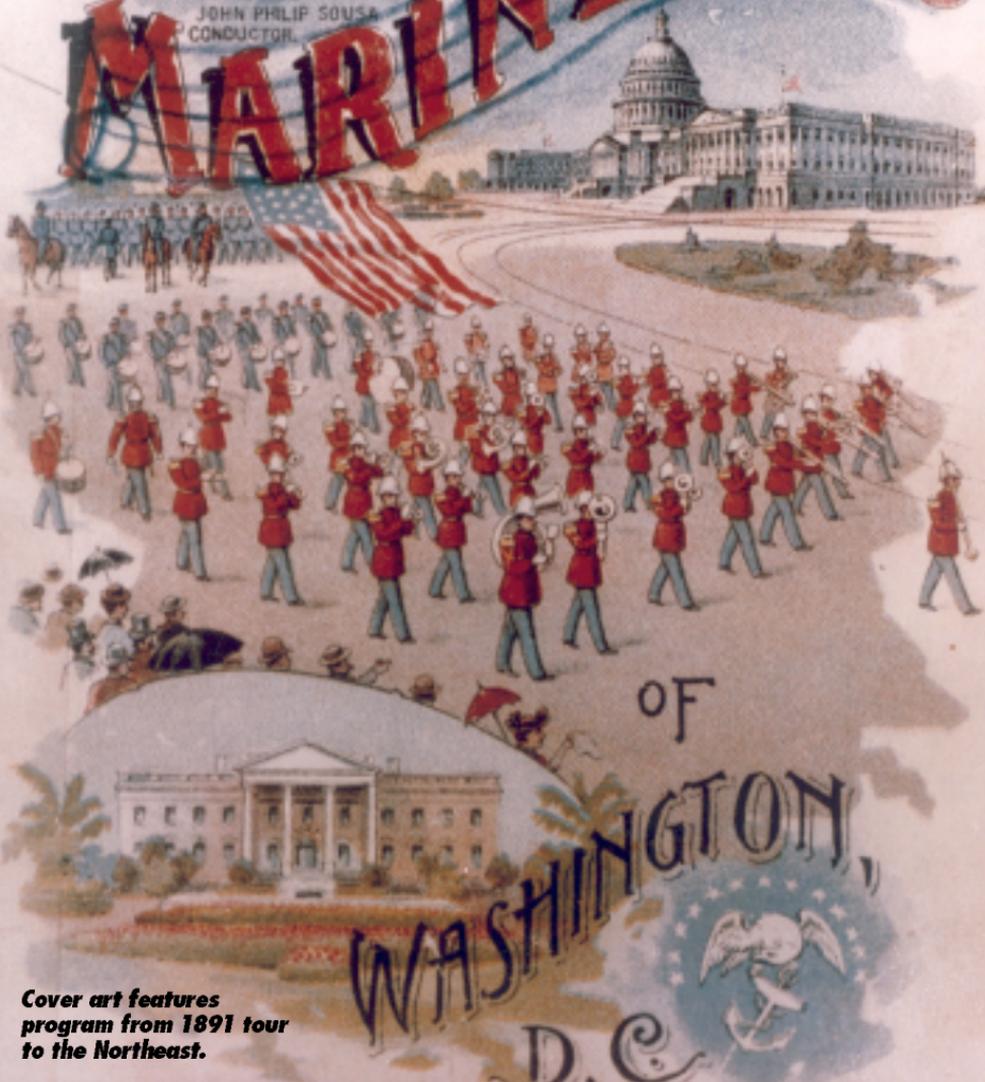


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THE UNITED STATES

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CONDUCTOR.

MARINE BAND



Cover art features program from 1891 tour to the Northeast.

Homecoming

They say you can never go home again, but that's not the case for 18 musicians who will take part in the Marine Band's tour to the Northeast in October and November. Even newly-promoted Marine Band Director Colonel Michael J. Colburn will take the podium in his native St. Albans, Vt.

"Traveling back to my hometown for a tour concert is always a meaningful experience," Col. Colburn said. "I've been lucky enough to have played there twice before during my Marine Band career, but never as Director. St. Albans has always generated a capacity crowd that is wildly enthusiastic, and my friends and family have assured me that this time won't be any different!"

