

# NOTES

September - October 2006



## *On Tour*

PUBLISHED FOR THE FRIENDS OF "THE PRESIDENT'S OWN"

# Southeast Tour

This fall, the Marine Band will embark on its National Concert Tour to the southeastern United States. They will perform 44 concerts in 50 days throughout southern Maryland, eastern Virginia, eastern North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, southern Alabama, and Florida. Please see pages 3-4 for the full tour itinerary.

"We're looking forward to traveling through the South and enjoying that famous southern hospitality," Director Lieutenant Colonel Michael J. Colburn said. "Since we only play in each region of the country every five years, we are especially excited to share our music with audiences that don't get many opportunities to hear the Marine Band. As usual, our tour concerts will feature a little something for everyone."

Lt. Col. Colburn has selected a diverse sampling of soloists and repertoire for this year's tour. Co-principal flute Master Gunnery Sergeant Betsy Hill and co-principal oboe Gunnery Sergeant Shawn Welk will perform Jules Demersseman and Felix Charles Berthelemy's *Guillaume Tell* Duo Brillant, principal tuba Master Sergeant Cameron Gates will perform the first movement from Edward Gregson's Tuba Concerto, pianist Staff Sergeant AnnaMaria Mottola will perform George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, and baritone vocalist Gunnery Sergeant Kevin Benneer will sing three arrangements by Master Sergeant Stephen Bulla including a medley of Irish songs, the patriotic collection *Pride of a People*, and an arrangement of American spirituals.

Master Sgt. Gates, Gunnery Sgt. Welk, and Staff Sgt. Mottola are first-time tour soloists and Staff Sgt. Mottola is the first pianist to perform on a Marine Band tour in more than 10 years. "I was surprised to be asked, but I'm excited," she said. "I want to get the full Marine Band experience, and tour is such a big part of it."

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## Kids Tour White House With Interactive John Philip Sousa

Young visitors to the Marine Band's website, [www.marineband.usmc.mil](http://www.marineband.usmc.mil), will discover the newly-designed

Kid's Corner, a behind-the-scenes musical adventure through the White House. The site features colorful animation, historic photographs, lighthearted interviews with members of "The President's Own," and a guided virtual tour conducted by John Philip Sousa, the Marine Band's Director from 1880-1892.

The band was a small, fledgling ensemble when President John Adams moved into the unfinished White House and asked the Marine Band to perform at his New Year's Day reception on Jan. 1, 1801.

"The President's Own" has been a permanent fixture at the White House ever since, performing there more than 300 times

annually. Through its performances at this famous residence, the Marine Band has had front row seats for many major events in

America's history. Sousa's tour highlights some of these pivotal moments and explains the unique relationship between the Marine Band and the President's home.

"The Kid's Corner is unique because it features some of the band's most cherished historical stories," Assistant Director Captain Jason K. Fettig said. "Visitors, young and old, are invited to discover the very important role music has played in the White House over the last 200 years."

Designed as a fun and educational tool for students and teachers, Sousa's tour begins in the Grand Foyer, where visitors may click on the marble floor to



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## Quotable Quote

*The Marine Band has always set the standard in musical excellence and we are honored to sponsor them on the Emerald Coast of Florida. A big Semper Fi from all of us at Detachment #915 Marine Corps League!*

—2006 Tour Sponsor Tom Senior  
Commandant  
Marine Corps League #915  
Niceville, Fla.

## White House Highlights

Recent appearances by “The President’s Own” at the White House include:

- Swearing-in Ceremony for Judge Brett Kavanaugh, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia
- Super Bowl Champions Pittsburgh Steelers Event
- Swearing-in Ceremony for Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne
- Senate Spouses Luncheon
- Missing and Exploited Children Volunteers Reception
- Presidential Remarks on Designation of the 14th National Marine Sanctuary
- Congressional Picnic
- Reception with Members of Congress
- Tee-Ball Game
- Ford’s Theatre Gala Reception
- Black Music Month Celebration
- State Dinner for Japan
- Independence Day Celebration
- White House Fellows Reception
- Cooper-Hewitt Design Awards Reception
- Special Olympics Dinner

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learn about famous guests who danced to music played by Marine Band ensembles or on the Christmas tree to read about holiday events performed at the White House.

Visitors to the East Room may click on Alice Roosevelt’s dancing shoes, First Lady Abigail Adams’ clothesline, or President John F. Kennedy’s folded flag to learn more about the Marine Band’s participation in large White House gatherings such as concerts, weddings, funerals, award presentations, and bill-signing ceremonies.

