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And The Band Played Online Air Force music site makes it easy for groups to stand on ceremony

Alanis Morissette and David Bowie aren't the only musicians playing cyberspace. Without fanfare, a little-known military music site is on its march to success.

On its Web site, the U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Band has created a virtual repository of traditional military and patriotic songs, such as *America the Beautiful*, *The Star-Spangled Banner*, *Reveille* and *Taps*.

These ceremonial songs often are taken for granted, but the search for recordings can be a mission impossible. "Very frequently, a scoutmaster, school principal, municipal employee or civic club official is called on to assemble music for a banquet or ceremony, and this material is hard to find down at the local record store," says a band member, "we've put it all online."

When the band's inventory of ceremonial CDs began to run out in 1998, approval was given to expand the band's Web site to include downloadable music and make it available to the public. For more information, the Web site address is: www2.acc.af.mil/music.

Attaboy! Attagirl!

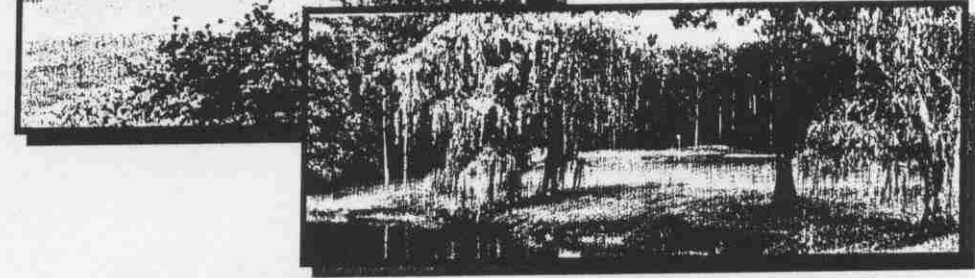
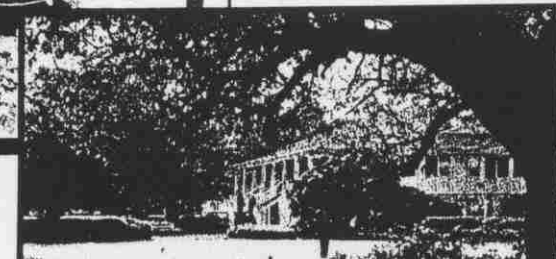
Thanks to all of you who sent in material for inclusion in the last CODA! It certainly makes our publication more interesting for all. I know...I know, some of you mean to write, but.....!

As you know, Ken and I cannot "manufacture" news. So again, for those of you who sent in information for printing, thank you. For those who didn't, why not make this next issue the one for which you will contribute.

Vince

Blue Aces To Entertain At Reunion 2000, Myrtle Beach!

August 16 - 20. An Air Force group from Langley Air Force Base will be at the Welcome Reception as well as at the Farewell Beach Party. As of May 22, over 115 people have already registered. The rooms at the Litchfield Resort and Inn are going fast. This is a very popular area with many golf courses and other fun things to do in the summer, so those who haven't booked their rooms should do so now. Call the Resort reservation number: 1-800-845-1897



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EDUARDO CONTRERAS / Union Tribune

Swing time: Several dozen of San Diego County's leading jazz artists gathered Monday in front of the newly opened Museum of Making Music in Carlsbad. The group photo they posed for (only a portion of which is shown here) was modeled after the historic 1958 photo "A Great Day in Harlem," which featured many of the greatest jazz artists of that era. The museum will display the photo. Pictured are: (seated, from left) Marguerita Page, Chubby Jackson (who also was in the original "Great Day" photo), James Moody and Herb Jeffries; (second row) Jeannie Cheatham, Jimmy Cheatham, Sammy Nestico, Benny Hollman, Pam York, Gary Scott and Robert Jeffries (in polka-dot tie); and (third row) Greg Porter, Kristen Korb, Max Bennett, Rob Whitlock, Lori Bell, Ron Satterfield, Shep Meyers, Joe Marillo, Marv Drucker, Charles McPherson, Specs Powell, Rob Thorsen and Robert McKewen.

Top 10 All-time American Patriotic Songs, and the year they were published

(courtesy of the American
Society of Composers, Authors, and
Publishers):

1. The Star-Spangled Banner (1814)
2. America, the Beautiful (1895)
3. America (1832)
4. God Bless America (1939)
5. Over There (1917)
6. Yankee Doodle Dandy (1765)
7. Battle Hymn of the Republic (1862)
8. Dixie (1860)
9. When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again (1863)
10. Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition (1942)

Personals...

