

# ISU Alumni Band

#### HOMECOMING EDITION 2016

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### • Oct. 28-29

Homecoming Reunion 2016 and Football vs Kansas State, Ham Kickoff

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Information

# Friday Night Social Oct. 28, 7-10pm, Johnny's in Hilton

#### Join us for TRIVIA NIGHT!

#### Trivia Contest

If you will be joining us at the Friday night Homecoming social, get a team together to compete in a Trivia contest!

-Teams of up to 6 people are recommended.

-Designate a Team Captain who will be responsible for picking up and turning in the teams answer sheets.

-An announcement will inform teams when a new round begins for Team Captains to submit the teams answers and pick up the question sheet for the next round.



#### Parking and Entry

Please be aware that we will not be able to access Johnny's until our 7pm start time. You are encouraged to attend the Varsity Band's rehearsal, which runs 5:10-6:30 at the Northwest corner of campus, North of the Armory.

Free parking is available for Johnny's on the North side of Hilton Coliseum in Lot C1. Enter Hilton through the East side doors on the South side of Johnny's (take the ramp up to the doors on the South side of the loading dock ramp), and go through the inner concourse to get to the main entrance to Johnny's. Cars must be moved from the lots by midnight, or they will be towed.



Time	Activity	Place	
6:00am	Alumni Band Registration and Instrument Check Out	Bergstrom Indoor Facility (West of Jack Trice)	
6:45am	Alumni Band Music Rehearsal and Picture	Endzone of Jack Trice	
7:15am	Combined Band Rehearsal Bergstrom Indoor Fa		
7:45am	Alumni Band Rehearse Field Entrance Bergstrom Indoor Fa		
8:00am	Varsity Band Spirit Walk for Team	Bergstrom Indoor Facility	
8:15am	Alumni Band Banquet - Breakfast	Scheman Center	
	- Business Meeting		
	- Constitution Amendment Vote		
	- Election Results		
9:15am	Guard, Drumline and Step Show	Alumni Center Steps	
10:10am	Alumni Band Join Varsity for March to Stadium	SW Corner of Hilton	
10:40am	Pregame	Jack Trice	
I I:00am	Kickoff—Beat the Wildcats!	Jack Trice	

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### **Alumni Band Constitution Update**

Dear fellow alumni band members,

I want to thank the constitutional committee of Ryan, Chris, and Erin. When you read this new constitution and think, "gee, that looks a lot like what we do now." Then you are following our logic in amending it.

Over the last few years we've followed more of a British model of maintaining a constitution by precedent and consensus. As such, along with applying the last several years of precedence we tried to clarify a few items. Some of the highlights of this new version are:

- Changing to only one newsletter and PR elected officer each, reflecting changes in technology. The two will work closely together for all communications.
- Treasurer will become a two year position. It currently takes several months to make the transition with the ISU Foundation and learn their accounting methods which means right now as soon as you get the hang of it, a new election is occurring.
- Clarifications in appointed offices

The committee tabled a few ideas to revisit next year. Along with this draft published at end of the earlier fall newsletter we will include a printed copy of the final version in your packets, or at the door of the Saturday meal. Barring any typos being discovered I expect this draft to be the one we vote on as a group. During the meeting I'll entertain a motion to approve the new constitution, we'll need a second, and we'll have a voice vote up or down. We will need to make sure the secretary records who made each so it may take a minute.

We believe we produced a good document to help guide our organization and hope for ratification. If you have any comments, as always please contact me. The proposed changes are available in the earlier fall newsletter online: <a href="http://www.isualum.org/groups-and-clubs/special-interest-societies/alumni-band/">www.isualum.org/groups-and-clubs/special-interest-societies/alumni-band/</a>

Chris Colvin

# **Alumni Band Board Elections**

Voting this year will be done electronically, and distributed to you via email. You

are only eligible to vote if you have registered to attend Homecoming this year. The email with the voting link will look like it originates from me (Erin Kalkwarf), but will go through Ballot-Bin.com. We have tested the process with no issues, but if you don't receive the email make sure to check your SPAM folder. If you have difficulty voting online ahead of time you will also be able to vote in-person Friday night and Saturday morning. Voting opens on Monday, October 24 and will close Saturday, October 29 at the start of the Homecoming business meeting/brunch.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact me.

Thanks,

Erin Kalkwarf, President-Elect, erin.kalkwarf@gmail.com

# **2016-2017 Board Member Elections**

Below are the current nominees for the 2016-2017 Executive Board. If you are interested in running, please contact me as soon as possible so that you can be added to the ballot. You are also welcome to run a write-in campaign. You do not need to attend Homecoming this year to run for office.

