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TBA News

Michael Brashear, TBA Executive Director

Greetings from the TBA office! I hope your spring semester has been successful so far and that your upcoming performances prove to be musically rewarding for you and your students. Your TBA Board and office staff have been working diligently to prepare another outstanding convention for you this summer. This *Bandmasters Review* will highlight the clinics, concerts, and activities planned for you. Be sure to pre-register by July 1 for your best value.



With the TBA Convention/Clinic on a weekend and somewhat earlier than normal this year (Friday, July 20 through Monday, July 23) I anticipate a large attendance. Even those who teach marching band can bring the entire staff to the convention and still return home to begin rehearsals the week of July 23. Whether you teach middle school, high school or university band students, there is no better way to begin your year than attending the summer convention. Not only will you be motivated and inspired by the many outstanding clinics, you can hear one of the most outstanding concert bands in the country—"The Presidents Own" United States Marine Band—on Friday evening, July 20 at Lila Cockrell Theatre.

On Saturday evening you can attend the DCI Competition at the Alamodome or hear the United States Air Force Band of the West in concert. The traditional

TBA BBQ Dinner and Dance will be held Sunday evening.

The TBA Academy returns this year on Friday, July 20. Feedback from last year's first Academy was very positive. All who are beginning teachers can attend the convention free their first year by registering and attending the Academy for \$75. See page 21 for more.

TBA Student Day and Band Booster training will be on Sunday, July 22. If you are looking for a way to motivate your students and parents as well as help

prepare them for a great start to the school year, bring them with you to the TBA Convention/Clinic! Frank Troyka and staff provide outstanding information for the students and each attendee leaves with their personal copy of a Student Leadership Manual that is full of practical leadership information. Nationally recognized educator and author David Vandewalker will present a full day of training for band boosters. Last year over 1700 students and over 200 band boosters attended. Details on page 22.

See page 24 for exciting news concerning our Spouse's Division. With the many family friendly activities located in and around San Antonio, you can bring your entire family and enjoy one last get-away before school begins. There's no better way to start the school year than attending the 65th Annual TBA Convention/Clinic. See you there!