The State Dining Room contains hidden facts and treasures about the Marine Band’s close association with President Abraham Lincoln, information about the Strolling Strings, and photos of the White House gingerbread house, complete with sugar cookies in the shape of Marine Band musicians.

Sousa’s tour continues to the musicians’ holding room, where students may learn more about the instruments that members of “The President’s Own” play.

The tour ends on the South Lawn, the scene of the Marine Band’s bicentennial celebration, the Easter Egg Roll, Tee-ball games, and State Arrival ceremonies. After the tour, visitors are invited to flip through the Marine Band’s scrapbook to explore photos of “The President’s Own” in performance at popular Washington, D.C., landmarks, on tour across the country, and at its home, Marine Barracks Washington.

The Kid’s Corner is located at  
[www.marineband.usmc.mil/kids\\_corner/index.htm](http://www.marineband.usmc.mil/kids_corner/index.htm).



**A dance band from “The President’s Own” performs in the Grand Foyer.**



**Kids can explore Marine Band history by flipping through the band’s photo album. Above, the Marine Band traveled by train on tour in 1901.**

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Piano soloists on tour are a rarity due to the logistics of making room on stage for such a large instrument and the wide variety of pianos on which the soloist will play. “I’m looking forward to getting to play on some great instruments,” Staff Sgt. Mottola said.

The Marine Band clarinet section will perform a special feature, *Tribute to Benny Goodman*. The piece is a medley of tunes that were often performed by the famous clarinetist, including Niccolò Paganini’s *Caprice No. 24*, originally written for violin; “Clarenade” by Mel Powell, a frequent arranger for Goodman; and the Original Dixieland Jazz Band’s “Tiger Rag.”

In addition to the featured solos and the special clarinet piece, the Marine Band will premiere Paul Lavender’s transcriptions of Leonard Bernstein’s *Symphonic Dances from West Side Story*, and John Williams’ *American Journey*, composed for Washington, D.C.’s, Millennium Gala, held Dec. 31, 1999 on the National Mall.

The 2006 concert tour itinerary follows. Dates, locations, and times are subject to change. For ticket information, call the number listed, e-mail the venue, or mail a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the address below, ATTN: Marine Band Tickets. For detailed program information, visit [www.marineband.usmc.mil](http://www.marineband.usmc.mil).

**Monday, October 2, 8 p.m.**  
**Princess Anne, MD**  
**Ella Fitzgerald Performing Arts Center**  
**University of Maryland Eastern Shore**  
 University of Maryland Eastern Shore  
 Department of Fine Arts  
 11931 Art Shell Plaza  
 Princess Anne, MD 21853  
 (410) 651-6487

**Tuesday, October 3, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Norfolk, VA**  
**Constant Convocation Center**  
**Old Dominion University**  
 Constant Convocation Center  
 Box Office  
 4320 Hampton Boulevard  
 Norfolk, VA 23529  
 (757) 683-4444

**Wednesday, October 4, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Hampton, VA**  
**Ogden Auditorium**  
**Hampton University**  
 Hampton University  
 c/o Dr. Cynthia Sellers  
 Executive Assistant to the President  
 Office of the President  
 Administration Building, Suite 200  
 Hampton, VA 23668  
 cynthia.sellers@hamptonu.edu

**Thursday, October 5, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Elizabeth City, NC**  
**The Vaughan Center**  
**Elizabeth City State University**  
 Elizabeth City State University  
 Professor Ellard Forrester, Director of Bands  
 Campus Box 780  
 1704 Weeksville Road  
 Elizabeth City, NC 27909  
 (252) 335-3360

**Friday, October 6, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Rocky Mount, NC**  
**Dunn Center for the Performing Arts**  
**North Carolina Wesleyan College**  
 Rocky Mount Telegram  
 P. O. Box 1080  
 Rocky Mount, NC 27802  
 (252) 407-9941

**Saturday, October 7, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Raleigh, NC**  
**Holliday Gymnasium**  
**Needham B. Broughton High School**  
 N. B. Broughton High School  
 c/o Jeffrey H. Richardson  
 723 St. Mary's Street  
 Raleigh, NC 27605  
 (919) 856-7826

**Sunday, October 8, 3 p.m.**  
**Fayetteville, NC**  
**Seabrook Auditorium**  
**Fayetteville State University**  
 Fayetteville State University  
 Seabrook Auditorium  
 1200 Murchison Road  
 Fayetteville, NC 28301  
 (910) 672-2108

