



Marchin' & Swingin'

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SWINGIN' NORTH & SOUTH

Maryland Wing Music traveled north of the Mason-Dixon line and south of the Potomac in September to bring Civil Air Patrol to the attention of the public. On September 9th, the Concert band played a medley of patriotic and some swing tunes at Ace's High Aviation Art Gallery, located in historic downtown Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The band, dressed in World War Two era U.S. military and CAP uniforms, set up on the porch of the gallery and played to patrons within and on-lookers without. "You guys sound fantastic," said Ace's High owner Steve Shultz, who generously provided an ample supply of pizza and soft drinks for the band, following the noon to 1:00 PM performance. Shultz has invited the band back for an encore performance, probably sometime next Spring.

On September 24th, MWM Swing band, dressed in khakis, played for a reunion banquet of veterans of the U.S. Army 120th Evac Hospital, a medical unit that served in World War Two. The performance took place at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. MWM member Dr. Irwin Deutscher helped to arrange the performance. "This is the kind of engagement we should be doing more of," said Capt. George Carroll CAP, director of MWM. "These guys and gals were there for this country when they were needed. We in CAP music should be there for them."

As part of stepped-up efforts to assist our veterans, Maryland Wing Music has been asked to prepare a list, which will be published in the Maryland Wing Civil Air Patrol staff directory, of buglers and/or trumpet players who would be willing to play [if available] "taps" as part of military honors for deceased American veterans. "It's very sad to see an American hero laid to rest with only audio tape music or no music at all," said Captain Carroll. Anyone wishing to volunteer for this outstanding community service should contact 2 Lt. Charles Goolsby at 202-619-0873.

MAJOR GLENN MILLER SQUADRON UPDATE

Formal steps are under way to establish the first-ever military music squadron in Civil Air Patrol -- the Major Alton G.[Glenn] Miller Squadron. The squadron will consist of members of Maryland Wing Music who are also members of Civil Air Patrol. Those MWM members who are not in CAP and wish to join are invited to do so. Squadron membership will not impose any additional obligation on MWM members. On the contrary, it will make all their expenditures tax-deductible and permit the CAP to assist them with uniforms, transportation, and other costs. MWM members who do not choose to join CAP will be as welcome as ever. The squadron, which consists of 15 members, will need the following officers: Commander, Deputy Commander, Administrative Officer, Logistics Officer, Senior Programs Officer, Transportation Officer, Public Affairs Officer, Personnel Officer, Finance Officer, Recruiting Officer and Chaplain. Anyone interested in serving in any of these capacities should contact Capt. Carroll or 2d Lt. Goolsby

As a fund-raiser for the soon-to-be-established unit, MWM members are asked to help with go-cart races sponsored by K-Mart on September 30th and October 1st. K-Mart will pay volunteer organizations one hundred dollars per day per volunteer for volunteers who will help conduct the activity. The site of the activity is the Columbia Maryland K-Mart on Dobbins road in Columbia. Times will be 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM September 30th and 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM October 1st. Lunch will be provided. Dress is casual. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact 2 Lt. Goolsby.

Maryland Wing Music Members

Director - Capt. George Carroll *

Flute - Capt. Kathy Reed, 2^d Lt. Charles Goolsby,

Clarinet - Rudy Adler, Tom Cherrix, Caroline Cherrix, Jim Stephan, SM Irwin Deutscher, Jared Taylor

Bass Clarinet - Ron Culpepper

Bassoon - Joan Culpepper

Alto Saxophone - Caroline Cherrix, Jared Taylor, SM Jim Stephan,

Tenor Saxophone - SM Irwin Deutscher, Rudy Adler, Irwin Schorr

Baritone Saxophone - Dr. Ryle Bell

Trumpet - Bernie Rappaport, James Hamlin, SM George Rigby, Ken Schrantz, C/A1st Alexander Sansone, Jim Fulcher, Dan Krause, Dallas Mathis, David Harler

Trombone - Lt. Col. Ken Todorov USAF, Matthew Plank, C/SA Steve Moreland, Susan McMarlin, Bill Cleary

Baritone - Susan McMarlin

Euphonium - Carlos Leon

Tuba - Bruce Keck, C/SA Steve Moreland

String Bass - Victoria McMullen; Bruce Keck

Guitar - Maj. Clark Cloukey

Drum - Capt. George Carroll, Lt. Col. Clark Cloukey, 2Lt. Diane Mizrahi, Georgia Joyner

Vocal - SM Roger Thiel

OCTOBER SCHEDULE

The regular order of rehearsals is changed for this month. There will be a field music and Concert band rehearsal on the second Saturday, October 14th at the Heights School. Field music begins at 12:00 PM and Concert band at 1:00 PM. The practice will end at 3:30 PM. There will be a field music and Swing band rehearsal on Saturday October 28th, also at the Heights. 12:00 PM for field music; 1:00 to 3:30 PM for Swing. Please let us know if you will be there. Please note that some of our concert band parts are missing. If you have a part out, please return it.

