



## USAF RETIRED BAND DIRECTORS SOCIETY

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This bulletin is long over-due, however, better late than never. Hope everyone had a nice Christmas and your New Year will be a great success. Because of a number of requests, I am changing to this type, it should be easier to read for some.

Loy Ebersole: Change of address to: 14713 Bayview Dr  
Woodbridge, VA 22191

Helen King: This name sounds strange to some of you, but for those in and around The USAF Band (1949-52) she was known as Lt Barnes. She was the first woman Adjutant the band ever had. Well, she now is a neighbor of mine here in Florida. Her address can be added to our list as she is now an honnary member of our Society: 1147 Wing Foot Cir., W  
Winter Springs, Fl 32707  
She is doing fine and is a member of our Central Florida Chapter of the Air Force Association.

Winda & Ernest Greer: Ernie and Winda are travelers. They have a 31 foot Airstream to tow. They take an annual pilgrimage to the cold country; make the Mayo clinic an annual stop; are both in good health and enjoying retirement. They have moved, new address is: 10342 Bayside Rd  
Sun City, AZ 85351

Bernice & Gene Rosheger: They are doing great! Gene is enjoying his work. He is in the performing arts and playing as much as time will permit. If you know of anyone looking for a good Cello performer, contact Gene and he can put them on his schedule. Visited with them on my trip to Oklahoma City.

Iris & Dick Thurston: After two years at Yale University School of Music as Professor adjunct, Conductor-in-Residence, Director of University Bands and Associate Dean; he has accepted a position as Dean of the School of Music & Performing Arts at Oklahoma City University. My wife and I had a personal conducted tour of the campus and visited with them for a short time. They are very pleased with their new position and look forward to a great future. Their new address is: 10504 Dorothy Dr  
Oklahoma City, OK 73132

Sadako & Col Howard: He is still breaking records and setting new standards. Since the last bulletin several new things have happened, (see attached news item). This event was a great success and attended by thousands. At this writing though, he is recovering from by-pass heart surgery. He is doing fine and hopes to be home soon. Please send any cards or notes to him at the Village and Sadako will insure that he gets them.

Rachel & John Baldelli: John was another hospital patient recently, he was admitted for emergency gall bladder surgery. John is home now and doing fine. Drop him a line when you can I know he will be happy to hear from us all.

Leona & Hank Uhland: They report they made it to Europe last spring on a reformation tour which took them to Switzerland, France and Germany (East & West). He does not recommend retiring in East Germany; "the place is depressing and only kids do any smiling". An interesting tour and they hope next April to spend a couple of weeks in Yugoslavia or the Adriatic coast. He also said he is ready for another reunion of AF Cats, so he can see how much older the rest of us have gotten.

Ruth & Joe Drobny: These two are keeping fine and enjoying life. They extend an invitation to all member of our society to come out west to see that part of the country and visit with them.

Louise & Julie Sanger: Have had their health problems over the past year but are doing fine now. Julie is busy playing and they travel a bit to visit relations in Denver, CO; LA and San Diego, CA areas. They hope to come to Florida soon and see many of us here.

Lynne & Bob Kuzminski: Here are the latest to join our Society. After twenty years and one week, they retired from the USAF. Bob was an LTC and Commander/Conductor of the Band at Warner Robins AFB, GA. They have moved to Sacramento, CA where he will start a new career working for a marketing company of financial products, (A.L. Williams). Their new address is: 1 Letty Ct

Sacramento, CA 95833

We all wish you every success and happiness in your new career and location. We too, welcome you to the Society!! Please keep in touch.

W1 & Frank Lockwood: Frank is still teaching; he is the Orchestra and Choral Conductor at Annandale High School, VA. Has 52 strings and enjoys every minute of his job. They are both feeling fine and keeping busy.

Pat & Freddie Fredrick: Those of you who belong to the TROA, get your copy of the October 1982 issue of the magazine and turn to page #62. The article "Different Retirement" was written by Freddie. Your usual good work Freddie, well written and a good timely reminder, CONGRATULATION!!!

Germaine & Pat Olmsted: Pat still playing with combos. However, he is into writing romantic stories and enjoys the challenge. Another first for Pat is using the typewriter, he said he uses three fingers (two left-hand, one right-hand). They are both doing fine and enjoying life.

Marilyn & Herman Vincent: Got to spend an evening with these two on our way to Oklahoma. Vince has made good progress and looks great, he is down to only having to go to San Antonio Hospital every third month for treatment. Both are doing fine and look great.

Dona & Jim Roland: These two were kind enough to join us at the Tinker AFB, Officer's Club one evening. "Flash" Jim is keeping busy with his photo business and both look and feel fine.

I am toying with the idea of another reunion sometime next year. What are your thoughts about it??? Drop me a line and give me your ideas!!! Am thinking of Florida for the next one.

