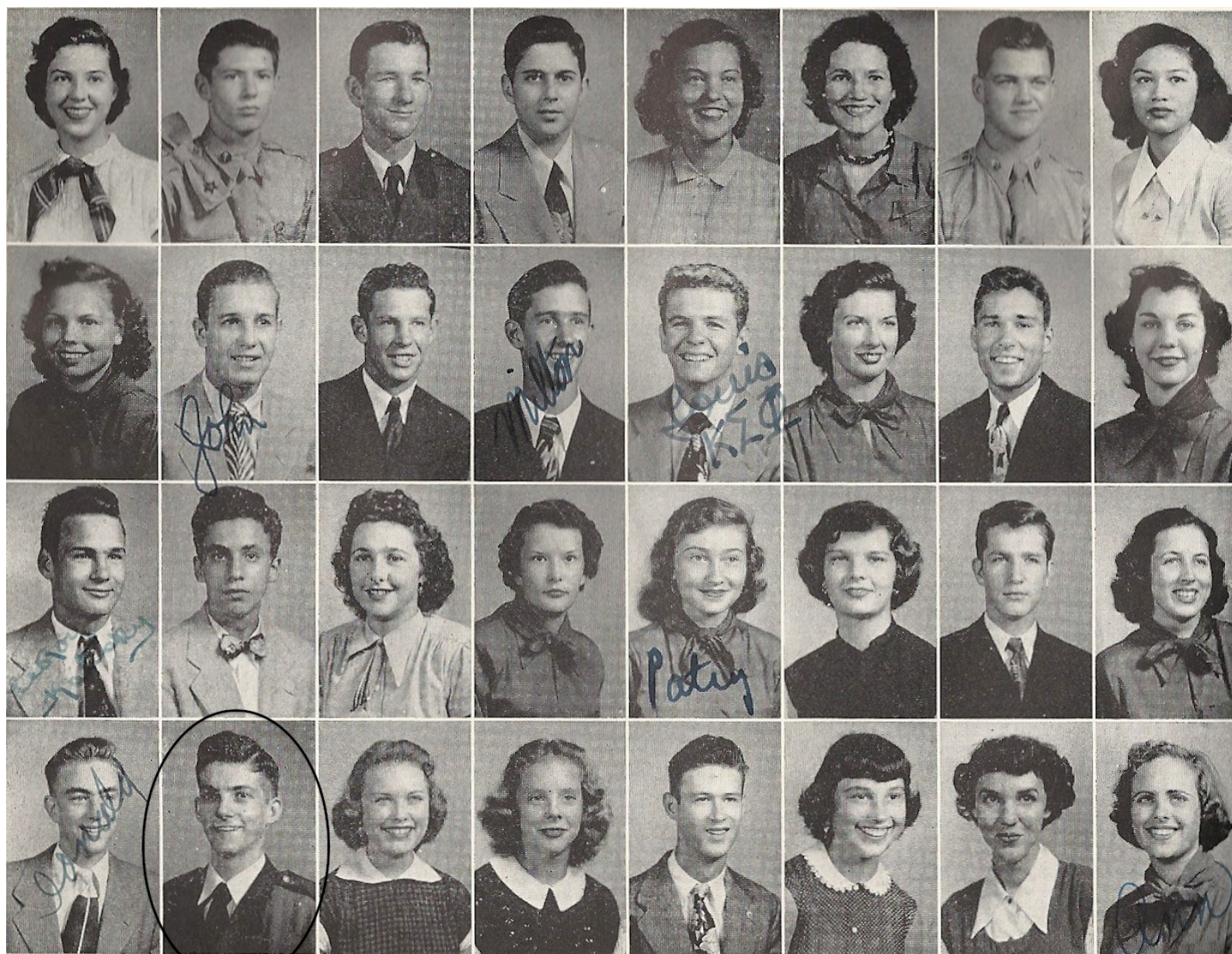




Age 12 - Playing Bugle Calls



1950 Thomas Jefferson Band



Thomas Jefferson HS
Class of 1952



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuentz Jr.
December 30, 1955

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Rocksprings HS Band 1959



ROCKSPRINGS ANGORA BAND

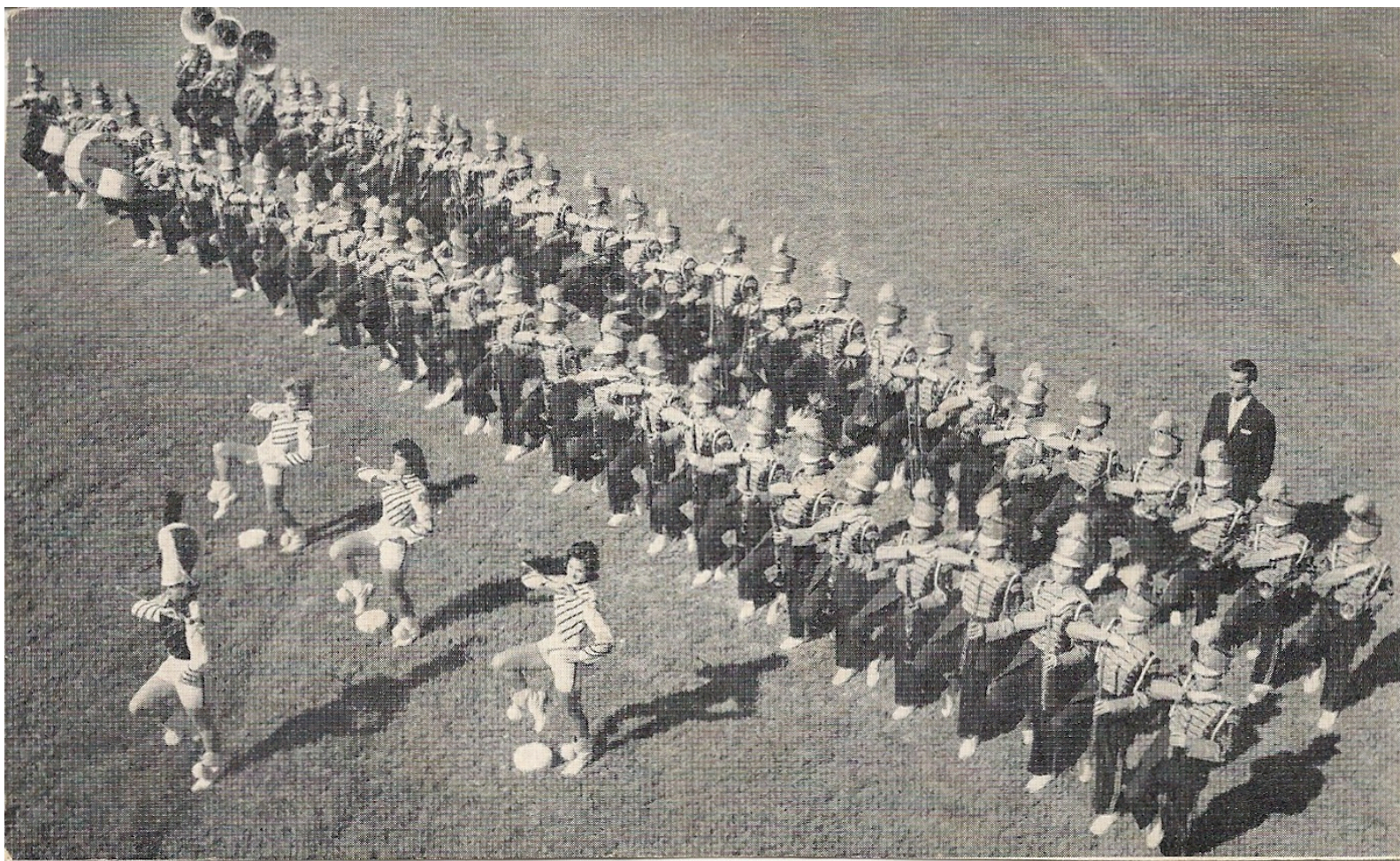


MR. CHARLES KUENTZ, Director



ROY CUSTER, Drum Major

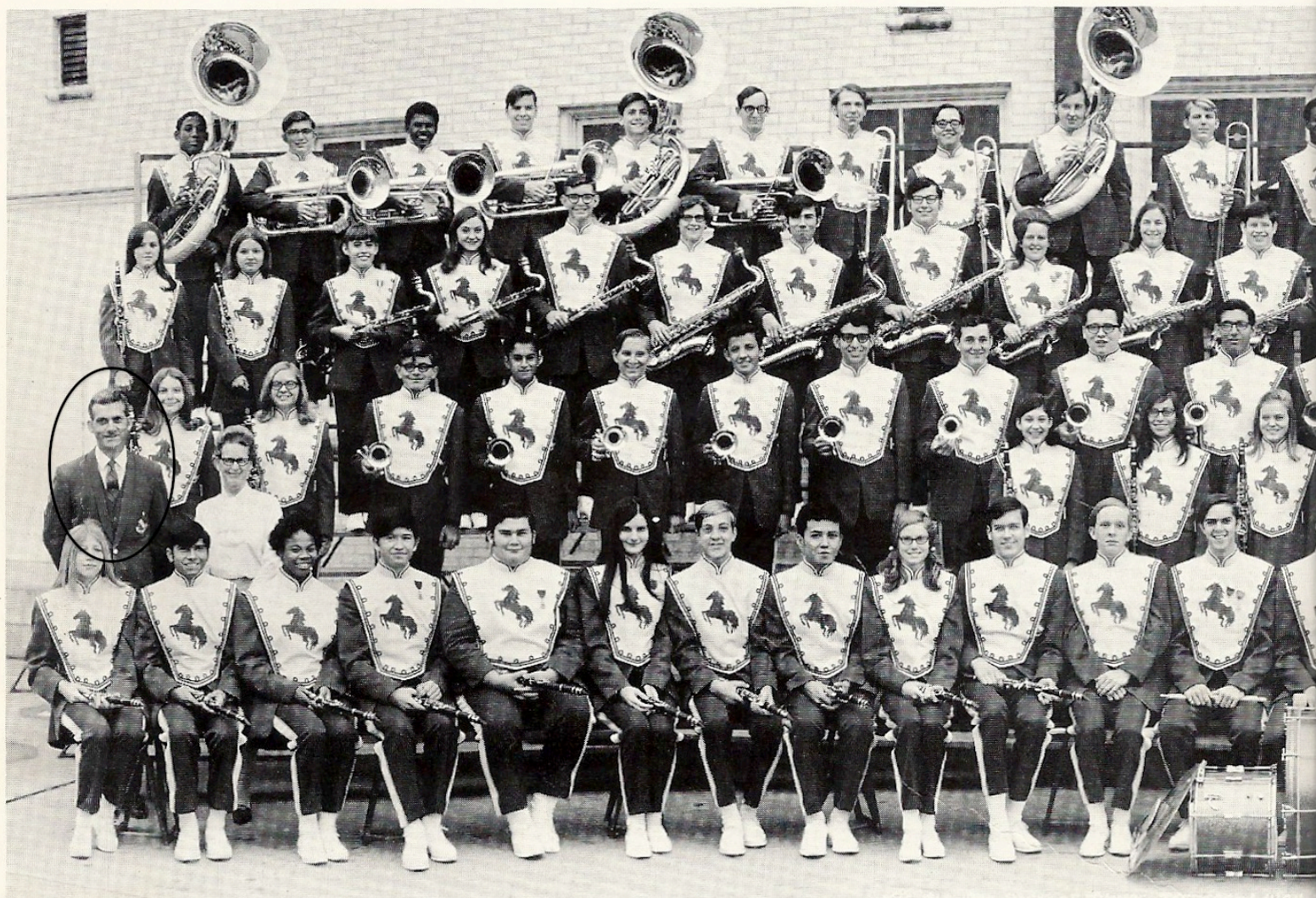
Christine Haines



Charlotte HS Band 1961-62

1970 Thomas Jefferson Band

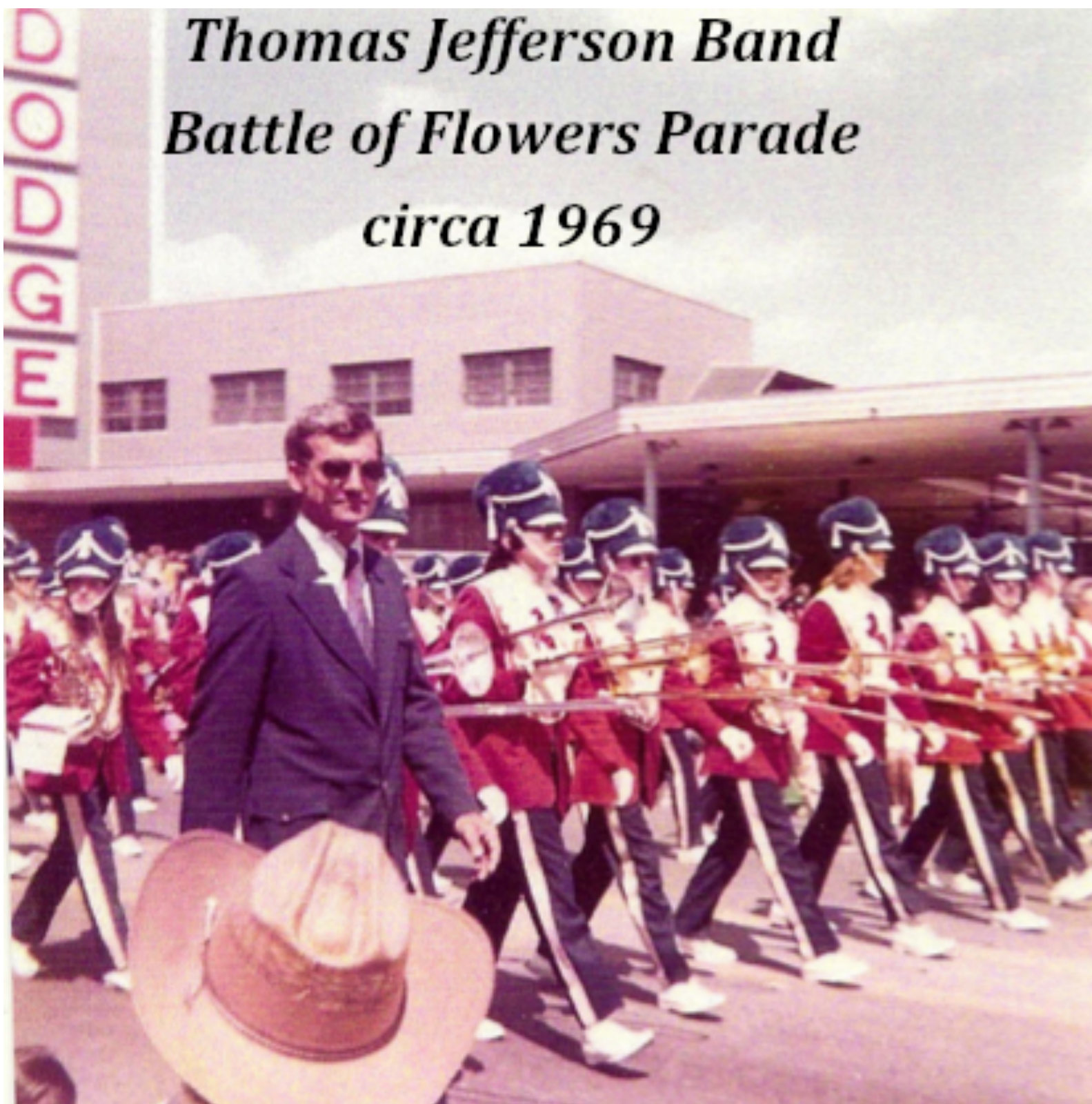
Inspiration Plus Perspiration



Jefferson Mustang Band