From **Presley B. Wood**: Did you know that the USAF Band has a Web page? The address is: <http://www.bolling.af.mil/band>. Also from Woody: Did you know that aol gives a 10% discount to unlimited subscribers who are members of AARP?

From an anonymous Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.): "When I joined the military it was illegal to be homosexual, then it became optional. I'm getting out before it becomes mandatory!"

Add to the Society Roster

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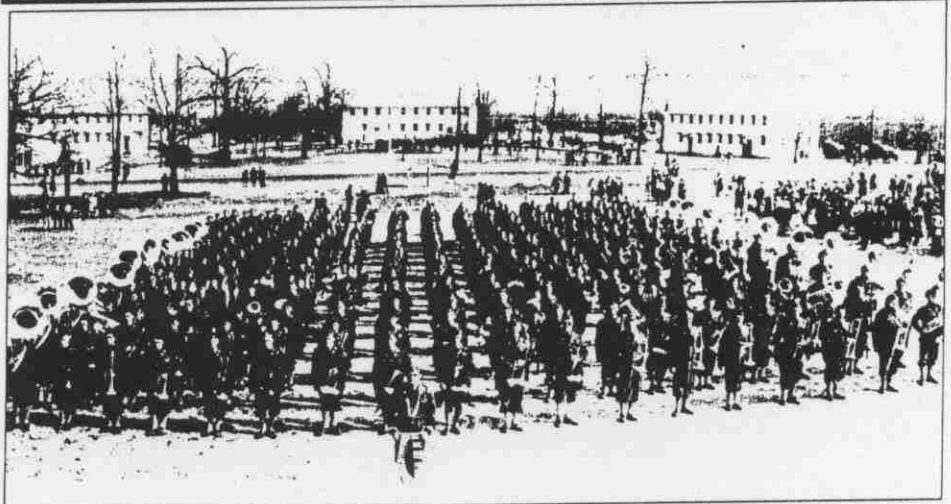
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We need your e-mail address!

In order to update our records and to insure that we are electronically connected to you, we would appreciate you sending your e-mail address to us.

You may do so by using the **NEW CODA**

ADDRESS: TheCoda2000@aol.com



35th Infantry Division Massed Band, 1940-41

Camp Robinson, Arkansas

Note: SSgt. Victor J. Molzer on Bass Drum

Casualty Assistance Letter offered as a service to society members

The following is a copy of the Casualty Assistance Letter sent to assist a survivor when death occurs to one of our members. Lou Kriebel has been offering Society members this service for over twenty years and it has been a very helpful benefit to those faced with death of a spouse.

Dear _____

This letter is being sent to you as a guide and reminder to some often forgotten details that need to be accomplished after the death of a spouse.

- Notify the closest military installation Casualty Assistance Office.
- Write and notify: HQ AFPC/DPWCS, 550 C Street West, Suite 14, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4716. Enclose a copy of the death certificate, member's social security number, rank at retirement, and date of retirement.
- Turn his/her ID card in at the nearest government installation so it will be recorded on his/hers DEERS record.
- Notify the nearest office of the Social Security Administration.
- For tax purposes, send a copy of the death certificate to: Defense Finance & Accounting Service, Cleveland Center, P.O. Box 99191, Cleveland, OH 44199-1126.
- Notify all of your Insurance Companies and include a copy of the death certificate.
- Notify local Automobile Registration Office – take his/hers Drivers License plus a copy of the death certificate to the local drivers license office.
- Credit Cards: Destroy all credit cards that contain two names.

Have all credit cards renew with just your name.

- If you have invested in securities such as stock, have the deceased's name removed. Have the account(s) put in your name only.
- Send a copy of the obituary to Herman G. Vincent for inclusion in the CODA. His address is included on the staff listing on page 4.

Taps...



William Alexander Ferguson

William A. Ferguson, 78, died April 11, 2000 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He was a musician and college administrator.

