

EchoTaps Newsletter - April 2005

Bugles - If you plan to play a traditional bugle (no valves) it must be a G-bugle. The Bb bugle is not capable of playing pitches to match the ensemble. During the mass playing you will not be able to play with the ensemble. Please use a Bb trumpet or G-bugle.

Banquet (May 20) - Tickets are on sale through the website at \$23. If you are coming with a group you may want to reserve a table (8). Jari Villanueva, bugle historian, will be the main speaker. Music (Southern Tier All-Star Jazz Band) and dancing will follow.

HOG Ride - There will be a motorcycle Honor Guard ride on May 21. Riders can register through Michelle Fuller at mfuller@verizon.com or Harding's Harley Davidson in Corning NY. There is no limit to the number of riders, but the first 500 will be allowed to park inside the Bath National Cemetery during the closing ceremony.

Sweatshirts are available through our website.

Hotels - Make your reservations as soon as possible. Do to other local events hotels and motels will fill up quickly.

Schedule - May 20 - 6:00pm - Banquet at Wings of Eagles Museum
May 21 - 6:00 am - Begin registration at Bath High School
7:00 am - Motorcycle Registration at Marconi Lodge
9:00 am - Motorcycle begin ride
10:30 am - Opening ceremony at Woodlawn Cemetery
11:00 am - Begin bugle call
11:10 am - Begin Guinness verification
2:00 pm - Closing Ceremony at Bath Medical Center
2:30 pm - End of EchoTaps

Day of Event - Individual performers need to arrive at the Bath/Haverling High School between 6am and 9am on May 21. You will go into a general pool and fill in the ranks for the larger groups. We will have a system set up to help you get near the community you desire. If you want to be placed near Elmira (beginning) you should arrive early. If you want to be near Bath you can arrive later (9am). Don't wait until 9am to arrive as this will be a very busy time. We suggest you arrive early and have a continental breakfast on us. Groups will be given specific registration times.

We will provide a box lunch to all performers and volunteers. This will be a rain or shine event, dress appropriately.

Volunteers - There is still a need for volunteers to ride the buses along with the buglers. These volunteers (8 per bus) will ride with the bugler to make sure all are stay safe along the way. This is an opportunity for some parents to ride with the performers. A lead bus volunteer will be assigned to each bus and will provide subordinate volunteers with sufficient necessary instructions.

Post Office Stamp Station - The EchoTaps bugle line will be routed through Campbell, New York. In honor of the event the town post office is making a special cancellation stamp using the EchoTaps logo. This is very cool. Get your special cancellation while you're here.

52 Dining Experience Raffle - Winners: 1st - Andy Morse, 2nd- Steve Eller, 3rd - Albert Comfort. Story - 12 year old Harryson Underwood is coming to play Taps for this grandfather. Lt Kenneth Underwood flew a P-38 Lighting during WWII. On May 18, 1944 he was killed during combat, 6 weeks before his son was born. He was buried in the American Cemetery in Madingley, England and may have never received Taps.

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