*Thomas Jefferson Band
Battle of Flowers Parade
circa 1969*





Shakey's Pizza Parlor Dixieland Band 1968-1970

*Charles has had many hobbies, but few knew he was an award winning drag racer
in the 1960's.*

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When
The Rams
Go Marching In
The Gifting Season
Beginning With
Books



EVEN BAND DIRECTOR Charles Kuentz got into the act, playing plus directing and conducting Summer Band back at Marshall. [Herald Bandathon Photo]

To our many
backers...our
sincere thanks.

The Ram Band

Company.

Others include Oak Hills Lions Club; Jack Nicholson Co., Ralph R. Gray, Contractor; Maryfield Music Co. Phelps Insurance; DNR Inc., Flowers by Rhodes; Alton Glass; Gems on Parade, Inc.; Buddy Hartman's Barber & Style Shop; M&M Appliance Supply Co., William P. Hobby Middle School PTA; and Ralph Swift, Realty.

Director Kuentz is wave-maker; in only two years

In only his second year as chief Band Director, John Marshall High School, Charles Kuentz has accomplished some quite note-worthy achievements.

Not only did he manage to get his Ram Band invited to play in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California New Year's Day, but directed the 200-plus band to other awards, both group and individual.

Last year's record includes:

- Sweepstakes Awards in the University Interscholastic League competitions. In order to earn Sweepstakes, a band

must earn a First Division, (Superior rating), in Marching, Concert, and Sight-reading competition;

- "Best of Show" in the annual "Astrodome Marching Contest" held each November. "Best of Show" constitutes being judged first place among bands attending from throughout the state;

- First place in the Battle of Flowers Parade Band Competition. Some 40 area high school bands were judged;

- Both group and individual awards at the Greater Southwest Texas Jazz Festival in Kingsville.