Nominating Committee: Erin Kalkwarf (President-Elect), Donna Drefke (Past President), Jim Wilcox (DAL)

\*denotes incumbent Secretary - one-year term (vote for 1) Nikki Barbee\*

**Treasurer** - one-year term (vote for 1) Kevin Beichley\*

**Public Relations Specialist** - one-year term (vote for 2) Sarah Roltgen\*

Newsletter Editor - one-year term (vote for 2)Liz Juchems\*Emily Eastman\*

Directors-At-Large - two-year term (vote for 3)Lauren SchwabRyan Schnackel\*Jessica Denner\*Chris Davidson\*

#### **Officer Duties:**

**Secretary** – keep minutes at meetings and distribute them to all members of the Executive Board, carry out correspondence, and complete other duties as assigned

**Treasurer** – maintains financial records of income and expenses, prepares reports for each event and distribute reports to the Executive Board, and other duties s assigned

**Newsletter Editors (2)** – chronicle the meetings and appearances of the Alumni Band by coordinating with the Music Department and the Board in publishing the newsletters

**Public Relations Specialists (2)** – propose and execute public campaigns to make the public aware of the good works and good times of the Alumni Band

**Directors at Large (3)** – advise and consult as a part of the Executive Board at all meetings and carry out other duties as assigned.

# **2016-2017 Candidates**

**Treasurer Candidate:** Kevin Beichley was in the 'V'mb from 2004-2009 as a sax and student staff member. He graduated in 2008 with a degree in Finance and again in 2009 in Accounting. He is a licensed CPA and currently works for the state of Iowa as the Risk and Employee Benefits Bureau Chief.



**Secretary Candidate:** Hey Band! My name is Nikki Barbee and I have been serving as your alumni band secretary for the last three years and would love the opportunity to continue to serve in this role. I graduated from Iowa State in 2010 and my last year in band was 2008. While in school I was a member of TBS. Since graduating I have gone back for a second bachelors in Civil Engineering which I obtained this spring. I now work for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources working in Air Quality. I feel like I am well qualified for this role and look forward to being able to continue to serve the alumni band.

#### **Director At Large Candidates:**

I am Ryan Schnackel and have served as a Director at Large for the last two years. My last year in the ISUCF'V'MB was 2001 and I graduated in 2002. I've played sousaphone throughout my time in the varsity and alumni bands. I current live in Solon, Iowa and work for the City of Iowa City. I would be honored to serve the ISUCF'V'MB Alumni Band for the next two years as Director at Large.





Lauren Schwab ('13 & '16) was a member of the trumpet section and served on student staff as a senior. She was involved with all of the pep bands, including 3 seasons as director of the volleyball band. Lauren is currently a PhD student in Civil Engineering where she works on using sound to model the spread of contaminants in rivers.

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# **2016 Golf Tournament Celebrates 8 Years!**

Another year, another beautiful day for the Alumni Band Golf Tournament at Veenker Memorial Golf Course. Eleven teams participated this year and all together we raised a record \$925 for the Varsity band while having fun on the golf course.

The winning foursome for 2016 was Ann Staudt, Matt Helmers, Jackie Comito and Frank Comito. Second place went to the alumni team of Lauren Schwab, Andrew Gurik, Matt Harvey and Matt Ballman.

A big thanks for all participants and we look forward to seeing you next year! Liz Juchems '11 and Kelli Huser '09



Above: Ryan and Alyson Nelson, Sara and Jordan Bergman

Right: Clint Cole, Kyle Sloup, Ken Sulma and Joe Waters



Above: Chris Colvin

Below: Emily Worthington and Liz Juchems

## Save the date!

When: September 10, 2017 Where: Veenker Memorial Golf Course, Ames 12:15pm Registration and Lunch 1:00pm Shotgun Start

4 Person 18-Hole Best Ball, Lunch and Cart

Hope to see you there!



### By Dean Brand

For those who don't know me, I'm a sousaphone player and winter quarter 1973 graduate. Back then, the band was all male except for the twirler and the bell player and in my last year we had about 124 in the band. I marched for three directors, the last being Jimmy Howard Reynolds and during that time the military switched from the draft to a lottery system to get enough personnel at the height of the Vietnam War.

I was in the first lottery draft and drew 292 - which as it turned out would never get called. My head resident was a graduating senior with 64 - a likely draft candidate. After some research, he and I enlisted in the Army Reserves on the same day. I spent the next 14 years in the Reserves, even recruiting my wife 4 years into my career. In January of 1984, we left the Reserves for the Iowa Army National Guard to be closer to where we lived.

