

RECIPIENTS AND CONDUCTORS

United States Navy Band - Washington DC
Commander Philip Field (1991)
Commander Joseph Phillips (1992)
Lieutenant Commander John Pastin (1995)
Commander Ralph Gambone (2000)
Captain George N. Thompson, Jr. (2007)
Captain Brian O. Walden (2010)
Captain Kenneth C. Collins (2015)

U.S. Naval Academy Band - Annapolis MD
Commander Michael Burch-Pesses (1992)

Navy Band Great Lakes - Great Lakes IL
Lieutenant Patrick K. Sweeten (2013)

Navy Band Charleston - Naval Base Charleston SC
Lieutenant Jon. J. Miller (1994)

Navy Band Northwest - Silverdale WA
Lieutenant Bruce J. Mansfield

U.S. Pacific Fleet Band - Pearl Harbor HI
Lieutenant Kelly L. Cartwright (2018)

United States Marine Band - Washington DC
Colonel John Bourgeois (1988)
Lieutenant Colonel Michael J. Colburn (2005)
Lieutenant Colonel Jason K. Fettig (2014)
Lieutenant Colonel Ryan Nowlin (2023)

1st Marine Division Band - Camp Pendleton CA
CWO-2 J. A. Stone (2007)
CWO-4 Michael W. Edmonson (2010)

2d Marine Aircraft Wing Band - Cherry Point NC
CWO-2 DeMarius D. Jackson (2016)

3d Marine Aircraft Wing Band - MCAS El Toro CA
CWO-3 Roxanne M. Haskill (1994)
CWO-2 Alex J. Panos (2023)

3d Marine Expeditionary Force Band - Okinawa Japan
CWO-3 DeMarcus D. Jackson (2023)

Parris Island Marine Corps Band - MCS Parris Island SC
CWO-3 Joshua A. Stone (2012)
WO Robert C. Jacob, III (1994)
CWO-2 J. A. Stone (2009)
CWO-3 Mark A. Pellon (2021)

United States Coast Guard Band - New London CT
Commander Lewis Buckley (1988)
Lieutenant Kenneth W. Megan (2005)
Lieutenant Commander Adam Williamson (2013)

United States Air Force Band - Washington DC
Lieutenant Colonel James Michael Bankhead (1988)
Lieutenant Colonel Alan Bonner (1992)
Lieutenant Colonel Lowell Graham (1995)
Lieutenant Colonel Dennis Layendecker (2002)
Lieutenant Colonel Alan Sierichs (2009)
Lieutenant Colonel Phillip Waite (2010)
Colonel Larry Lang (2012)
Colonel Donald E. Schofield (2019)

**USAF Academy Band (Air Force Band of the Rockies)
Colorado Springs CO**
Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Gilkes (1993)
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Major Philip Chevallard (2000)
Lieutenant Colonel Larry Lang (2008)
Lieutenant Colonel Donald E. Schofield (2013)

United States Army Band - Washington DC
Colonel Eugene Allen (1988)
Colonel Bryan Shelburne (1992)
Colonel Gary Lamb (2000)
Colonel Thomas Rotondi, Jr. (2005)
Colonel Thomas H. Palmatier (2011)
Colonel Timothy J. Holtan (2014)
Colonel Andrew J. Esch (2017)
Colonel Bruce R. Pulver (2022)

United States Army Field Band - Washington DC
Colonel William Clark (1989) Colonel Jack Grogan (1992)
Colonel Finley Hamilton (2000)
Colonel Thomas H. Palmatier (2007)
Colonel Timothy J. Holtan (2011)
Lieutenant Colonel Jim R. Keene (2014)

United States Military Academy Band - West Point NY
Lieutenant Colonel Bryan Shelburne (1989)
Lieutenant Colonel Timothy J. Holtan (2009)

United States Army Europe, Band and Chorus - Germany
Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Rotondi, Jr. (2000)

