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Season's Greetings!

Plans are presently made for the 2008 ARMM in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. The dates are 11 through 14 September 2008. I will be contacting the 129th Tennessee Army National Guard Band for concert band and combo support. I am hoping to contact another group to see if their rhythm section would support us for a jam session on Friday night. There are also other possibilities such as a wine tasting and a trip to a casino if enough people are interested. There are also about five golf courses in the immediate vicinity and Fort Campbell is about 15 minutes down the road.

We will be at the Holiday Inn this year. Randy Barlow, who was the manager at the Quality Inn, is now the manager at the Holiday , is looking forward to hosting us for the fourth time. The Holiday Inn has a full service restaurant and a buffet in the afternoon. They also have a lounge and have entertainment on Friday and Saturday night. The room rates will be \$69.00 plus tax per night. We will have a minimum of 50 rooms reserved for us. You can start calling and

making your reservations as soon as you get the newsletter. The phone number is 270-886-4413. Tell them the dates and that you are with the Association Of Retired Military Musicians. You can also go on line at www.holiday-inn.com/hopkinsville and make your reservations. If you have any problems ask to be put through to Randy Barlow or Beverly McIntosh. There should be no problems getting a room but the sooner you make your reservations the better off you will be. There are several floors at the hotel so there will not be a poolside setting although there is a pool.

The cost for the reunion will be \$50.00 per person. I tried to go \$45.00 but the rising costs have forced me to keep it at \$50.00. Please make your checks out to me, **Mike Noland**, instead of ARMM. I will have a different bank account for the reunion and I do not want to get reunion money mixed with our treasury. You can also start sending me your reunion money as soon as you get the newsletter. Please include a note stating what type of beverage you would like to have as well if you would be interested in a casino trip. I will also be open to suggestions as what other activities you would like. Start talking this up with other members and let's shoot for 125 members at the reunion. This is also a good time for someone who would like to bid on the 2009 reunion to get active and planning. I, and about six other members would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have about planning one. Some else needs to step up because this is my final sponsored reunion.

Mike Noland
Entertainment Chairman
2008 ARMM Reunion



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Sunday, 14 September 2008

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I'll send updated information on the agenda as it becomes available.

Mike Noland
Entertainment Chairperson



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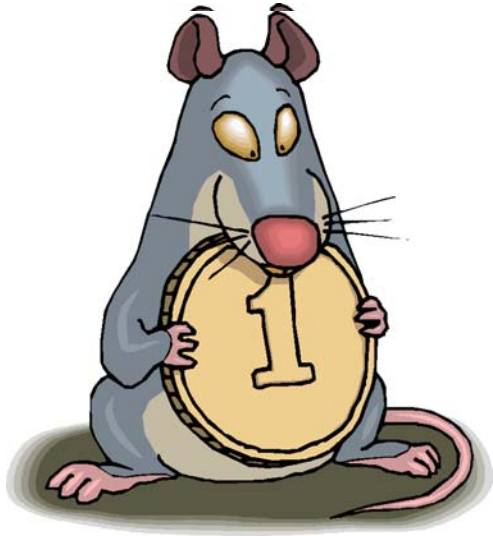
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From the Head Rat

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

I cannot believe that 2007 is nearly gone. I hope this year has been good to you and yours and that 2008 finds you healthy and happy.

Congratulations to Stan Cornett for a superb 2007 ARMM Reunion. The facilities were great, the food was plentiful and tasty, the music was outstanding, and the chance to be with friends was priceless. I am not sure how Stan managed to get "free" food and the Friday night BBQ was a big hit. I know many were worried when they saw TRADOC Rock getting ready for their performance - it's going to be LOUD! But, they performed at a level that was comfortable and entertaining. Outstanding group of musicians!

Saturday night's music was perfect. I have never seen so many people on the dance floor. A couple of times, the dance floor wasn't big enough. I know it was shocking to see so many bandmasters on the dance floor at the same time - and they were dancing!

Mike has the 2008 Reunion underway. He has requested musical support from the Tennessee National Guard Band for Friday night. If you have any preferences for Saturday

night, let him know. Remember, the reunion is on the Kentucky side of Ft Campbell next year.

Please remember the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guard during this Holiday season. Many are far from home and in harm's way every day. Several military bands are deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan providing musical support to the troops.