In late 2000, I was given the extra duty as the Funeral Honors Coordinator which meant that when called, the Iowa Guard sends

soldiers to render honors of folding and presenting the flag and playing TAPS for deceased veterans or active service members. I also became the initial point of contact when we had to do death notifications - which most often came between midnight and 2:00 am.

After 22 years as an Active Guard Reserve soldier, I retired in February 2006 and later in October was hired as a contractor to head the



Director at Large Dean Brand, '73 and Roddy Brand in front of Arc de Tromphe while visiting France with the ISUCF'V'MB

Funeral Honors program in Iowa, which I still do today. Our team now does about 130 funerals a month across the state for mostly veterans, for the occasional active soldiers and also repatriated remains which are remains found from past wars who have been identified and are now being returned home for burial. Those are probably the most rewarding in our eyes because the mourning has happened and now it's a celebration of welcoming home a long lost member of the family. My wife, Roddy, is also now retired from the Guard as a traditional soldier.

With this background, here are some of my personal thoughts about our tour to France with the ISUCF'V'MB.

The band leadership had worked hard to make sure that the band understood the reason for their trip by interviewing veterans either on paper or in person during an earlier rehearsal. All of these interviews were posted on the band's Facebook page, so if you are interested in reading them you can find them there.

Unfortunately, we missed the first day with the band at Utah beach and at St. Mere-Eglise and stop at Pointe du Hoc due to a flight cancelation in Atlanta. Everywhere we traveled people really responded positively to all of the performances, but more about that later.

#### Day I

Our first day took us to the Normandy American Cemetery at Collevill-sur-Mer and the first of two memorial services that the band participated in. For those who like gardening, the grounds are immaculate and the trees are all shaped to the same shape and dimensions along with edging of the grass areas. Our bus arrived not to long after the band and there was time to walk through the cemetery, take pictures and look around.

It quickly became apparent that the band members understood the reason they were there. Like many of us, they walked among the grave markers, all 9,387 of them, looking at the names and places the soldiers were from while paying their respects alongside visitors from other countries.

The ceremony that morning was arranged by the Battlefield Monuments Commission which takes care of all of the cemeteries in Europe. Speakers included MSG (ret) Louis Shay, a medic from the Army Air Corps, who came ashore at Normandy that morning along with a good friend also a medic who died on the beach. He shared some of his experiences and feelings from that day. The Army Chief of Staff, General (4 stars) Mark Milley shared a few words and presented MSG Shay an award from France.

Also present was a group of junior ROTC high school students, who laid wreathes during the service. The Southwest Arizona Women's Choir sang prior to and during the service along with the band playing. The whole service lasted about 45 minutes, but pointed out in detail the terror and sacrifices that the servicemen endured that day.



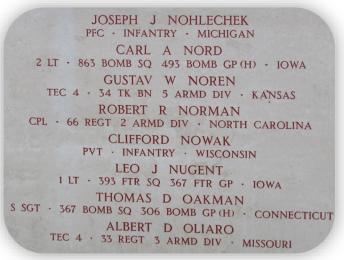
The whole band with MSG (ret) Shay who was the speaker at the Normandy Cemetery and came ashore as a medic on D-Day.

Following the service there was time to explore the grounds and an overlook area that looked down on Omaha Beach. From that position there were no longer the emplacements, but it was easy to imagine how tremendous defenses could have been established with the open fire onto the beach. It was amazing that anyone could get across it to cover to complete the invasion, but hundreds of young men, many younger than the band members, stormed the beaches and gave their lives that day to accomplish that mission.

From here we went to Bayeux, which was the first in town in France to be liberated by the allies in the invasion. We then stopped at Arromanches where the temporary/portable "mulberry" harbor was established starting on June 6, 1944 and by June 12 more than 300,000 men, 54,000 vehicles and 104,000 tons of supplies hand been landed. They have a theatre in the round there that shows the invasion and some of us saw a ceremony honoring the British engineers who designed and built the "mulberries". Nine thousand Germans, civilians and allies died during the D-Day landings and a sand sculpture was created as a tribute to them.

#### Day 2

Our second day started early journeying to the Brittany American Cemetery in Saint James for another memorial service. There are 4,409 burials in the cemetery with 499 listed as missing in action. The names of the missing are listed on a wall and I took pictures of several of the panels where the names had Iowa as their state and someday, maybe one or two of those will come home to Iowa while I'm still working.



Again the band members wandered the cemetery and thank a couple of British WWII veterans that were there. They knew why they were there and it made me personally proud of all of them and the way they represented ISU, the state of Iowa, and themselves.