**Monday, October 9, 8 p.m.**  
**Supply, NC**  
**Odell Williamson Auditorium**  
**Brunswick Community College**  
 Brunswick Community College  
 Odell Williamson Auditorium  
 P.O. Box 30  
 Supply, NC 28462  
 (800) 754-1050

**Tuesday, October 10, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Myrtle Beach, SC**  
**Music and Arts Center**  
**Myrtle Beach High School**  
 Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce  
 North 1200 Oak Street  
 Myrtle Beach, SC 29577  
 (843) 916-7239

**Wednesday, October 11, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Charleston, SC**  
**Lightsey Chapel Auditorium**  
**Charleston Southern University**  
 Charleston Southern University  
 c/o Robert Fox  
 P.O. Box 118087  
 Charleston, SC 29423  
 (843) 863-7967

**Friday, October 13, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Orangeburg, SC**  
**Edward Tullis Arena**  
**Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Physical Education Center**  
**Clafflin University**  
 Clafflin University  
 Dr. Cedric Adderley  
 400 Magnolia Street  
 Orangeburg, SC 29115  
 (803) 535-5230

**Saturday, October 14, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Columbia, SC**  
**The Ira and Nancy Koger Center for the Arts**  
**University of South Carolina**  
 University of South Carolina  
 School of Music  
 813 Assembly Street  
 Columbia, SC 29208  
 (803) 251-6333

**Sunday, October 15, 3 p.m.**  
**Augusta, GA**  
**Westside High School Gymnasium**  
 The Augusta Chronicle  
 P. O. Box 1928  
 Augusta, GA 30901  
 (706) 823-3476

**Monday, October 16, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Macon, GA**  
**Porter Auditorium**  
**Wesleyan College**  
 MidSummer Macon  
 4760 Forsyth Road  
 Macon, GA 31210  
 (478) 757-5174

**Tuesday, October 17, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Savannah, GA**  
**Fine Arts Auditorium**  
**Armstrong Atlantic State University**  
 Armstrong Atlantic State University  
 Fine Arts Auditorium Box Office  
 11935 Abercorn Street  
 Savannah, GA 31419  
 (912) 927-5381  
 finearts@mail.armstrong.edu

**Wednesday, October 18, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Jacksonville, FL**  
**Lazzara Performance Hall**  
**University of North Florida**  
 University of North Florida  
 Box Office  
 4567 St. Johns Bluff Road South  
 Building 45, Room 1400  
 Jacksonville, FL 32224  
 (904) 620-2878

**Thursday, October 19, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Bunnell, FL**  
**Flagler Auditorium**  
 Flagler Auditorium  
 P.O. Box 755  
 Bunnell, FL 32110  
 flaglerpromotion@aol.com

**Friday, October 20, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Daytona Beach, FL**  
**Mary McLeod Bethune Performing Arts Center**  
**Bethune Cookman College**  
 P.O. Box 1292  
 Port Orange, FL 32127  
 (386) 788-7800

**Saturday, October 21, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Winter Park, FL**  
**Winter Park High School Performing Arts Center**  
 parksm@ocps.net  
 (407) 317-3200 ext. 2767

**Sunday, October 22, 3 p.m.**  
**Melbourne, FL**  
**Maxwell C. King Center for the Performing Arts**  
 608 Tortoise Way  
 Satellite Beach, FL 32937-3880  
 (321) 773-2005

**Monday, October 23, 8 p.m.**  
**Miami, FL**  
**Miami-Dade County Auditorium**  
 Miami-Dade County Auditorium  
 Box Office  
 2901 West Flagler  
 Miami, FL 33035-1300  
 (305) 547-5414

**Saturday, October 28, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Boca Raton, FL**  
**Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium**  
**Florida Atlantic University**  
 Please visit website for updates.

**Sunday, October 29, 3 p.m.**  
**West Palm Beach, FL**  
**Raymond F. Kravis Center for Performing Arts**  
**Dreyfoos Hall**

Kravis Center Box Office  
 701 Okeechobee Boulevard  
 West Palm Beach, FL 33401  
 (561) 832-7469

**Monday, October 30, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Fort Myers, FL**  
**Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall**  
**Edison College**

Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall  
 8099 College Parkway  
 Fort Myers, FL 33919  
 (239) 481-4849

**Tuesday, October 31, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Port Charlotte, FL**  
**Port Charlotte High School Gymnasium**

Military Officers Association  
 Charlotte Harbor Chapter  
 P.O. Box 511851  
 Punta Gorda, FL 33951-1851  
 (941) 629-5766