Dave Ratliff
ARMM President

TREASURER'S REPORT

At present the balance is \$6359.39. This includes all the paid bills from the reunion as well as dues taken in. I want to thank all you who paid your 2008 dues early as it sure made it easier for me at the reunion. I will be asking you to pay your 2009 dues early this year as well but don't pay until I make the announcement. If you need a replacement card please contact me and I will send you another one. If you are a Life Member and did not get a new card then contact me as well.

Mike Noland
Treasurer



Pick Up The Pace

ARMY BANDS UPDATE

CW5 JEANNE PACE
ARMY BANDS PROPONENCY OFFICER
FT JACKSON, SC

Bands Currently Deployed:

82nd in Afghanistan, CW3 Larson, Commander
4th ID in Iraq, CW5 Nixon, Commander
3rd ID in Iraq, CW4 Campbell, Commander
1st ID Iraq, CW4 Dorrell, Commander

Recently Returned from Deployments:

1st CAV, CW4 Nardin, Commander
25th ID, CW3 Pascua, Commander
10th MTN, CW5 Fraser, Commander

Congratulations Are Due:

Three outstanding young WOs graduated from the Warrant Officer Basic Course at the School of Music: WO1 Donna Clickner, WO1 Timothy Wallace, WO1 Jeffry Price. On 1 December CW5 Nixon was promoted, making a total of SIX Warrant Officer Bandmasters in that grade currently on active duty - not bad when the authorization is only two! CW4 Kevin Laird retired as of this month.

FAB XXI - It is no longer "Future Army Bands XXI" - it's Army Bands XXI - completely approved and already in action. The greatest challenge is change to established timetables for the transition of bands to the new structure; the next several years will be challenging.

Army School of Music: The future of the Army School of Music is going to be one of significant change. We are moving in the direction of deconsolidation from the Navy, possible relocation, while also making significant changes to the courses being taught at all levels: Enlisted (AIT); Noncommissioned Officers (BNCOC and ANCOC); and Officer (Warrant Officer and Company Grade Officers). Perhaps most significant are the changes impacting the



Reserve Component (USAR and ARNG); the goal is to fully integrate them into the training being given to the Active Component Soldiers. This is not without significant challenges/issues that we are working to resolve. Army Band Leader Training in April (at Little Creek Conference Center) will be a great opportunity for us all to exchange information and to establish the focus for the future. We continue to build the plane while we are flying it!

Interesting stories that represent what Army Bands do; what they've always done in support of Soldiers and Families, Recruiting, and Community Support/Protocol missions.



36th Army Band at Giants & Cards NFL Game

**By SGT Ashley Sangret
82nd ABN DIV Band**

On 23 November, the 82nd Airborne Division's Show band "Level 82," along with the Woodwind Quintet, "The 5 Knot Winds," traveled to Fenty Air Field to perform for Thanksgiving weekend.

The 16-person group traveled down together and between them in just four days played about 20 full gigs! This includes gigs both on FOB (Forward Operating Base) Fenty and the nearby PRT (Provincial Reconstruction Team) that the group had convoyed to. The groups had performed as the Show band, a solo guitar, a duo between keyboard and conga, a trio group with a guitar/vocals/conga, a woodwind quintet, and a jazz combo.

While on FOB Fenty, there were even special requests for particular solo groups to play at some smaller units to lighten up their day. The jazz combo and show band got to perform in an actual garden with real flowers and fruit trees. It was nice to see so many smiles on the Soldiers' faces during the holidays. We had a rare opportunity to play for some of the Local Nationals at the PRT and only had to stop for 15 minutes during prayer time!
(CW3 Larson - Commander)



Staff Sgt. Joseph Moore of the 13th Army Band plays taps.

(Photo by Spc. Andrew Hillegass, 107th MPAD)

**By Kevin Dougherty
Stars and Stripes (excerpt)**

WIESBADEN, Germany - The 1st AD headquarters is now in the process of deploying to northern Iraq, and joining the ensemble is the division band - about 40 musicians in all. Military musicians are an interesting lot, and well educated, too. Within the 1st AD Band, more than half have a bachelor's degree, a few have earned their master's and one among them has a doctorate. "We're not just the rock band that comes for a week," said SPC. Tabitha Royce, a 29-year-old flutist. "We're with them for 15 months."

So what will the band do downrange? Besides playing for the troops, band members will help with force protection duties, Headley said. Additionally, some will assist intelligence officers in reviewing video surveillance material.