The Oct. 12 tour stop in Rome, N.Y., is the hometown of not one, but two Marine Band musicians, Master Sergeants Audrey Cupples and Christian Ferrari. Both were helpful in putting Tour Director Andrew Linden in touch with potential sponsors, and they are looking forward to performing in the new facility at the Rome Free Academy (RFA). Master Sgt. Cupples, a saxophonist, recalled a particularly memorable performance at the RFA: "When I was in college I went home to hear a concert. Chris Ferrari was playing a trumpet solo with the RFA band. I remember telling my dad that he had a lot of talent and would go far with his music. Years later, he joined the Marine Band!"

Brothers and New Jersey natives Gunnery Sergeant Michael Mergen and Staff Sergeant Paul Mergen will tour together for the first time since Staff Sgt. Mergen joined the band in 2004. "It's always a special thing to perform with my brother," Staff Sgt. Mergen said. "We've played together since grammar school and now we get to continue sharing that experience." The tour will take the Mergens to Annandale, N.J., just outside their hometown Lebanon Township, on Nov. 10. "I've always found it inspiring to perform where I learned how to perform," Gunnery Sgt. Mergen said. "It's gratifying to be able to give back to the community of family and friends who have supported Paul and me all these years."

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President Bush Promotes Marine Band Director

The Director of "The President's Own" United States Marine Band, Michael J. Colburn, was promoted to the rank of colonel on July 3, 2007, by President George W. Bush in an Oval Office ceremony. Colonel Colburn is only the second Director in the Marine Band's 209-year history to be promoted by the Commander-in-Chief.

"To be promoted to my current rank by the Commander-in-Chief is an incredible honor that I will always cherish," Col. Colburn said. "However, the promotion of any leader is really an acknowledgment of the success of those he or she leads, and I think the President's desire to personally promote me is due to the respect and appreciation he has for all the members of the Marine Band. I must say that the nickname 'The President's Own' never seemed more appropriate than it did on that day in the Oval Office!"

Col. Colburn returned to the White House on Wednesday, July 4, to conduct the Marine Band on the South Lawn during the fireworks display on the National Mall. The Marine Band's first 4th of July performance occurred during Andrew Jackson's presidency.

Former Director Colonel Timothy W. Foley attended the ceremony. "I join legions of admirers and friends of the Marine Band in offering my congratulations," he said. "Throughout his distinguished career, Colonel Colburn has made myriad contributions to the success of the band, and he is most deserving of his promotion. Under his peerless leadership, the Marine Band continues to achieve the highest standards of musical excellence and professionalism."



Col. and Mrs. Michael J. Colburn with President George W. Bush following the Oval Office promotion ceremony.

While Senior Assistant Director, Col. Colburn worked to strengthen and expand the reputation of "The President's Own." He was especially involved in the refinement of the Marine Band's audition process and development of the chamber music series. He also arranged for the band's participation in numerous high-profile events. In July 2003, in celebration of the Marine Band's 205th anniversary, he brought to the podium renowned conductor and Academy-Award winning film composer John Williams, who led the Marine

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Music in the Mountains

Free Country, the Marine Band's contemporary country music ensemble, will perform at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 1, for the annual "Music in the Mountains" series at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park in West Virginia. Selections will include contemporary country and patriotic music, as well as original compositions by Marine Band members. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call (304) 535-6029.

Music in the Schools

During the month of October, Marine Band musicians will visit and perform in Washington, D.C., area elementary schools as part of the band's annual Music in the Schools (MITS) program. To schedule a presentation at your school, call the Marine Band Branch of Headquarters Marine Corps Public Affairs at (703) 614-2267, or email marineband.publicaffairs@usmc.mil; ATTN: MITS.

White House Highlights

Recent appearances by "The President's Own" at the White House include:

- U.S. Delegates to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Summit Luncheon
- Senate Spouses' Luncheon
- NCAA Sports Champions' Visit
- Congressional Picnic
- Remarks on Stem Cell Research Event
- Black Music Month Reception
- Ford's Theatre Gala
- Presidential Scholars/No Child Left Behind Reception
- Tee-Ball Game
- Independence Day Reception
- National Fireworks Display

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Band for a gala performance at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. As Director, Col. Colburn has continued to attract prominent guest conductors for the band, including Leonard Slatkin in 2006 and José Serebrier in 2007.