**Wednesday, November 1, 7 p.m.**  
**Lakeland, FL**

**Youkey Theater, Lakeland Center**  
 The Lakeland Center Ticket Office  
 701 West Lime Street  
 Lakeland, FL 33815  
 (863) 834-8111

**Thursday, November 2, 7:30 p.m.**  
**New Port Richey, FL**  
**Center for the Arts at River Ridge**

Center for the Arts at River Ridge  
 11646 Town Center Road  
 New Port Richey, FL 34654  
 (727) 774-7381

**Friday, November 3, 7:30 p.m.**  
**St. Petersburg, FL**  
**Mahaffey Theater at the Progress**  
**Energy Center**

Mahaffey Theatre at the Progress Energy Center  
 400 First Street South  
 St. Petersburg, FL 33701  
 (727) 892-5767

**Saturday, November 4, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Gainesville, FL**  
**Phillips Center for the Performing Arts**  
**University of Florida**

Phillips Center for the Performing Arts  
 University of Florida  
 P.O. Box 112750  
 Gainesville, FL 32611  
 (352) 392-2787

**Sunday, November 5, 3 p.m.**  
**Valdosta, GA**  
**Valdosta State University PE Complex**

Valdosta Daily Times  
 201 North Troup Street  
 Valdosta, GA 31601  
 (229) 244-1880

**Monday, November 6, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Albany, GA**  
**HPER Building**

**Albany State University**  
 Albany State University Bands  
 504 College Avenue  
 Holley Hall  
 Albany, GA 31705  
 (229) 430-4849

**Tuesday, November 7, 8 p.m.**  
**Tallahassee, FL**  
**Lee Hall Auditorium**  
**Florida A&M University**  
 Chairman, Department of Music  
 Florida A&M University  
 1500 South Martin Luther King Boulevard  
 Tallahassee, FL 32307  
 (850) 599-3024

**Thursday, November 9, 7:30 p.m.**

**Panama City, FL**  
**Marina Civic Center**  
 Bay Arts Alliance  
 8 Harrison Avenue  
 Panama City, FL 32401  
 (850) 769-1217

**Friday, November 10, 7:30 p.m.**

**Dothan, AL**  
**Northview High School Convocation Center**  
 Northview High School  
 Attn: Ms. Dykes  
 3209 Reeves Street  
 Dothan, AL 36303  
 (334) 794-1410 ext. 240

**Saturday, November 11, 7:30 p.m.**

**Niceville, FL**  
**Okaloosa-Walton College Arts Center Theater**  
 Associate Director  
 The Arts Center  
 Okaloosa-Walton College  
 100 College Boulevard  
 Niceville, FL 32578-1295  
 (850) 729-6000

**Sunday, November 12, 3 p.m.**

**Mobile, AL**  
**Mobile Civic Center Theater**  
 Press Register Marketing  
 Attn: Promotions Coordinator  
 P. O. Box 2488  
 Mobile, AL 36652  
 (251) 219-5379

**Monday, November 13, 7:30 p.m.**

**Montgomery, AL**  
**Robert E. Lee High School Auditorium**  
 Dr. Caterina Bristol  
 Alabama State University Music Department  
 915 South Jackson Street  
 Montgomery, AL 36101

**Tuesday, November 14, 7:30 p.m.**

**Atlanta, GA**  
**North Atlanta High School Gymnasium**  
 North Atlanta High School  
 2875 Northside Drive NW  
 Atlanta, GA 30305  
 (404) 355-9378

**Wednesday, November 15, 8 p.m.**

**Athens, GA**  
**Hodgson Hall**  
**University of Georgia Performing Arts Center**  
 University of Georgia Performing Arts Center  
 Hodgson Hall  
 214 Performing Arts Center  
 Athens, GA 30602  
 (706) 542-4400

**Thursday, November 16, 8 p.m.**

**Greenville, SC**  
**McAlister Auditorium, Furman University**  
 Furman University  
 Music Department  
 3300 Poinsett Highway  
 Greenville, SC 29613  
 (864) 294-2086

**Friday, November 17, 7:30 p.m.**

**Clover, SC**  
**Clover School District Auditorium**  
 Clover School District Auditorium  
 1625 Highway 55 East  
 Clover, SC 29710  
 (803) 222-8018

**Saturday, November 18, 8 p.m.**

**Burlington, NC**  
**Alumni Gymnasium in the Koury Center**  
**Elon University**  
 Elon University  
 2800 Campus Box  
 Elon, NC 27244  
 (336) 278-5610

**Sunday, November 19, 3 p.m.**

**Roxboro, NC**  
**Person High School Gymnasium**  
 Roxboro Broadcasting Company  
 P.O. Box 1176  
 Roxboro, NC 27573  
 (336) 599-0266

**Monday, November 20, 7 p.m.**

**Midlothian, VA**  
**James River High School Gymnasium**  
 Band Boosters  
 James River High School  
 3700 James River Road  
 Midlothian, VA 23113  
 (804) 378-4448

## Fall Concerts

Free Country, the Marine Band's country music ensemble, will perform at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 2, for the annual "Music in the Mountains" series in Harpers Ferry, W. Va.