Army Ground Forces Band - Fort McPherson GA
Lieutenant Colonel Michael Pyatt (1990)
Lieutenant Colonel Ben DuBose (1996)

US Continental Army Band - Fort Monroe VA
Major Thomas Rotondi, Jr. (1994)
Major Thomas Palmatier (1997)

**United States Army Training and Doctrine Command Band
Fort Eustis VA**
Major James S. McKenzie (2012)
Major Leo Peña (2014)

**34th Infantry Division "Red Bull" National Guard Band
Rosemont MN**
CWO-2 Trygve R. Skaar (2007)

36th Infantry Division Band - Austin, TX
CWO-2 Jeffrey L. Lightsey (2008, 2012)
CWO-3 Jeffrey L. Lightsey (2015)
CWO-4 Jeffrey L. Lightsey (2021)

43rd Army National Guard Band - Lincoln NE
CWO-5 Jeff Klintberg (1991, 1997, 2001, 2004, 2006)
CWO-3 Brian L. Anderson (2007, 2010, 2013, 2016)
CWO-2 Paul Kenney (2021)

147th Army Guard Band - Mitchell SD
CWO-2 Terry Beckler (2006)

202nd Army Band - Kentucky National Guard
CWO-3 Gregory N. Stepp (2010)

282nd Army Band - Fort Jackson SC
CWO-2 Bruce B. Smith (1995)
CWO-3 Matthew C. Morse (2007)

312th Army Reserve Band - Lawrence KS
CWO-3 Robert N. Claggett (2006)

Marine Forces Reserve Band - New Orleans LA
CWO-2 Eric K. Kyne (2021)

USAFE Band - Germany
Lieutenant Colonel Roger Sebby (1993)

USAF Band of Flight - Wright Patterson AFB OH
Lieutenant Colonel Richard Shelton (1992)
Captain Daniel W. Boothe (2013)

USAF Band of Mid-America - Scott AFB IL
Captain Donald E. Schofield, Jr. (2007)
Lieutenant Colonel Michael J. Willen (2017)
Major Justin W. Lewis (2022)

USAF Heritage of America Band - Langley AFB VA
Lieutenant Colonel Lowell Graham (1988, 1991, 1994)
Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Monroe (2008)

USAF Band of the Golden West - Travis AFB CA
Lieutenant Colonel Roger Sebby (1988)
Captain Philip Chevallard (1991)
Major Douglas Monroe (2004)
Captain Dustin M. Doyle (2016)
Captain Rafael F. Toro-Quiñones (2017)

USAF Band of the West - Lackland AFB TX
Colonel Benny Knudsen (1989)
Major Daniel Schmidt (1991)
Captain Steven Grimo (1992) Captain Geno Stuchbery (1999)
Major Dean L. Zarnbinski (2007)
Major Dustin M. Doyle (2022)

USAF Heartland of America Band - Offutt AFB NE
Major Alan Bonner (1989)
Lieutenant Colonel Craig Jessop (1991)
Major Mark Peterson (1996)
Major Kelly Bledsoe (2000) Captain Michael J. Willen (2009)

USAF Band of Liberty - Hanscom AFB MA
Captain David A. Alpar (2012)

Band of the Air Force Reserve - Robins AFB GA
Captain Kelly Bledsoe (1994)

**561st Air Force National Guard Band
Hayward ANG Station CA**
Major Gary Wulbern (1994)

U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa Band - Naples Italy
Lieutenant Commander Kelly L. Cartwright (2023)

Central Band of the Royal Air Force - United Kingdom
Wing Commander Eric Banks (1989)

Japan Air Self Defense Force Band - Tachikawa Japan
Lieutenant Colonel Jun Shindo (1992)

Japan Ground Self Defense Force Central Band - Tokyo Japan
Colonel Akira Takeda (2009)

Band of the Norwegian Armed Forces - Norway
Lieutenant Colonel Christer Johannessen (1996)

