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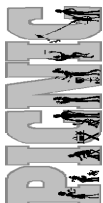
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This newsletter is published quarterly by the WJMB Alumni Association whose members are alumni or friends of the Warren Junior Military Band of Youngstown, Ohio. The WJMB Alumni Association offers contact with alumni members, updates on WJMB band events and occasional alumni social gatherings. Additional information can be found at www.wjmbalumni.org.

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We Finally Did It!

After 80 years, we finally did it! We formed an alumni association. And thanks to YOU, we are growing every day. We are close to 200 registered members strong now, and with your help we will grow even more!

With this, our first edition of the WJMB Alumni News, we hope to have you join with us as we continue to share the fond memories we have of being members in the band that we love.

We have found alumni young and old, from the 1930's to the present. As we get to know our old friends from the past, I am happy to find alumni that are doctors and nurses, band directors and professional musicians, lawyers,

teachers, engineers, pilots, and even a funeral director! We are also represented by computer scientists, stay at home moms and students at universities all across the country.

Although there may be a big age difference between us, we still have the same memories, stories and commonalities because we were all members of the band, be it VFW or WJMB.

Performing with this band has been one of my most treasured memories. A life changing experience for all that have endured the blood, sweat and tears of getting ready for the parades, competitions and concerts. We have done more, seen

more and been to more places while in the band than most of our peers will do in a lifetime. If you feel the same way I do, please take a few minutes of your time to help us continue bringing you the news of the alumni and the stories that come with it from folks all across the country by completing the membership form and sending it in. Let's continue this incredible journey together.

-Jim Cunningham, President

WJMB Member 1966—1972



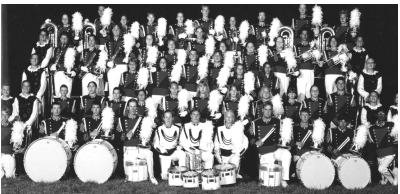
Jim
Cunningham
Photo taken from the
April 1971 Spring
Concert program



1985 WJMB Rehearsal at St. Mary's
in Warren, Ohio

Do You Remember? "Sir"

"Sir, sir is a subservient word surviving from the surly days of old Serbia, when certain serfs, too ignorant to remember their lords' name, yet too servile to blaspheme them, circumvented the situation by surrogating the subservient word sir, by which I now belatedly address a certain senior member of the Warren Junior Military Band, as Sir or Ma'am, whichever the case may be, sir."



1997 WJMB Band



VFW Boys Band. c. 1930 Director Donald W. "Squire" Hurrelbrink

2008 Alumni Family Picnic Scheduled

The newly formed WJMB Alumni Association has scheduled the First Annual Alumni Family Picnic for Saturday June 14, 2008 from 2:00 pm—7:00 pm at Fireman's Field Park on Riverside Drive in Poland, Ohio.

We will once again gather to bring together old friends and

maybe make some new ones, all the while telling stories and sharing memories.

The association will provide hamburgers and hotdogs for grilling. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share along with your tableware and favorite beverage.

Check the alumni web site for any further updates. As we get closer to the date, an email reminder is planned to be sent.

Please come and visit with your old friends!

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2008 WJMB

Alumni Association
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Trustee - Rebecca Neuman
Trustee - Steve Pasternak
Trustee - Heidi Wagner
Trustee - Dick Walker
Trustee - Sarah Winston

Next Board Meeting

Sat, May 10, 2008 2:00 pm

Niles Masonic Center

22 W. Church St., Niles, Ohio

Board meetings will be held at
2:00 p.m. on the second Saturday
during the following months:

Jan , Mar , May , Jul , Sep , Nov



Squire's Stories "Duty, Honor, Country"

The editor's of this newsletter are requesting that alumni and friends send in their favorite stories about Squire or ones that Squire may have told you or any interesting story about the band. Things to include with your submission that may help would be dates and places and possibly any photos from the era.

