The American Bandmasters Association and the United States Marine Band invite you to perform virtually with the Marine Band! On Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at 1 p.m. (EDT) participate in a special Sousa event with Colonel Jason K. Fettig of “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band. With everyone joining online, Col. Fettig will conduct a performance of John Philip Sousa’s marches “The Thunderer” and “The Stars and Stripes Forever.” This free event is open to anyone and will take place on youtube.com/usmarineband. After the online play along, students through 12th grade are invited to submit a video of themselves performing “The Stars and Stripes Forever” for a worldwide collage performance that will be assembled and debuted on July 4th! Details are below.

HOW TO JOIN THE PLAY ALONG:

★ Wednesday, May 27 at 1 p.m. (EDT) — Rehearse and play along with Colonel Jason K. Fettig and the U.S. Marine Band (Event will last approximately 15 minutes)
★ All ages and skill levels invited to participate in the play along!
★ Click on “DOWNLOAD FULL SCORE AND PARTS.”
★ Scroll down to the part you wish to play, counting ALL pages including the title pages. Print your part. Be sure to select print for only the pages you need.
★ Practice along with the Marine Band recordings:
  “The Stars and Stripes Forever” reference recording
  “The Thunderer” reference recording
★ On May 27 at 1 p.m. (EDT) join fellow musicians from around the world in performing with the United States Marine Band under the direction of the Marine Band Director.

Tips for your recording:
★ Place your device on a solid surface in landscape mode (wide shot).
★ Ensure you are well-framed in the video, we can see you playing your instrument, and we can see your head.
★ Ensure your lighting is good and music stand is out of the frame.
★ Ensure you are in a quiet space with no background noise.
★ Ensure the background is appropriate. This is a military/Department of Defense collaboration and any videos with inappropriate material will not be included in the final project.

RECORDING YOUR PERFORMANCE:

★ Start recording on your recording device.
★ Start the reference recording on your playback device. www.marineband.marines.mil
★ Follow the recording, starting after the four prep clicks.
★ Play your part all the way through. (Feel free to do this as many times as you need until you’re satisfied!)
★ Upload the video of your best performance at FULL resolution to the following links corresponding to your part:
  Piccolos & Flutes    Oboes
  Bassoons            Saxophones
  F horns             Trombones
  Percussion          Euphoniums & Tubas
  Harps

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/DISCLAIMERS:

★ Thank you to the American Bandmasters Association, John Philip Sousa Foundation, National Band Association, and state band directors associations throughout the U.S. who promoted this project.
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★ All submissions are anonymous. By submitting your recording, you are giving permission for your image and audio to be included unidentified in this presentation. Submission of a video does not guarantee inclusion in the final project.

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