Orkiestra Koncertowa Wojska Polskiego - Warsaw Poland
Grzegorz Mielimaka, Artistic Director and Conductor (1999)

Japan Maritime Self Defense Force Band - Yokosuka Japan
Lieutenant Commander Yoshio Higuchi (2014)

Japan Maritime Self Defense Force Band - Tokyo Japan
Commander Yoshio Higuchi (2017)

THE COLONEL GEORGE S. HOWARD CITATION OF MUSICAL EXCELLENCE FOR MILITARY CONCERT BANDS



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**COLONEL GEORGE S. HOWARD, USAF RETIRED
(1902 - 1995)**

Colonel George S. Howard, United States Air Force retired, was primarily known for his contribution to the military band program. During the nineteen and one half years that he was commandant and conductor of the United States Air Force Band and Symphony Orchestra, he raised those organizations to international prominence. He is credited with originating the idea of using music as an international language to create better understanding between America and nations of the world. He took the USAF Band and Orchestra on ten international tours performing major concerts in fifty countries on five continents. He founded the Singing Sergeants, the Airmen of Note, The USAF Drum and Bugle Corps, the USAF Bagpipe Band, the WAF Band, and the Strolling Strings.

As Chief of Bands and Music for the Air Force, he established the USAF Bandsman School and became its first commandant. He controlled the musical destinies of more than two thousand bandsmen and set the standards for eighty three Air Force Bands. He established a career field for commissioned officers as directors of the Air Force Bands. This policy and ladder of progression is in effect today.

He was born in Reamstown, Pennsylvania. He graduated from the Conway Military Band School, Ithaca Conservatory, Ohio Wesleyan University, New York University and the Chicago Conservatory earning the following degrees: AB, AM, B. Mus. and Mus.D. In 1985, he received an Honorary Doctor of Music Degree from Ithaca College and in 1986 he was elected Honorary Life President of the prestigious American Bandmasters Association.

Prior to entering the military, he was director of the Band, Orchestra and Chorus School at Penn. State University. Colonel Howard established the Citation of Musical Excellence Award to encourage professional growth and excellence in military concert bands.

Colonel Howard passed away on September 18, 1995.

PURPOSE

To identify and recognize active duty and reserve military concert bands that have demonstrated particularly significant high standards of musical excellence in concert under the current conductor.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The band must be an active duty or reserve military concert band.

The band must perform standard concert band literature. The band's instrumentation must be suitable for literature performed.

Bands are eligible for an additional award after a new director assumes leadership and has been in place for at least a year or after three years since a previous award under the same director.

All foreign military concert bands are eligible.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All materials are to be submitted electronically as pdf, mp3 or WAV files to the email address:
sousahowardaward@gmail.com

Submission deadline is 20 November.

Military band directors send an application letter directly to the committee chair with the following materials:

1. Concert programs of recent concerts directed by the current conductor.
2. Current audio studio/concert recordings if available.
3. One video recording with three works from a recent concert performance directed by the current conductor.
 - a. The first selection is to be a major concert band composition from the standard repertoire with the camera positioned at the back of the stage focused on the conductor.
 - b. The second piece is to be standard concert band piece with the camera positioned in the audience to show the entire band.
 - c. The third selection is to be a Sousa march with the camera positioned in either place.

SELECTION AND AWARD PROCESS

The selection committee meets annually to evaluate application materials. The meeting will be held prior to the MidWest band and Orchestra Clinic. Submission deadline is November 20.

If selected, the award will be sent to the band director's commanding officer or other appropriate official for presentation. If not selected, Committee suggestions will be communicated directly to the band director for use in program strengthening for a future consideration.

SEND NOMINATION MATERIALS TO

Colonel Don Schofield at
sousahowardaward@gmail.com

Questions may be directed telephonically to

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U.S. Army, retired

Captain Brian Walden
U.S. Navy, Retired

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ADMINISTRATION

The award is administered by The John Philip Sousa Foundation and implemented by its Executive Committee.

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