After joining "The President's Own" in May 1987 as a euphonium player, Col. Colburn quickly distinguished himself as a featured soloist, and in 1990 was appointed principal euphonium. In addition to his euphonium duties, Col. Colburn was active as a conductor for "The President's Own" chamber music series.

Col. Colburn graduated from Bellows Free Academy in St. Albans, Vt., in 1982. Following high school he attended the Crane School of Music at the State University of New York in Potsdam for two years. He continued his education at Arizona State University in Tempe, where he earned a bachelor's degree in music performance in 1986.

In 1991, Col. Colburn earned a master's degree in conducting from George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., and in 1996, he was appointed Assistant Director and commissioned a first lieutenant. He accepted the position of Senior Assistant Director and executive officer in 2001 and in 2002 was promoted to the rank of major. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel one day before he assumed leadership of "The President's Own" on July 17, 2004.

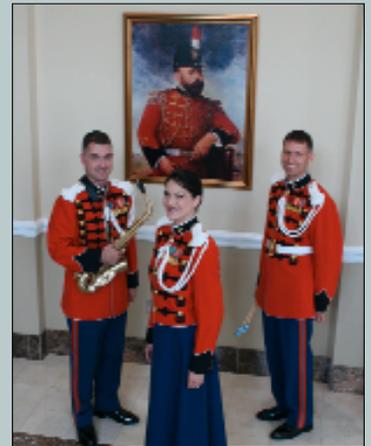
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Clarinetist Staff Sergeant Bill Bernier, from Easthampton, Mass., will perform for relatives in nearby Springfield, Mass., on Nov. 2, in addition to his wife's family in Yarmouth, Mass., on Oct. 29. But the band's performance in New Haven, Conn., on Nov. 4, has special meaning to Staff Sgt. Bernier. "My grandmother has traveled many times to see me play and it is great that I am able to bring the music to her. I think she is one of my biggest fans, and she is also a big fan of the Marine Band."

This will be oboe and English horn player Master Sergeant Mark Christianson's fifth northeast tour. "I grew up in East Boston and played little league baseball down the street from the concert location during my first tour in 1988," he said. "My whole family was there at the Knights of Columbus Hall. It was a funny homecoming, but I was welcomed with open arms. I was a bit embarrassed by it then; now I look back with fondness for the hardworking folks I grew up with who supported me through thick and thin."

While the Northeast is personally significant to many members of the Marine Band, it is also historically significant in that it was the area that 17th Director John Philip Sousa chose for the band's first tour in 1891. That tour included Mechanics Hall in Worcester, Mass., which he continued to visit with his civilian band after his Marine Band career. The Marine Band will perform at Mechanics Hall on Monday, Oct. 22, as part of the venue's 150th anniversary season.

The Marine Band tour kicks off at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 1, in Chambersburg, Pa., and concludes Sunday, Nov. 18, in Centreville, Md. All concerts are free, but tickets are required. Please see pages 3-4 for the complete itinerary, or visit www.marineband.usmc.mil.



The 2007 Northeast tour will feature soloists (from left) Gunnery Sgt. Steve Longoria, saxophone; Staff Sgt. Sara Dell'Omo, mezzo-soprano; and Gunnery Sgt. Christopher Rose, percussion.

2007 TOUR ITINERARY

The 2007 concert tour itinerary follows. Dates, locations, and times are subject to change. For ticket information, call the number listed, or mail a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the address below, ATTN: Marine Band Tickets. For detailed program information, visit www.marineband.usmc.mil.

Monday, October 1, 7:30 p.m.

**Chambersburg, PA
Chambersburg Area Senior High School
Auditorium**

Chambersburg Area Band Promotion Association
511 South Sixth Street
Chambersburg, PA 17201
(717) 261-3346

Tuesday, October 2, 7:30 p.m.

**Lebanon, PA
William D. Starr Auditorium,
Lebanon High School**

Lebanon School District
1000 South Eighth Street
Lebanon, PA 17042
(717) 273-9391

Wednesday, October 3, 7:30 p.m.