Since 1930, when Squire began his 70 year tenure, our band has been through a lot. From WWII to 9-11, the organization went through many changes. Past members have traveled the world over and played concerts for unknown thousands. But the one constant for most alumni, what we all could count on, was

that Squire would be there. Sometimes seen, sometimes not, yet to our amazement, he always seemed to know what was going on. Keeping us together was his specialty. Sometimes it took just a look, other times a toot of his whistle. No matter, his message was always clear.

Kevin Bain, an alumnus from 76-84, posted a thought on the band's alumni portal, with fond memories of Squire. He stated ... "I'll never forget-my audition "Fer gunness sakes boy, I needja to play the B flat concert scale in 8th notes. Try it again!"

Kevin went on to remember Stars and Stripes Forever, Pack-

ard Music hall, Lakeside, Toronto Band Fathers Camp, initiation, "Sir," cracked lips, sunburn, Arlington National Cemetery, Hawaii, Europe, etc. Clearly the memories are still vivid for him, like many of us, and yours would be most welcome if shared.

To submit a memory for publication, send them to PO Box 291, Niles, OH 44446, Attn: Squire's Stories or by email to newsletter-committee@wjmbalumni.org (Attn: Squires Stories in the subject heading). Any photos submitted will be returned if you provide your address.



Kevin Bain
WJMB Member 1976—1984
Photo taken from the April 7, 1979 Spring Concert program



Alumni Band?

Is there interest? Should we? If so, could we get the needed percussion and instruments? Where to rehearse? How often? Performances? Two times per year? Who would direct? Where would we get music? Gauging interest will be done at the summer picnic in June.



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WJMB Album Silent Auction

Recently, an alumnus donated several old WJMB annual concert albums. As these albums are brand new in the original sealed packaging, the board members thought that these items would make a great fundraiser. So here is our first attempt at a silent auction.

The albums are assigned a number for each one. Bidding will be done individually. For example: I want to bid a maximum amount of \$40 for album #1. I will either mail my bid, **referencing the album #** bid on, and **my max bid, name, address, and phone number** to the PO Box,

or email my bid, referencing the same info at our website. The auction will end at the June picnic, where last minute bidding will be accepted. Proceeds will be used toward the association's legal expenses. Good Luck!

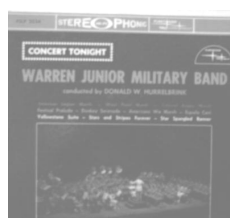
Mail bids to:

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Or email your bid to:

bid@wjmbalumni.org

Include Album # and your max bid with your contact info.



Album #1 1960 Concert



Album #2 1977 Concert



Album #3 1980 Concert

Alumni Past & Present

Many alumni came to a picnic held in June 2005 which was primarily organized as a 20th Anniversary of the 1985 WJMB European Tour. Of the several in attendance were alumni **Amy Kliner and Doug "Opie" Olmstead**. During the mid-80's Doug and Amy used to travel together to WJMB band practices and performances from Columbiana County. At some

point after their WJMB years they married. When they came to the 2005 picnic they traveled from their current home in Columbus, Ohio and had their two small children in tow. Alumnus **Holly Ceci (Burns)** was on hand at the picnic and was able to get a picture of their family. Here are their old band pictures and their new family picture.



Amy Kliner & Doug "Opie" Olmstead
WJMB Members Mid-80's
Photos taken from the April 11, 1987 Spring Concert program



Doug & Amy Olmstead with their two children at the 2005 WJMB Alumni Picnic in Warren, Ohio



A Note From The Current WJMB Director

Rarely in life does one get an opportunity to relive fond memories. When I first walked into St. Mary's one Wednesday night, an apprehensive thirteen year old, I knew that I was in the midst of something great. I could never have imagined how the band would impact my life. The ensuing six years were probably the most formative experience of my life. It's hard to say just what it was that was so special about sleeping on gym floors in Wisconsin, being eaten alive by mosquitoes, burning in the sun or trying (and failing) to find a comfortable position on a tour bus. It's easier to grasp why performing in front of Mt. Rushmore is a special memory. But more than any of those, for me, all of those Wednesday's and Sunday's are what

collectively linger in the depths of my memory.

