Sousa Band Hall, Marine Barracks, by Wayne C. Genereux, a native of Pontiac, Mi. Genereux was representing the Honorable Rudy J. Nichols, State Senator from the 8th District of Michigan who initiated the resolution, and the Michigan Legislature.

In his prepared remarks Genereux said, "As members of 'The President's Own,' you exemplify the highest standards of artistic achievement in representing the people of the United States. Wherever you traveled throughout Michigan, you touched our hearts and made us prouder to be Americans."

The resolution was accepted by Brig. Gen. D.E.P. Miller, Director of Marine Corps Public Affairs, representing Gen. P.X. Kelley, Commandant of the Marine Corps, and Colonel John R. Bourgeois, Director of the Marine Band.

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'85 TOUR CONT...

The remaining members of the 140-piece Marine Band stay in Washington to ensure that White House commitments are met, for it is the official mission of the Marine Band to provide musical support for the president.

The first Marine Band tour took place in 1891 under the leadership of John Philip Sousa. The legendary "March King" had tried for several years, with little success, to take his Marine musicians outside the Washington area.

Finally in the spring of 1891, he convinced President Benjamin Harrison that a tour of the country was the only way to give all Americans an opportunity to see and hear the Marine Band -- the same Band that musically represents our nation before kings and queens, presidents and numerous other foreign officials visiting the capital city.

The Marine Band tours at no expense to the taxpayer. Because of this, sponsoring organizations normally charge a concert admission fee to defray the costs surrounding the Band's appearances. Any profit made by the sponsors, above the Band's actual expenses, is contributed to a local charity or civic undertaking.

At press time for our newsletter, the following list reflects the tentative 1985 tour schedule.

For more specific information regarding performance sites, dates and sponsors, contact Washington Inc, Marine Band National Tour Director at (202) 337-9393.

TENTATIVE TOUR DATES

DATE -- SEPTEMBER

- 8 -- Longwood Gardens, Pa.
- 10 -- Greenup, Ky.
- 11 -- Glasgow, Ky.

- 13 -- Mt. Vernon, Ill.
- 14 -- Henderson, Ky.
- 15 -- Indianapolis, Ind.
- 16 -- Urbana, Ill.
- 18 -- St. Louis, Mo.
- 19 -- Chillicothe, Mo.
- 20 -- Fort Scott, Kan.
- 23 -- Kansas City, Kan.
- 24 -- Ottawa, Kan.
- 25 -- Logan, Kan.
- 26 -- Colby, Kan.
- 28 -- Colorado Springs, Col.
- 29 -- Castle Dale, Col.
- 30 -- Meeker, Col.

DATE -- OCTOBER

- 1 -- Provo, Utah
- 2 -- Pocatello, Idaho
- 3 -- Rexburg, Idaho
- 4 -- Boise, Idaho
- 6 -- Spokane, Wash.
- 8 -- Portland, Ore.
- 9 -- Seattle, Wash.
- 10 -- Mt. Vernon, Wash.
- 11 -- Bremerton, Wash.
- 12 -- Aberdeen, Wash.
- 13 -- Eugene, Ore.
- 15 -- Redding, Calif.
- 16 -- Grass Valley, Calif.
- 17 -- Rancho Cordova, Calif.
- 18 -- Santa Rosa, Calif.
- 20 -- San Francisco, Calif.
- 21 -- Palo Alto, Calif.
- 22 -- Ridge Crest, Calif.
- 23 -- Ventura, Calif.
- 24 -- Claremont, Calif.
- 25 -- El Camino, Calif.
- 26 -- Riverside, Calif.
- 28 -- Los Angeles, Calif.
- 29 -- Los Angeles, Calif.
- 30 -- La Mesa, Calif.

"THE PRESIDENT'S OWN"

VISITS EUROPE

1ST TIME

Until this year, the Marine Band's only appearance outside the United States was in 1932 at the Canadian National Exposition.

This fall, however, the Marine Band will make its first overseas trip in its 187-year history. The Band will travel to

the Netherlands Nov. 22-29 to present two special concerts in Rotterdam with the Marine Band of the Royal Netherlands Navy.

The U.S. Marine Band was invited to perform in the Netherlands following the U.S. tour of the Dutch Marine Band in 1983, culminating in a joint concert here in Washington.

Colonel Bourgeois and Capt. John Zimmerman, Marine Band Operations Officer, completed an advance trip to the Netherlands in May to meet with Major Jaap Koops, Director of the Marine Band of the Royal Netherlands Navy and other officials to make final arrangements for the trip.

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MGYSGT KNIGHTON RETIRES WITH 23 YEARS SERVICE

MGySgt David H. Knighton, the Marine Band's principal second clarinetist, retires in August after 23 years of service to the Band. Knighton enlisted in the Band in 1962 and since then has been a soloist in many Washington-area performances.

Knighton, a native of Melrose, Ma., began studying music at the age of 10 and was awarded a band scholarship to Valley Forge Military Academy in Valley Forge, Pa. from which he was graduated in 1953. He then studied under Gino Cioffe at the New England Conservatory, while simultaneously attending Franklin Technical Institute, both in Boston. He was graduated with an associate's degree in chemistry from Franklin Tech in 1955.

Prior to his enlistment in the Marine Band, Knighton performed in civic symphonies in Goth Lynn and Melrose, Ma. From 1955 to 1962, he played first clarinet in the Army Field Band stationed at Fort Meade, Md. In this capacity, he toured throughout the U.S., Europe and the Far East.

Knighton and his wife, Charlotte, reside in Hyattsville, Md. They are the parents of a son and a daughter.

PROMOTIONS

MGySgt Edward L. Simmons, Tuba
MGySgt James C. Rowe, Trumpet
MGySgt Gary P. Sulkowski, Eb Clarinet
MGySgt Howard B. Bowlin, Transcriber
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GySgt Larry M. Crosley, Violin
GySgt Celeste L. Blase, Violin

REENLISTMENTS

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