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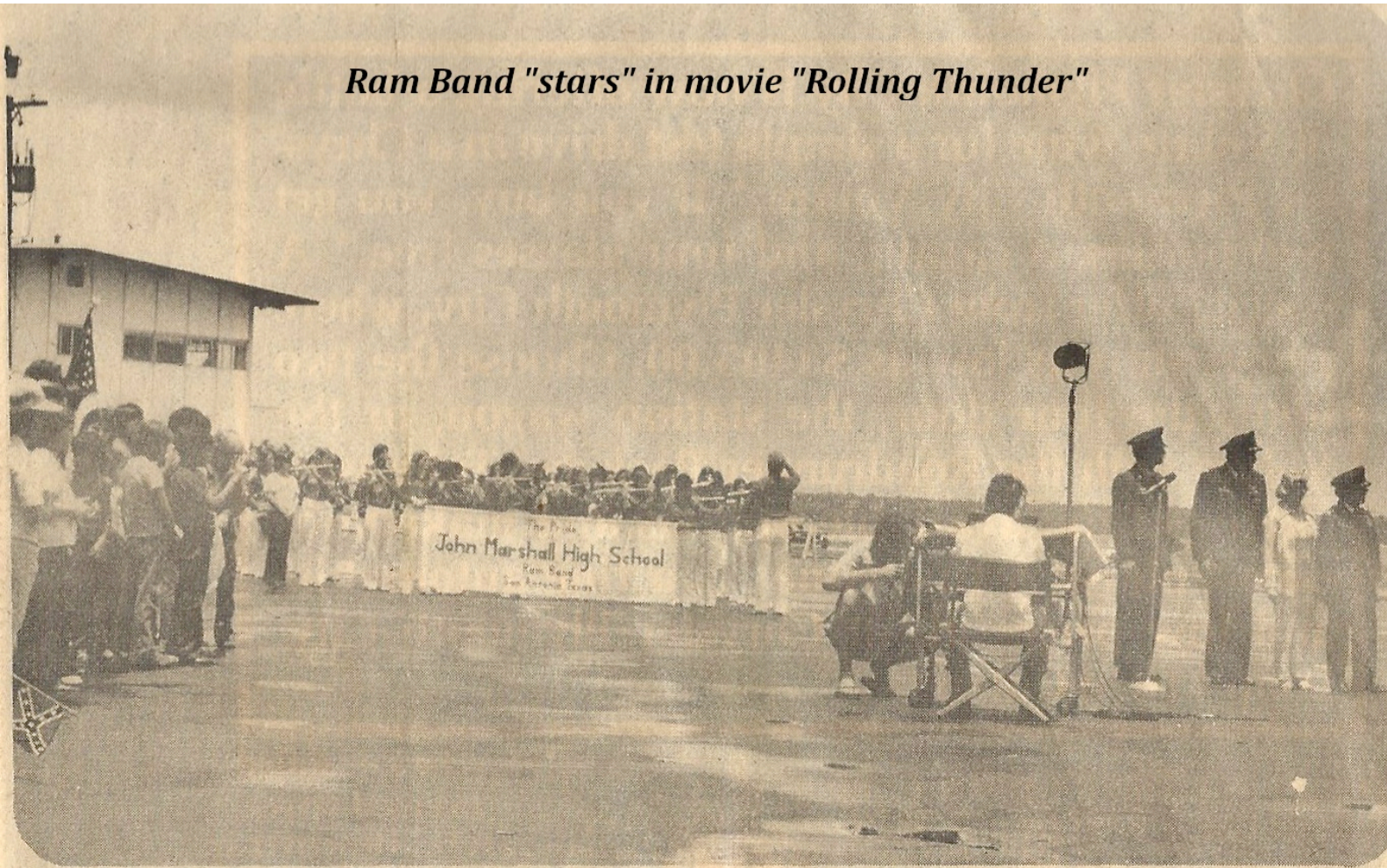


'Ram Band Week' nears...

SAN ANTONIO MAYOR Lila Cockrell presented a proclamation to Marshall High School Band Director Charles Kuentz Tuesday, declaring the week of Sept. 5-11 "Ram Band Week" in San Antonio, and extending "congratulations and best wishes of all citizens of San Antonio to the John

Marshall High School Band as they represent the City and the State of Texas in the upcoming Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena, California." Less than \$10,000 is needed by the Band to finance trip. [Herald Photo by H. Jopling]

Ram Band "stars" in movie "Rolling Thunder"



'Rolling Thunder' swept through town. . .

"ROLLING THUNDER" is the name of the movie, appropriately, and dozens of San Antonians turned out to watch filming last week at

International Airport, despite thundershowers. Plot involves a returning POW—hence the airport welcoming scene. The John Marshall

Ram Band will "play" the part of the hometown band in the film, and in return receive a \$500 donation to its Rose Bowl Fund. [Herald Photo]



Sue Berg, secretary of the Marshall Ram Band, Director Charles Kuentz and Chuck Kuentz, president, hold some of the items for sale at the Giant Garage Sale to be held Saturday, September 6, at John Marshall High School on Lobo Lane.

Ram band slates garage sale

"It's our first organized campaign," said Charles Kuentz, new director of the

John Marshall Ram Band, as he announced the Giant All-Day Garage Sale to be held at John Marshall High School on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 9 a.m. until there is no merchandise left.

The sale is being sponsored by the students to raise money for a band trip this coming spring.

Any items left over will be donated to charity.

The students are asking anyone who may still want to donate items to bring them to the band hall or call the school for pick up of large items at 684-2220.

"We hope for a large turnout at the sale since we have already collected appliances, some stereo equipment, clothing and much more," said Chuck Kuentz, Ram Band

*Ram Band Performs at
Houston Oilers Halftime*



School, a needed rest... ?

THERE'S NO MISTAKING the Astrodome, or the John Marshall Ram Band. This halftime performance last week at the Houston

Oilers vs. New York Giants game was but one of many places the Ram Band has been seen lately, but with the school year under way and the Rose

Bowl Fund growing, Band members look forward to some much-needed "parade" rest.