**Wilkes-Barre, PA
The F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts**

The Times Leader
15 North Main Street
Wilkes Barre, PA 18711
(570) 826-1100

Thursday, October 4, 8 p.m.

**Lewisburg, PA
Weis Center for the Performing Arts,
Bucknell University**

Bucknell University Campus Box Office
Lewisburg, PA 17837
(570) 577-1000

Friday, October 5, 7:30 p.m.

**Warren, PA
Warren Area High School Auditorium**

The Times Observer
205 Pennsylvania Avenue West
Warren, PA 16365
(814) 723-8200

Saturday, October 6, 7:30 p.m.

**Jamestown, NY
Jamestown High School Auditorium**

Jamestown High School Band
350 East Second Street
Jamestown, NY 14701
(716) 483-4217

Sunday, October 7, 3 p.m.

**Buffalo, NY
Kleinhans Music Hall**

BPO Box Office
3 Symphony Circle
Buffalo, NY 14201
(716) 885-5000

Monday, October 8, 7:30 p.m.

**Rochester, NY
Eastman Theatre, University of Rochester
Eastman School of Music**

26 Gibbs Street
Rochester, NY 14604
(585) 428-6690

Tuesday, October 9, 7:30 p.m.

**Syracuse, NY
Landmark Theatre**

City of Syracuse, Dept. of Parks, Recreation, and Youth Programs
412 Spencer Street
Syracuse, NY 13204
(315) 473-4330

Wednesday, October 10, 8 p.m.

**Ithaca, NY
Bailey Hall, Cornell University**

Available for pick up only at:
Ticket Center at Clinton House
116 North Cayuga Street
Ithaca, NY 14850
(607) 273-4497

Friday, October 12, 7:30 p.m.

**Rome, NY
Rome Free Academy Auditorium**

Rome Sentinel
333 West Dominick Street
Rome, NY 13440
(315) 337-4000

Saturday, October 13, 7:30 p.m.

**Cambridge, NY
Cambridge Central School Gymnasium**

Captain Maxson Post #634
American Legion
P.O. Box 84
Cambridge, NY 12816

Sunday, October 14, 3 p.m.

**Northfield, VT
Shapiro Field House, Norwich University**

Norwich University Music Dept.
158 Harmon Drive
Northfield, VT 05663
(802) 485-2141

Monday, October 15, 7:30 p.m.

**St. Albans, VT
Bellows Free Academy,
Collins Perley Sports Center**

Bellows Free Academy
281 North Main Street
St. Albans, VT 05478
(802) 524-9771

Tuesday, October 16, 7:30 p.m.

**Newport, VT
North Country Union High School Gymnasium**

North Country Union High School
209 Veterans Avenue
Newport, VT 05855
(802) 334-7921

Wednesday, October 17, 7:30 p.m.

**Hopkinton, NH
Hopkinton High School Gymnasium**

Maple Street Elementary School
194 Maple Street
Contoocook, NH 03229
(603) 746-4195 x.260

Thursday, October 18, 7:30 p.m.

**Portland, ME
Merrill Auditorium at City Hall**

Merrill Auditorium Box Office
20 Myrtle Street
Portland, ME 04101
(207) 842-0800



Friday, October 19, 7:30 p.m.

**Ellsworth, ME
Ellsworth High School Gymnasium**

The Ellsworth American
P.O. Box 509
Ellsworth, ME 04605
(207) 667-2576

Saturday, October 20, 7:30 p.m.

**Augusta, ME
Augusta Civic Center**

Kennebec Journal/Morning Sentinel
274 Western Avenue
Augusta, ME 04330
(207) 626-2405

Sunday, October 21, 3 p.m.

**Rochester, NH
Rochester Community Center**

Foster's Daily Democrat
333 Central Avenue
Dover, NH 03820

Monday, October 22, 7:30 p.m.

**Worcester, MA
Mechanics Hall**

321 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 752-0888

Saturday, October 27, 7:30 p.m.

**Brockton, MA
Brockton High School Auditorium**

Brockton High School Music Dept.
470 Forest Avenue
Brockton, MA 02301
(508) 580-7656

Sunday, October 28, 3 p.m.

