



Dear Alumni Band Members,

We are very excited you can make it “home” to be with fellow Pride Alumni. This year’s halftime show will coincide with our annual *Salute to Service*. Once again, we will have almost 900 musicians to celebrate America. To make this event even more special, and after several requests, we have asked bagpipes and drums from Knoxville, Chattanooga, and Memphis to join us on the field. To help celebrate our Salute to Service, we have asked Pride Alum (2017-2020), Corporal Andrew Crowell (Assistant Enlisted Conductor of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division Band) to be our Drum Major for the day.

Please note the Homecoming schedule. As you will notice, we start with a FULL Alumni Band Meeting at **9:15 am** in the Bandroom. The schedule and music can be found at our website: [HERE](#)

Those of you checking out an instrument (mello, baritone, sousa), please bring your own mouthpiece. All marchers need to provide their own lyres (flip folders and music will be provided). Snare drummers need to supply their own sticks. Bass drum and tenor mallets will be provided.

The Alumni Band Uniform consists of: Official Alumni Band Pull-over; Official Orange Hat; Black pants; Black shoes; Black socks; Orange Crew Collar shirt or Alumni Band T-Shirt (provided at registration). To purchase the official apparel, you can visit the following site: <https://www.tnalbumibandshop.com/>

As a reminder, *you are required to have a ticket to the game if you are planning to march*. Those who purchased a ticket to sit with the band through the registration process will be given a wristband at registration. Only those individuals will be allowed to sit with the Alumni Band in the stands. We will need to monitor this closely this year to ensure seats for everyone who bought tickets through the band registration. Also, just a friendly reminder that only alumni who have registered may march to the stadium with the band. As much as we would love family to join us, it gets chaotic as we get closer to the stadium.

We are looking forward to sharing Homecoming with each of you on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The “Pride Family” continues to be an important theme and we are thankful you have chosen to take part in celebrating this with us!

Sincerely,

Dr. John Zastoupil

Dr. Michael Stewart

Dr. Fuller Lyon