To the Editor:

So much has been written and acclaimed about the wonderful young people in the John Marshall Ram Band, all of which is true and sincerely appreciated. However, the truth of it is that San Antonio, although it is called a metroplex, a city of a million, and other names that indicate that is it a big, metropolitan community with its greatest emphasis on growth, is really a "small town" with a "big heart".

Let me tell you, San Antonio is "my town" and it will be "my town" to all the members of the Ram Band who spent 52 hours in Wonderland Shopping Mall, playing with all the strength that was in them. As the years pass and the students travel all over the world, San Antonio will be "their town". The town that came out enmass to cheer them on, to encourage them, and to give to their cause. The town where the people came to the Mall all hours of the day and night, the town that brought in so much food that they couldn't eat it all, the town where the newspapers, radio and TV gave time and space to advertise their effort. I could write page after page of comments about people from San Antonio who came to watch and listen, praising the young people, but without all of you supporting them, none of this could have happened.

Admittedly, the kids are wonderful, not just these kids but all kids, given a goal and support can move mountains. This is our future and I am not afraid. San Antonio, you are "our town".

**Charles Kuentz, Director,
John Marshall Ram Band**

Letter of appreciation to the people of San Antonio for their generous support of helping the Ram Band raise funds for the 1977 Tournament of Roses Parade - Fall 1976

Tournament of Roses Parade



The Ram Band Steps High In Pasadena



Legacy of excellence left behind by Marshall band director Kuentz

"His demand of excellence — as a parent — makes you feel so proud."

Rosie Benavides, Leon Valley parent

By DAVE PASLEY

High school band directors come and go, kind of like football coaches, and their burned out bodies don't even line the sides of our roadways the way used autos do.

But over at Marshall High the story is a little bit different. Charlie Kuentz, Big Daddy Kuentz as his students know him, stepped down after seven years at the helm of one of the nation's outstanding band programs and

people couldn't help but notice.

"We were devastated that he left," Rosie Benavides, a Leon Valley resident who sent three children through Kuentz-led band programs at Marshall, said, "but it would have been worse if he had left earlier. We're thankful we had him for the length of time we had him.

That time was seven years.

In the fall of 1974 Kuentz left his alma mater, Jefferson High, to come to Marshall.

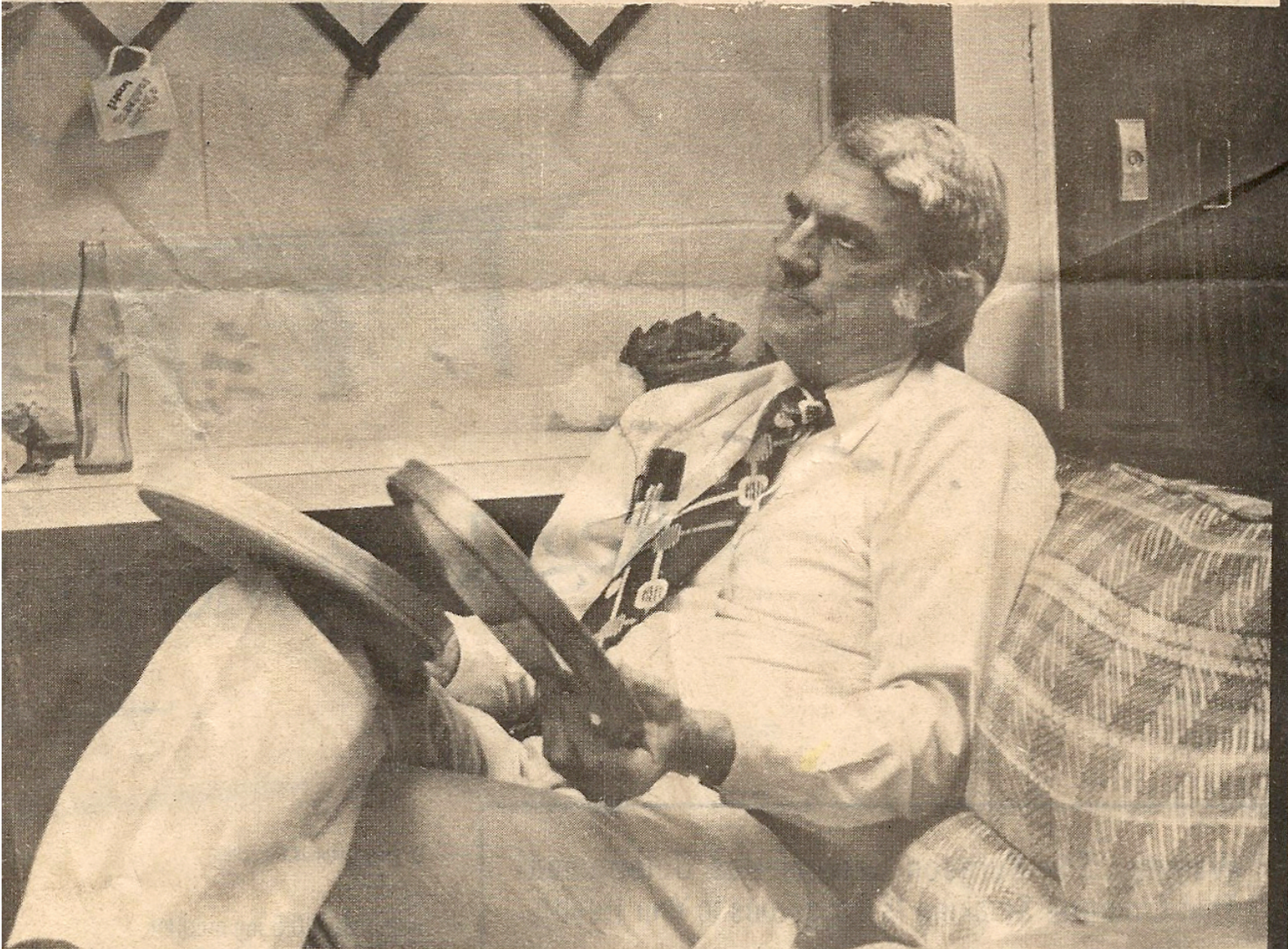
And an average, undistinguished career blossomed.