The Marine Chamber Ensembles will perform at 2 p.m. on Sundays, Oct. 8, 15, and 22, at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Auditorium in Alexandria, Va. For program and ticket information, please visit [www.marineband.usmc.mil](http://www.marineband.usmc.mil).

## STAFF LINES



## MSgt Cameron Gates

### Principal Tuba

**Birthday:** Jan. 20, 1964 (every 4 years I'm busy!!!)

**Hometown:** Eugene, Ore.

**Family status:** Married to Tammy

**Children:** Noah age 4 and Sawyer age 8 months

**Education:** BM in music education from University of Oregon in Eugene and MM from University of New Mexico in Albuquerque

**Joined the band:** June 11, 1993

**Self-portrait:** Shy, loyal

**Greatest accomplishment:** My children

**Pet peeve:** Instrumental music without a prominent tuba part. What's the point?

**Walter Mitty fantasy:** Playing bass trombone in Maynard Ferguson's band in the 1960s and 1970s

**Most memorable moment in band:** My first rehearsal we performed 1812 Overture with 99 people on stage, including six tubas. It was a wake-up call I will never forget.

**Best-kept secret:** I went to college on a bass trombone scholarship and lived

**Hobbies:** Repairing and altering brass instruments

**Three things always found in your refrigerator:** Hot sauce, pepperoni, a heart-shaped bottle of wine my parents got on their honeymoon

**Most influential teachers:** R. Wayne Bennett, director of bands at the University of Oregon and Karl Hinterbichler, University of New Mexico

**Professional experience before the band:** Band director at Saugus High School in Los Angeles and El Mira High School in Eugene. Before that I worked at a concrete plant.

**Favorite piece of music:** "MacArthur Park," any version

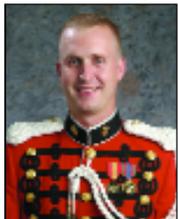
**Last words:** The Ducks are going to the Rose Bowl!!!!!!

## New Members



### Public Affairs Specialist Staff Sergeant Rachel Ghadiali

of Clendenin, W. Va., earned a bachelor's degree in music from Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, N.C., in 1999. She enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1999 and attended basic training at Parris Island Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Beaufort, S.C. Prior to joining "The President's Own," she was assigned to the Quantico Marine Band at Marine Base Quantico in Virginia, and most recently was the promotions director at Salem Communications Corporation in Washington, D.C.



### Public Affairs Specialist Staff Sergeant Brian Rust

of Vernal, Utah, earned a bachelor's degree in public relations from Brigham Young University (BYU) in Provo, Utah in 2006. Prior to joining "The President's Own," SSgt Rust worked with the University Communications Office at BYU and the TriCounty Health Department in Vernal. He also traveled with the BYU Young Ambassadors performing group.

## In Memoriam

Master Gunnery Sergeant Robert J. McNickle, USMC, (Ret.) died in June. MGySgt McNickle served in the U.S. Marine Band as assistant Recording Engineer from 1958-1966. He went on to serve in Vietnam from 1970-1971 with the First Marine Air Wing and retired in 1975.

## Promotions

**To Master Gunnery Sergeant:** Co-principal flute Betsy Hill of Shepherdstown, W. Va.

**To Master Sergeant:** Principal percussionist Mark Latimer of St. Louis, Mo.; principal string bass Glenn Dewey of Duluth, Minn.

**To Gunnery Sergeant:** Saxophonist Otis Goodlett IV of Lexington, S.C.; Trumpeter/ cornetist Christopher Smith of Muskegon, Mich.

**To Corporal:** Administration Clerk Lawrence Berry of Shelby, Ohio; Stage Crewman Patrick Martins of Nassau, N.Y.

## Vacancies

"The President's Own" announces audition dates for the following vacancies:

**Trumpet:** Sept. 11-12

**Violin:** Jan. 8-9

For information, contact:

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Audition repertoire may be found at [www.marineband.usmc.mil](http://www.marineband.usmc.mil).

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