



SEASON 10 BAND NOTES

A DYNAMIC DECADE

2016-17 marks the tenth anniversary of our founding! To celebrate Season 10, there will be many surprises throughout the year, culminating in a COMMUNITY BAND FESTIVAL in May of 2017. This super-sized “exchange concert” will feature the **North Coast Concert Band**, John Kustec, director, and the **Defiance College Community Band**, Cathy Booth and Scott Rogers, directors, with **Captain Ryan J. Nowlin** of “**The President’s Own**” **United States Marine Band** serving as featured guest composer-conductor.

Assistant Director Captain Ryan J. Nowlin joined "The President's Own" United States Marine Band in August 2010 as a staff arranger. He was appointed Assistant Director and commissioned a first lieutenant in July 2014 and promoted to his current rank in July 2016.

Capt. Nowlin's early music instruction was on the piano and French horn. Upon graduating in 1996 from North Royalton High School in Ohio, he attended Bowling Green State University (BGSU) in Ohio, where he earned a bachelor's degree in music education in 2000 and a master's degree in music education and conducting in 2004. He studied with Herbert Spencer and Bruce Moss at BGSU, as well as prolific composer Anne McGinty.

Prior to joining "The President's Own," Capt. Nowlin was an instructor at BGSU and served as a staff arranger for the BGSU Falcon Marching Band. Additionally, he was an instructor at BGSU where he taught band arranging, conducting, and was the assistant director of athletic bands. He was an instrumental music teacher for 10 years serving as an assistant band director at Jackson City Schools in Ohio and most recently was the director of bands at Brecksville-Broadview Heights School District in Ohio.



Preliminarily, each participating band will perform for a gala evening concert (open to the public). Programs will include one selection composed by Captain Nowlin, which he will rehearse and conduct. The *grand finale* will feature the massed bands, performing several selections jointly under the baton of Capt. Nowlin.

NON-PROFIT STATUS

BGACB is an independent organizational entity. We are responsible for all expenses. From our beginnings, we have operated without an established civic or educational “sponsor”. Presenting free ‘live’ public performances (or at reasonable expense) would be impossible, were it not for “*gifts in-kind*” from BGSU, Bowling Green Schools, and the greater business community; or the *generosity* of Band Members and Patrons who invest in the BGACB annually; or the free-will *donations* from concert-goers. Since 2014, with the unbelievably generous financial gift from Elmer (*BGACB charter member-deceased*) and Mavis Girten, we have been able to operate with vision to the future. We were granted IRS 501(c)(3) status (tax exempt) in 2015, and are officially a non-profit charitable organization. Donations to the Bowling Green Area Community Bands are fully tax deductible to the extent of the law. Future goals include grant writing and expanding our outreach efforts, looking forward with great anticipation to celebrating our 20th anniversary in 2027!!

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