The Ram band went to the Rose

Bowl parade in California New Year's Day 1977 — one of only seven non-California schools selected — they took UIL sweepstakes honors all seven years and they even set a record for consecutive hours played by a concert band with 52 hours of playing in the summer of 1976.

Up to 200 students have participated in marching band at Marshall and membership in the band has become one of the most-sought extra-curricular activities in the high school.

See P. 3



Charlie Kuentz, the former band director at Marshall High School, reflects on the years he spent at the helm of one of the nation's outstanding band programs. (Photo by Dave Pasley)



*First Beginning Band Class of Rudder M.S.
Nicknamed the "Boone Babies", students attended Boone Elementary because
Rudder Middle School had not yet opened.*



Charles and Judy Kuentz at Kuentz Elementary Dedication



Charles L. Kuentz, Jr. Elementary School
Northside Independent School District


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CHARLES L. KUENTZ, JR.
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
NORTHSIDE I.S.D.

Entrance to Kuentz Elementary

Reading to Children at Kuentz Elementary





Proclamation

Office of the Mayor
City of Helotes

Charles L. Kuentz, Jr.
2010 Helotes Volunteer of the Year

Whereas, Charles Kuentz, Jr. applied to become a member of the newly formed Helotes Area Community Band in July 2008 after having successfully served as band director in a career spanning many decades in several school districts, including Northside Independent School District; and

Whereas, Charles Kuentz, Jr., although reluctantly, agreed to set aside his trumpet and accept the responsibility and challenge of filling the position of Director of the Helotes Area Community Band; and

Whereas, Charles Kuentz, Jr. has helped the Band grow from its initial seven members to a full concert band numbering approximately fifty volunteer musicians and has done so by recruiting most of his immediate family members and many of his former students as members of the Helotes Area Community Band; and


Whereas, Charles Kuentz, Jr. exhibits a high degree of patience when planning and directing weekly rehearsals, acquiring instruments, spending many hours printing music and other materials, and constantly reminding the volunteer musicians of the importance of always being prepared and professional; and

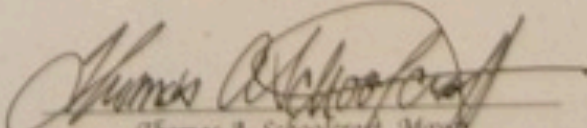
Whereas, Charles Kuentz, Jr. has scheduled numerous concerts in and around Helotes and has organized these successful events by selecting the music, transporting instruments, and preparing each venue to ensure a positive experience for all Band members, as well as the public attending each concert; and

Whereas, Charles Kuentz, Jr. has been able to accomplish all of this with the generous and loving support of his spouse, Judy, who is also a member of the Helotes Area Community Band.