"The cooks are going," Headley said, referring to the 1,200-strong headquarters force. "The truck drivers are going. In my mind, the band is always going to go." To date, no Army band member has died in combat in Iraq, and Headley isn't aware of any battle injuries. Still, some musicians, like a lot of other soldiers deploying to Iraq or Afghanistan, think of that possibility. "I'm a little nervous," said SPC. Brian Cotton, a guitarist. But being there and playing for soldiers "will help morale, give them a break from all their missions," he said. The plan is for the band to get out and play for forward-deployed troops as often as possible. The brass calls it "strategic outreach." But it is, after all, what the 1st AD Band has trained for - as musicians and as soldiers.

(CW4 Dorrell, Commander)

He's making his list and
Checking it twice. He's
Going to see whose been
Naughty or nice



**Nicole Barbano/staff
News Leader**

STAUNTON - It isn't every day that Fred Lewis gets to dig through the Army Band's sheet music library in Fort Myer. But when the acting commander of the 29th Army Band was informed he and his unit would be performing a series of holiday concerts for the families of deployed soldiers, Lewis knew he was going to have to add some new selections to the repertoire. "We don't normally do this sort of thing," Lewis said. "It's going to be all holiday music - a mixture of pop, a couple of standards, a couple of traditional concert-band pieces." Lewis said the band, which is based out of Roanoke and is part of the 91st Troop Command based out of Richmond, runs the gamut when it comes to where they play. From funerals and memorial services to entertaining the troops, they do it all he said. But their performance in Staunton this Wednesday, although different from the ones they have done before, will still have its roots in the band's tradition of bringing comfort to those listening. "We're a morale and support type unit and what we're supposed to do is go out there and make people feel good," Lewis said. (ARNG Band, 1SG Lewis, Acting Commander)



The US Army Chorus meets Queen Elizabeth II at a Whitehouse reception during her visit to the United States

**By Francis Scott - Opinion, News- Enterprise
113th Army Band**

The recent front page Christmas parade photo of the 113th Army Band reminded me of the high standards of musicianship and the generosity of this band.

A few weeks ago, the 113th Army Band performed a free recital for students in my humanities course - Introduction to Music - offered at Elizabethtown Community and Technical College at Fort Knox. Small ensembles performed the 90- minute recital at their rehearsal room at Building No. 296. Band members provided students a wealth of opportunities to experience the sounds of a great variety of music styles, including classical selections, a great jazz combo, Dixieland and an incredible all-mallet version of Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever," just to name a few of the musical gifts we received that evening. (WO1 Keillor, Commander)



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

**By SFC Sarah Haas
282nd Army Band**

The 282nd Army Band was pleased to welcome President Bush to Fort Jackson on Friday, November 2nd. The band had the honor of performing for the first presidential visit to Fort Jackson in more than 50 years. The President stopped at the "Fit to Win" training course to observe soldiers in their first week of Basic Combat Training following which he addressed graduating soldiers, their families and much of the Fort Jackson community at the weekly Basic Combat Training graduation ceremony.

After the ceremony, Mr. Bush made a stop at the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School, and then a final stop to spend time with area families who have lost a Soldier during the War on Terror. In his remarks, President Bush congratulated the soldiers for successful completion of the Basic Training course, thanked them for volunteering in a time of war and thanked families for their support. (WO1 Bettencourt, Commander)

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sorry for getting the newsletter out so late, but I had to wait on some articles until just this week before Christmas before I could start working on it.

Once again, I am asking ARMM members how you would like to receive the quarterly newsletter:

- By Email Only
- By US Mail Only
- By both Email and US Mail

Call me: (559) 474-8066 Home
Email me: mike@armm.us
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Mike Noland is wearing two hats once again in sponsoring the 2008 reunion. He says that this definitely be the last time that he will host another reunion. So, now is the time for some new blood to begin thinking about hosting a reunion. I would love to see Texas, Colorado, Missouri or even Florida.

I have been debating an offer for Fresno, California, for a few years. If no one steps up, I may have to propose this location at the next reunion. My only fear is that it may not have enough attendees and ARMM could fold for lack of enthusiasm.

Once again, this newsletter will made available for downloading from the ARMM Website.

**Mike Mideiros
ARMM Secretary**

In Memorium

Jeffery Roland Lenard, age 60, of Anniston, AL
Jose (Pepe) Lamar, Huntsville, AL



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OR APPLICATION

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____
Address: _____ Spouse Name: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Phone: (_____) _____ Status: Retired _____ Active _____ Former _____
Email address: _____

I do _____ do not _____ wish my data to be included in any published roster.

Please complete this application and return it along with your check for \$15.00 made payable to ARMM to:



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