

## Presidents Report

October 15, 2018

### **Upper Practice Field Update**

Tonight I would like to give you an update on the progress of the Upper Practice Field. As you know, the board approved the installation of an artificial turf, regulation size field of the Upper Practice Field. As of today, the excavation work is about 90 % complete. The engineering site work has been laid out. The contractor is beginning to grade the site. There were several trees around the field that needed to be removed in order to fit the field on the space and that work has been completed. We will replace those trees with trees approved by the municipality after the project is complete. The fencing that existed around the field has been removed in several areas and will be replaced at the conclusion of the project. After the excess soil is removed, the contractor will begin installing the retaining wall and the drainage system. We anticipate the project will be completed by the end of November.

### **Marine Band**

I am pleased to announce that as part of its 100<sup>th</sup> national concert tour, **“The President’s Own” United States Marine Band** will perform at Mt. Lebanon High School on November 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public. Free tickets are available on the District website [www.mtlisd.org](http://www.mtlisd.org). We invite our community to attend this very special concert.

In the style of the band’s 17th Director John Philip Sousa, who initiated the concert tour tradition in 1891, Marine Band Director Col. Jason K. Fetting has chosen a diverse mix of programs from traditional band repertoire and Sousa marches to instrumental solos and a salute to the Armed Forces.

The Marine Band is America’s oldest continuously active professional musical organization. Founded in 1798, the band has performed for every U.S. President since John Adams. Known as “The President’s Own” since the days of Thomas Jefferson, the Marine Band’s mission is to provide music for the President of the United States and the Commandant of the Marine Corps.