Now, therefore, I, Thomas A. Schoolcraft, on behalf of the members of City Council and by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Helotes, Texas, do hereby proclaim Charles L. Kuentz, Jr. as the 2010 Helotes Volunteer of the Year and commend him for his tireless efforts, persistence, devotion, and dedication to the continuing success of the Helotes Area Community Band.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

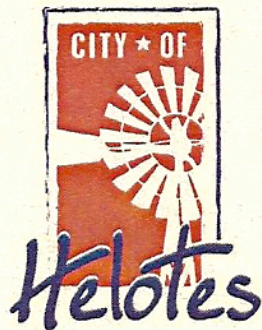



Thomas A. Schoolcraft, Mayor

Date: December 17, 2010

Helotes Community Band
Charles L. Kuentz Jr. Director



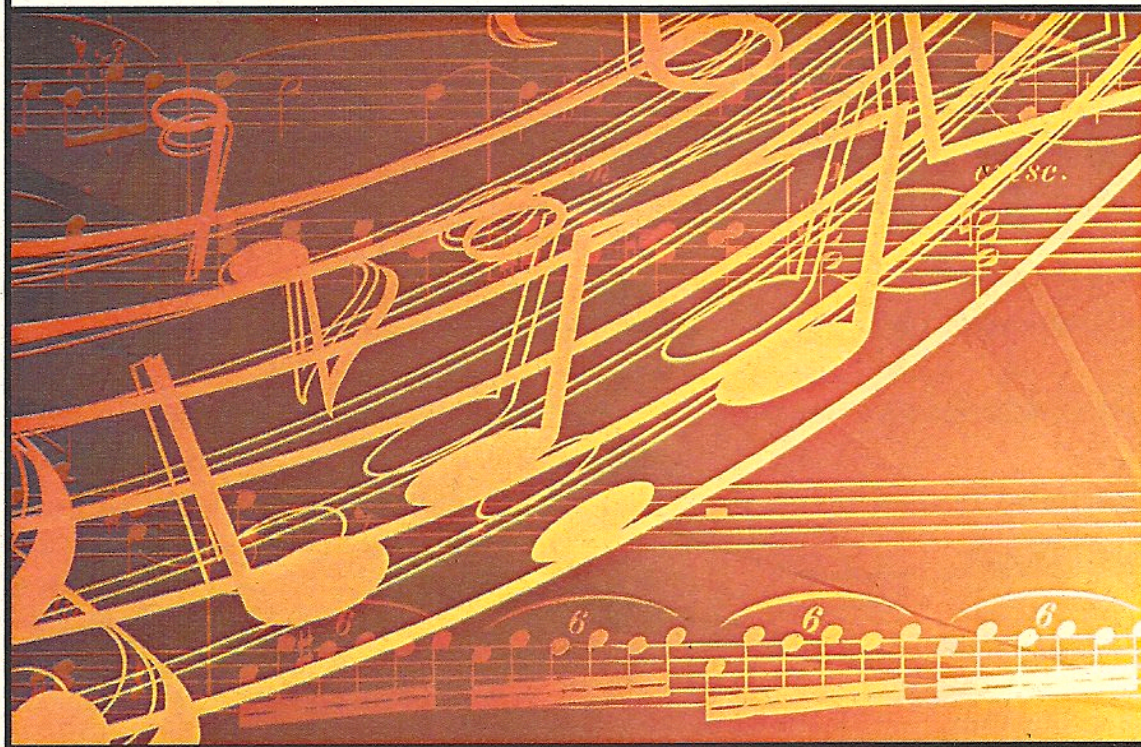


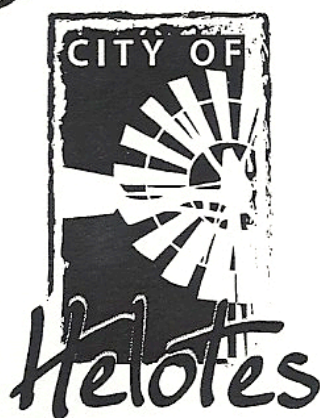
The City of Helotes
proudly presents the
Helotes Area Community Band

"In Concert"

Under the Direction
of
Charles L. Kuentz, Jr.

October 18, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.
Our Lady of the Lake University
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Friday, March 4, 2011 ~ 7:00p.m.

Crossroads Baptist Church

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PROGRAM

Concert Band

Strike up the Band by George & Ira Gershwin, arr. W.
Barker

Star Spangled Banner arr. Gary Mosse

West Side Story by Leonard Bernstein, arr. Bocook

Wind Ensemble - Directed by Chuck Kuentz

The Sinfonians Clifton Williams

Concert Band

Shenandoah arr. Frank Ticheli

Syncopated Clock by Leroy Anderson

Wind Ensemble - Directed by Chuck Kuentz

Shepherd's Hey by Percy A. Grainger

Concert Band

Midway March by John Williams, arr. John Moss

Wind Ensemble

Ave Maria Franz Schubert, arr. Frank Ticheli

Concert Band

Duty, Honor, Country Music by Harold L Waters
Script by Gen. Douglas MacArthur

Narrated by Brian Hindelang

*Playing "Taps" at Krueger
Elementary/NISD*





*Charles enjoys retirement by directing the
Helotes Community Band and riding his
Goldwing motorcycle.*



Log Home Built By Charles Kuentz