Wenham, MA
A. J. Gordon Memorial Chapel
Gordon College

Gordon College
 Department of Music
 255 Grapevine Road
 Wenham, MA 01984
 (978) 867-4369

Monday, October 29, 7 p.m.

Yarmouth, MA
Mattacheese Middle School Auditorium

Yarmouth Area Chamber of Commerce
 P.O. Box 479
 South Yarmouth, MA 02664
 (800) 732-1008

Tuesday, October 30, 7:30 p.m.

Newport, RI
Rogers High School Auditorium

Newport Daily News
 P.O. Box 420
 Newport, RI 02840
 (401) 849-3300

Wednesday, October 31, 7:30 p.m.

Providence, RI
Auditorium in Roberts Hall
Rhode Island College

Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts
 Rhode Island College
 600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue
 Providence, RI 02908
 (401) 456-8144

Thursday, November 1, 7:30 p.m.

Greenfield, MA
Greenfield High School Auditorium

The Recorder
 P.O. Box 1367
 Greenfield, MA 01302
 (413) 772-0261

Friday, November 2, 7:30 p.m.

Springfield, MA
Cathedral High School Auditorium

City Hall
 36 Court Street
 Rm. 309
 Springfield, MA 01103
 (413) 886-5048

Saturday, November 3, 7:30 p.m.

Manchester, CT
Manchester High School Auditorium

Journal Inquirer
 306 Progress Drive
 Manchester, CT 06045
 (860) 647-3521

Sunday, November 4, 3 p.m.

New Haven, CT
John Lyman Center for the Performing Arts
Southern Connecticut State University

Lyman Center Box Office
 501 Crescent Street
 New Haven, CT 06515
 (203) 392-6154

Monday, November 5, 7:30 p.m.

White Plains, NY
Westchester County Center

Box Office
 Westchester County Center
 198 Central Avenue
 White Plains, NY 10606
 (914) 995-4050

Tuesday, November 6, 7:30 p.m.

Bronx, NY
Lehman Center for the Performing Arts

Box Office Concert Hall Lobby
 Lehman Center for the Performing Arts
 250 Bedford Park Blvd. West
 Bronx, NY 10468
 (718) 960-8833

Thursday, November 8, 7:30 p.m.

Dix Hills, NY
Half Hollow Hills High School East Auditorium
Half Hollow Hills High School

Smithtown Township Arts Council
 Mills Pond House Gallery
 660 Route 25A
 St. James, NY 11780
 (631) 862-6575

Friday, November 9, 7:30 p.m.

Englewood, NJ
Bergen Performing Arts Center

Rochelle Park American Legion Post 170
 33 West Passaic Street
 Rochelle Park, NJ 07662
 (201) 843-9683

Saturday, November 10, 7:30 p.m.

Annandale, NJ
North Hunterdon High School Gymnasium

North Hunterdon High School
 1445 Route 31
 Annandale, NJ 08801
 (908) 713-4160

Sunday, November 11, 3 p.m.

Reading, PA
Scottish Rite Cathedral

Reading Eagle Company
 345 Penn Avenue
 Reading, PA 19601
 (610) 371-5056

Monday, November 12, 7:30 p.m.

Lampeter, PA
Lampeter-Strasburg High School Auditorium

New Holland Band, Inc.
 P.O. Box 345
 New Holland, PA 17557
 (717) 355-5096

Tuesday, November 13, 7:30 p.m.

Lansdale, PA
North Penn Senior High School Auditorium

Borough of Lansdale
 One Vine Street
 Lansdale, PA 19446
 (215) 361-8353

Wednesday, November 14, 8 p.m.

Trenton, NJ
Patriots Theater at the War Memorial

The War Memorial
 P.O. Box 232
 Trenton, NJ 08625
 (609) 984-8400

Thursday, November 15, 7:30 p.m.

Sewell, NJ
Commerce Bank Arts Centre

Mr. George Stalle
 SJBODA Event Chair
 28 Lakeview Drive
 Moorestown, NJ 08057
 (856) 979-8370

Friday, November 16, 7:30 p.m.

Smyrna, DE
Smyrna High School Auditorium

Smyrna High School
 Jessica DuPuis, Band and Choir Director
 500 Duck Creek Parkway
 Smyrna, DE 19977
 (302) 653-3140

Saturday, November 17, 7:30 p.m.