Mr. Ferguson was born July 25, 1921, in Philadelphia, PA, to William and Elizabeth (Marley) Ferguson who are deceased. He was married May 11, 1940, to Anna Mildred Graver.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, William Alexander Jr. and Bruce Alan; a daughter, Victoria Elizabeth Kennedy; a sister, Elizabeth Gretna Bauers; seven grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

Mr. Ferguson was a percussionist in the US Coast Guard Band from April of 1942 until late 1945. Bill auditioned and was accepted into the USAF Band in 1946 until 1955 when he was transferred to the new USAF Academy Band at the Academy's interim site located at Lowry A.F.B., Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Ferguson retired from the USAF in 1962 and became an Assistant Director of Admissions at The Colorado College for the next 18 years. During this time he continued his musical life as a percussionist with the Colorado Springs Symphony Orchestra.



Sgt. William A. Ferguson,
percussionist with the USAF Band
and the USAFA Band

Anderson Wins Space Award

Christine Anderson, director of the Air Force Research Laboratory's Space Vehicles Directorate and daughter of Harry Meuser was recently awarded the 1999 Von Braun Award, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics's top honor for excellence in space program management.

The 32,000 member Institute recognized Anderson for establishing and leading the Space technology Alliance, a recently formed consortium with industry and expressly chartered to maximize collaborative opportunities for more efficient development of advanced space technologies.

Chief Scientist Dr. Daniel Hastings presented the award to Anderson at the American Institute of Aeronautics Space Technology Conference and Exposition held in Albuquerque. She was also the general chair of the conference.

Anderson, a member of the Senior Executive Service is responsible for planning and implementing the research, development, and transition of space and ballistic missile technology for the U.S. Air Force.

The President's Column

By Louis C. Kriebel

To continue my travels...my next trip was to England and Scotland. I departed Orlando, Florida on February 29 and arrived at Gatwick International Airport, London on March 1. While in the area, I visited with relatives and friends for the next 5 days. I then traveled to Scotland for the next twelve days and helped a friend purchase and assemble a computer. I taught them how to send letters, filing and how to send and receive e-mail. I then returned to London for some more visiting and then traveled to Poole, England to visit more friends in that area. I met two people that I have been communicating through e-mail over the past year. It was a great feeling meeting them personally. This concluded my visit to the UK.

I have recently made arrangements to visit Nova Scotia on June 22 through 29 and cruise through the Panama Canal from October 8 through 20. Of course I will be at the Reunion 2000 at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from August 16 through 20. I hope you are all planning to attend. **John Norse** and his committee have been hard at work to provide a great time for all attendees.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome a new member to the Society Staff. **John Lemelin** has been a member of our Society for many years and has volunteered to assume the responsibility of Treasurer. Since his retirement from the U.S.A.F., John was Chairman of the Board for the Air Academy Federal Credit Union and has chaired many church financial committees. We know of his many talents and qualifications in the area of finance and welcome him to our Society staff. Thank you John for volunteering for this important position.

Louis C. Kriebel
President

I Remember...

By Dick Daugherty

- Being advertised in the Isle of Man media as the famous military Jiving Band.
- Dedicating a monument provided by American lawyers as a tribute to the way of life in freedom under law. This was at Runnymede where the Magna Carta was granted in 1215.
- **Don Kraft** as an entertainer. He was the best!
- Playing in the Madrid Three Kings Day.
- Being entertained in a palace in North Africa. All of the women had their faces covered and there was a group playing weird music. The guy next to me spoke seven languages. I never felt as far from Minnesota in my life! Altogether, we traveled 4,000 miles through Morocco and Spain!
- When I left England, the press estimated I had traveled over 100,000 miles!
- Flying from San Francisco to Oakland as the only person on a large jet. What a weird feeling!
- Being taught by **Lou Kriebel** how to prepare a *survival kit*. Basically, it contained a folding sterno stove, sterno, matches, cans of stew, and most important - American toilet paper!
- Receiving a medal at a Pentagon ceremony at which **Brig. General Jimmy Stewart** was present. I've always regretted that I didn't have a photo of that!
- **George Washington Blue** going to an audition. He played one note and said, "boy do I suck today," and left the room. I'll bet the board is still sitting there with their mouths agape.
- A conducting aspirant going to great lengths to explain how he wanted his number played almost note for note. After about 20 minutes he asked if there were any questions. One band member asked, "what number are we playing?"

- **Bill Rice**, supervising me as I cleaned the latrine at Bolling Air Force Base. A few years later, he reported to me in England. We had a few laughs over that!
- Playing taps at the funeral of the surviving general of the Confederate Army. This was featured in news reels and shown throughout the country.



Dues are Due!

If you have not sent in your dues
for this year, please do it

Now!

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