Keep in touch



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"I would say, definitely, without a question, it's the most important collection we have here," said Spohn.

He stressed that he did not want to belittle the other collections the historical society's museum houses, but that the Howard Collection holds both local and national importance.

"It is important not just for a local subject. It is important with the band being national," the local historian added.

Spohn said there is probably some sort of history about the band in Washington, but he is not sure of exactly what is available. "I really don't think they have as much available," he said.

The collection includes a uniform, complete with medals and other decorations that Howard wore when he and the band performed on June 24, 1951 in the Olympic Stadium that Adolf

Col. George S. Howard

Hitler built in Berlin, in front of a crowd of 130,000.

It also includes the sterling silver, triple gold-plated pair of clarinets that Howard had custom-made for him by Harry Beeloney, of Boston, Mass., when he was playing with the Patrick Conway Band.

"They're very, very rare in-  
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## George Howard Collection

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struments, because usually a clarinet is a wooden instrument," said Spohn.

Another piece in the collection that Spohn pointed out is a large oil portrait of the colonel and his wife Sadako.

This collection will first be displayed to the members of the historical society during a wine and cheese party on Saturday, Sept. 11. A public viewing will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. the following day.

Some of the letters in the Howard collection are from such well-known people as Eleanor Roosevelt, Leopold Stokowski, Hubert Humphrey, Lt. Gen. Emmett O'Donnell, Ted Mack, Percy Grainger, Richard Franco Goldman and Richard Nixon.

A brief history of Howard's career follows:

George Sallade Howard was born on Feb. 24, 1903, the son of Haydn and Florence (Sallade) Howard, Reamstown. He is a 1921 graduate of Reamstown High School and in addition, holds degrees from five different schools and universities.

In 1924, he received a degree from the Conway Military Band School, at the Ithaca Conservatory, Ithaca, N.Y. Four years later he received an A.B. degree in music from Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio. He also taught at this school between 1925 and 1929.

From 1929 to 1935 the Reamstown native served as the director of music and director of bands in the Mooseheart, Ill., school system. During the summers from 1931 to 1937, he was the director of the Ernest Williams School of Music, in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Howard then served as the director of instrumental music and bands at Mansfield State Teachers College,

from 1936 to 1939. From here he went to the Pennsylvania State University, State College, where he was the director of the band, orchestra and chorus school.

Howard joined the army in 1942 as a captain in the music branch headquarters of the special services division. Between 1942 and 1943 he served in Greenland, Iceland and Newfoundland, where he conducted and organized a music program.

In 1943, he was asked by Gen. "Hap" Arnold to organize the first Army Air Force Band. In 1946 he was promoted to major and formed the Army Air Force Band School.

His successive promotions included lieutenant colonel in 1949 and full colonel in 1951.

He retired from his command of the Air Force Band on Aug. 29, 1963. Howard then served as director of the Metropolitan Police Band, the official band of Washington, D.C.

Howard's awards include a Legion of Merit with an oak-leaf cluster; a Commendation Medal with five clusters; the Garde de la Republique Medal, from France; and the name of Commander for the Order of Nonsaraphon, from the King of Cambodia, which was awarded to just one other American, then vice president Richard Nixon.

Also, while serving as president of the John Philip Sousa Memorial Foundation, he was on hand for the dedication of the concert hall in the Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C., in 1971, in Sousa's name.

The Reamstown native now lives with his wife in Air Force Village, San Antonio, Texas.

Putting off things we should do takes a lot of time.

## During Anniversary Celebration

# Col. George Howard Collection To Be Unveiled By Historians

By Mike Miller  
Review Staff Writer

Reamstown native Col. George S. Howard lived through and created a great deal of national and international history during his lengthy career that included 20 years as the conductor of the United States Air Force Band and Symphony Orchestra.

The highlights of this career were recorded by Howard himself, through the numerous letters, documents, pictures and awards that he collected, that are now known as the Col. George S. Howard Collection.

Ephrata will obtain its first glance at this collection of memorabilia, referred to as the "most important" collection in the possession of the Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley, during an open house at the society's museum in the Connell Mansion on Sept. 12, as part of the 250th Anniversary Celebration of

Ephrata and the society's own 25th anniversary.

Clarence E. Spohn, curator for the historical society, said that this collection is "important from the standpoint that it is most possibly the most complete documented history of the United States Air Force Band."

Howard is credited with organizing the original Army Air Force Band in 1943 and the Air Force Band and Symphony Orchestra in 1947, when the Air Force was separated from the Army as a designated branch of service all its own.

Spohn said Howard decided to give his collection of memorabilia to the local historical society in June of 1961. Since that time, the local historian has catalogued some 1,100 manuscripts, which include 3,000 pages of letters and documents and some 200 photographs concerned with Howard and the band.



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