Felton, DE
Lake Forest High School Auditorium

Lake Forest High School
 Music Department
 5407 Killens Pond Road
 Felton, DE 19943
 (302) 284-9291 ext. 223

Sunday, November 18, 3 p.m.

Centreville, MD
Queen Anne's County High School
Auditorium

Queen Anne's County Arts Council
 P.O. Box 218
 Centreville, MD 21617
 (410) 758-2520

Featured Downloads

September

New Music Corner
 David Chaitkin
Celebration

March of the Month

John Philip Sousa*
 "The Gladiator"

October

Director's Choice

Mikhail Glinka/trans. Patterson*
 Overture to *Russian and Ludmilla*

March of the Month

John Philip Sousa*
 Grand Promenade at the White
 House from *Tales of a Traveler*

*Member, Marine Band

Download selections at
www.marineband.usmc.mil

STAFF LINES



GySgt Matthew Summers
Assistant Principal Euphonium

Birthday: March 12, 1976
Hometown: Palo Alto, Calif.
Family status: Wife, Kay; daughter, Ellen
Pet: A betta fish, J.P.
Education: BMA from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor
Joined the band: August 1997
Self-portrait: Dedicated, easy-going, consistent, shy
Greatest accomplishment: My baby girl
Pet peeves: Poor bike trail etiquette, Code Orange air quality days
Hobbies: Cycling, photography, playing Scrabble

Most memorable moment in band: Playing honors in the White House for President Bill Clinton, King Hussein bin Talal of Jordan, Yasser Arafat of Palestine, and Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel in 1998 in connection with the Wye River Summit
Walter Mitty fantasy: To win a mountain stage in the Tour de France
Favorite movie: *The Adventures of Robin Hood* (1938)
Who would play you in a movie: Christian Bale
Best-kept secret: I have names for all my instruments
Bad habits: Midnight snacking, procrastination
Most influential teacher: Col. Stan Dittmer, USA, (Ret.)
Professional experience before the band: Performing in the German show at Busch Gardens Williamsburg in Virginia
Luxury defined: Fair weather, an open road, two months to pedal across the country
Books at bedside: *What to Expect the First Year* by Arlene Eisenberg, an REI catalog
Favorite piece of music: *Finlandia* by Jean Sibelius

Fall Chamber Series

The Marine Chamber Ensembles will offer free performances at 2 p.m., Sundays, Oct. 14, 21, and 28, at the John Philip Sousa Band Hall in southeast Washington.

“Each recital is a completely new experience,” said Assistant Director Captain Michelle A. Rakers. “The recitals are organized by the musicians themselves and feature a wide range of musical genres from the most staple works in the repertoire to the most challenging of new compositions. Patrons have the opportunity to hear tremendous variety regarding both the musical selections as well as the players featured.”

The John Philip Sousa Band Hall is located in the Marine Barracks Annex and Band Support Facility, 600 Virginia Ave., SE, Washington, D.C. For complete program information, visit www.marineband.usmc.mil.



Gunnery Sgt. Christopher Shieh performs with Marine Chamber Ensembles.

Promotions

To Colonel: Director Michael J. Colburn of St. Albans, Vt.
To Master Sergeant: Supply Chief William Browne of Jacksonville, Fla.
To Staff Sergeant: Supply Clerk Zoraida Rodriguez of Miami
To Corporal: Stage crewmen Louis Hill of Los Angeles, Keyth Lloyd of Selma, Ore., and Matthew Paredes of San Antonio

Vacancy

“The President’s Own” announces the following audition date:

Clarinet: Sept. 10-11

For information contact:
 Operations Officer
 U.S. Marine Band
 Marine Barracks
 8th and I Streets, SE
 Washington, DC 20390-5000
 (202) 433-5714
marineband.operations@usmc.mil

Audition repertoire may be found at www.marineband.usmc.mil.

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In Memoriam

Master Gunnery Sergeant David Johnson, USMC, (Ret.) died in June. MGySgt Johnson served in the U.S. Marine Band as a trumpeter/cornetist from 1956-1986.

Master Sergeant Lee Abend, USMC, (Ret.) died in June. MSgt Abend served in the U.S. Marine Band as a French horn player from 1939-1958.