DID YOU KNOW?

October 8th, marks the 110th anniversary of the birth of aviation legend Eddie Rickenbacker. Born to Swiss immigrants in Columbus, Ohio, he changed the name from Reichenbacher to Rickenbacker in response to anti-German bias at the beginning of America's entry into World War One. He was twelve years old when his father died, forcing him to drop out of school and go to work. A talented mechanic, he soon became a champion race car driver, setting a world speed record in 1911 of 134 mph. When war came, he volunteered for duty in the fledging Army Air Service hoping to become a pilot. Instead he was assigned to General Billy Mitchell as a chauffeur. He soon wangled a transfer to the Air Service as an engineering lieutenant. He began at once taking flying lessons. Though officially overage for pilot training, his flying skills were so good that he won his wings and a transfer to a "pursuit unit" - the 94th Aero Squadron. On April 19th, 1918 he shot down his first enemy plane. By the end of the following month, he had for more "kills" to his credit, making an him an "Ace." Sidelined with an ear infection for the entire summer, he returned to action on September 24th. Promoted to squadron commander, Rickenbacker, now a Captain, shot down two German fighters the next day. Six weeks later, the war was over. During this time Captain Rickenbacker shot down another eighteen planes -- with a final score of twenty-six and more than three hundred hours spent flying over enemy lines. His skill, courage, and outstanding leadership won him many decorations, including the Congressional Medal of Honor.

In the years that followed the war, Rickenbacker marketed his own sports car, managed the Indianapolis Speedway, and in 1935, became CEO of Eastern Airlines, a position he held until 1963. As a civilian consultant for the Army Air Force during World War Two, he was shot down over the Pacific and survived twenty-two days at sea on a life raft before being rescued.

Edward Vernon Rickenbacker died during a family vacation to Zurich, Switzerland on July 26, 1973. He is buried in his home town of Columbus, Ohio.

FALL SCHEDULE

Requests have been made to Maryland Wing Music to consider three performances in the coming months, the first of which is by far the most important.

Maryland Wing Civil Air Patrol will hold its annual conference at Ocean City, Virginia this year, November 10th to the 12th. Friday evening will be registration with opening ceremonies by MWM field music the following morning at 8:15 AM. The concert and swing bands are requested for the reception [6:30 - 7:00 PM] and the banquet [7:00 - 10:00 PM] The National Commander of CAP will be among the distinguished guests present. All members of MWM are urged to attend if possible. Those who wish to stay overnight should contact Charles Goolsby for more information. MWM has requested a van [seating about 12 persons] from Maryland Wing Headquarters. The plan is to bus those folks who need or want a ride to Ocean City and back the same day and night. This means meeting somewhere in the area (probably the Heights School) and leaving early afternoon. The band will eat supper together at an area restaurant, about 11:00 PM, before returning to their hotel room or to DC-Maryland area. This will be a late nighter, so plan accordingly.

On November 18th the Beltway Plaza Mall will host its 9th annual parade and toy drive, in cooperation with the Lions Club, at Beltway Plaza -- 6100 Greenbelt Road. Downbeat will be at 2:00 PM. See enclosed flyer for details. The band has the option of marching in the parade or playing seated. Please indicate your preference. Also remember that this is an outdoor performance and the weather may be very cold.

On Wednesday December 6th, the Maryland chapter of the Air Force Association will hold its Christmas Party at the Ft. Mead, MD Officers Club. They are requesting MWM Swing band with an 8:00 PM downbeat.

Details concerning uniforms with these performances will be announced later. In the meantime, it is very important to let Captain Carroll know ASAP which, if any, of these engagements you can attend. Contact Capt. Carroll at 410-420-0790 or 2 Lt. Goolsby at 202-619-0873.

Plans are also underway for MWM Swing band to perform on Channel 33 Arlington Community Television sometime in February or March. MWM is attempting to book, some months in advance, as many concerts as its members care to do. If you have a recommendation as to events or groups we should be paying attention to, please call.