From there we journeyed to Mont St. Michel, an old monastery that was built on a salt plain and could only be reached by boat. For those who were adventurous enough it was a 30 minute climb to get to the top. As we traveled I tried to visualize the hedgerows that are so famous in this area and were so difficult for the allies to break through until some folks invented the plows that were mounted on the front of tanks without exposing the underside of the tanks. While the hedges themselves were pretty much gone the built up edges of the fields are still there in most fields. Once we completed our visit to Mont St. Michel we embarked on the long ride to Paris and the next part of our adventure.

#### Day 3

Our first day in Paris we had a three hour bus tour around the main parts of Paris with a tour guide pointing out all of the places of interest. We spent the afternoon at the Eifel Tower and because the Euro Soccer Championships were starting in a couple of days it was interesting to watch the security measures ramp up in the few hours we were there. We did see a lot of military and police presence while we were in Paris, a welcome sight considering all of the terrorist attacks that had been happening in the past few months. Supper and an early evening for the first time since we arrived.



Day 4

The second and last day in Paris took us to the Louvre, which reopened after recent flooding. For those who really understand art and know the fine points of art appreciation, it was certainly a visit of a lifetime. We visited Mona Lisa and other interesting paintings on display. One comment about the Mona Lisa is that the dimensions of the painting aren't as large as we thought and is actually 2'6"  $\times$  1'9".

After the Louvre, we walked the short distance to the Notre Dame Cathedral, and then went to Jardin d'Acclimatation, which is a park with a number of rides for kids and other areas. The band performed a 'step show', then marched around the park and came back to perform a number of songs from previous halftime shows, including a drumline feature and of course, Cowbell!

I visited with a couple from Norway as we followed the band around the park. They had eaten in the same restaurant with the band the night before, found out about the performance and came specifically to see and hear them. They were fascinated and amazed because they don't have "marching bands" in Europe; they loved not only the musical ability and performance of the band, but the enthusiasm and also politeness that they exhibited.

The park personnel took lots of pictures and video of the band and had a great time too. The entire performance was done on live feed on the band Facebook page, so the band staff along with anyone else who knew could watch it.

From the park we went to the Arc de Triomphe. The Arc houses the French "Tomb of the Unknown" and there was going to be a ceremony a little later, but we weren't there for it. After a long bus ride we had our final meal together and returned to our hotel to pack to leave the next morning.

Our driver and guide were both from Holland and did a great job. We all marveled at how Harm could take the that large tour bus and thread it through the insane traffic and never got upset and was always smiling and having fun. Wieteke was great and did an amazing job of altering the schedule to allow us to see some things that we would have missed or not had an opportunity to do. The drivers for the three busses carrying the band also pulled trailers, so they are to be commended too.

As band alumni, we can all be very proud of the band that they were invited to represent the United States, they were able to raise the funds to send this fine group of young men and women and of their conduct and performances. They worked hard, but also had a lot of fun and were great ambassadors for ISU and the state of Iowa. We're really glad that we made the trip and met some great folks along the way.

# Alumni Pep Band 2016-2017

Cyclone fans look forward to performances of the Alumni Pep Band every year. Join us this year as we entertain these crowds on <u>5 different dates</u>, including a Men's/Women's double-header and a men's conference game!

<u>Date</u>	Call/Game time	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Sun. Nov. 20	12:00P/1:00P	MBB vs. The Citadel	Nov. 11	\$5
Sun. Nov. 20	5:00P/6:00P	WBB vs. Drake	Nov. 11	\$5
Tue. Nov. 22	6:00P/7:00P	WBB vs. Savannah State	Nov. 13	\$5
Sun. Dec. 18	I:00P/2:00P	WBB vs. Delaware State	Dec. 9	\$5
Tue. Dec. 20	5:00P/6:00P	MBB vs. Mississippi Valley State	Dec. 9	\$5
Fri. Dec. 30	4:00P/5:00P	MBB vs. Texas Tech	Dec. 21	\$5

November 20 is a double-header; stay tuned for possible between-game activities. Note the early 4PM call time for the MBB game, please plan accordingly

- Dress: Alumni Pep Band (from 2011) shirt, black pants, black socks and black shoes. If you don't have a new pep band shirt, you can purchase one below.
- Note that we are no longer providing a meal for each game. A bottle of water will be provided for all players at each game.
- Tubas and percussion will be provided. Everyone else if you absolutely cannot find an instrument to use, please note that, and we will try to provide one.

Space is limited for all games, and may be capped fro certain games. Alumni will be given preference, though Varsity assistance may be needed for some games.

If you have any questions or would like a sign up form, please contact Jay Chapman at <u>chapmanjay@mchsi.com</u> or 515-480-4638.