Being in the band was an experience—an experience that was hard to describe to someone else. It was about making music. It was about being with people that I would never have met anywhere else. It was about dedication. It was about Squire. Most of all, I think, it was about being part of something bigger than any one person, being part of a tradition.

Approximately nineteen years after my first rehearsal as a member I walked into my first rehearsal as a director. Surreal is not a powerful enough word to describe the feeling that I had. Once again I was an apprehensive thirteen year old. So many things are different about the band today, but the band I knew wasn't the

same as the one twenty years before me either. Still, the essence of the band is very much the same. The kids who perform in the band today are not much different from the one's I knew. They are talented and special. They work harder than their peers. They are looking for something that no other organization offers. They are part of something bigger than themselves.

I cannot predict the future, but I am optimistic that the band will continue providing an experience for young musicians unlike any other organization for many years to come. I hope that ten years from now I have the opportunity to watch my son and daughter participate in the experience we call WJMB, Squire's Warren Jr. Military Band.

-Carl Synder, WJMB Director

Band Spring & Summer Schedule Announced Make plans to attend

Another function the Alumni Association would like to play is to provide alumni with current information about today's band. At alumni board meetings, an open invitation has been extended to current band leadership to come and inform us of

current events, volunteer opportunities, etc. As of today, the current band has provided a link for donations on their website www.wjmb.org and has informed us of their current schedule shown below. Volunteer information is available by calling

(330) 759-2551.

It is our sincere wish for the continued success of the band and as alumni we can help support them by attending band events.



Check the band's website for any updates to their schedule.
www.wjmb.org



WJMB Summer 2003
Oregon Parade



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Rehearsals

Old North Church

7105 Herbert Rd, Canfield, Ohio

Sat Apr 26, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sun Apr 27, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

(Tag Day from 9:00—11:30)

Honors Concert at 2:00 PM)

Badger High School

Kinsman, Ohio

Sat May 17, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

(field rehearsal)

Sun May 18, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

(Honors Concert at 2:00 PM)

Band Camp

Joseph Badger Meadows

Burghill, Ohio

Tue Jun 10 - Sat Jun 21

Performances

Noon in the Park Concert

Warren, Ohio

Fri Jun 13, Noon

Buhl Park Concert

Sharon, PA

Sun Jun 15

Note: Check wjmb.org for time

Tour

Crestview High School

Columbiana, Ohio

Mon Jun 30 - Fri Jul 4

Sun Prairie High School

Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

Sat Jul 5 - Wed Jul 9

Traverse City, Michigan

Thu Jul 10 - Sun Jul 13

Note: Early itinerary information is tentative. A final itinerary will be available at camp in June.

Alumni Association: The Financial Side

This is the part of belonging to an organization that is everyone's least favorite thing to discuss, but it must be. Financing. How do we pay for the things we want to accomplish as an organization?

For this organization, we luckily have very few financial needs. But we do have them. First to be tackled is the State and Federal filing fees that are associated with forming an alumni

association such as this. The second cost, and what will be a constant cost, is the delivery of information to our members. Either through the internet or a newsletter mailed to your door, the cost to share information about what is going on will need to be met. At the last board meeting, the membership decided on requesting an annual \$20 donation from all members. Upon approving, **Russ Beatty**, an alumnus from 72-78, immediately reached into

his pocket and pulled out a twenty dollar bill and passed it up to **Jim Cunningham**, President of the association. This action caused a rush to turn in twenty's. We hope that you will believe, as Russ does, that this new organization is worth supporting. You can do as Russ did by filling out the form on the back, or signing up online at our website.

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