



# Heritage Military Music Foundation, Inc.

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## HERITAGE MILITARY MUSIC FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES BANDMASTER AND MANAGING DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS

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Heritage Military Music Foundation announces the appointment of Mr. Jon Condon to Bandmaster of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Band, and the appointment of Mr. David Woolpert to the new position of Managing Director of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Band, effective March 1, 2006.

Condon replaces retiring Bandmaster, Dan Woolpert who plans to continue active involvement with the band – performing, arranging music, serving as Instrument Curator and goodwill ambassador.

“Under the baton of Dan Woolpert, the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Band has become a leader in the field of Civil War brass music performance,” noted Darl Shimko, president of Heritage Military Music Foundation, parent organization of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Band. “These new appointments enable us to continue to build on those accomplishments. Jon will be responsible for musical and artistic direction while David will oversee and manage operations and performance engagements.”

A recreation of the namesake Civil War military brass band that marched with General William T. Sherman, the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Band plays period music on authentic antique instruments complemented with historical narration and drama. The band has performed from Virginia to Wyoming and throughout the Midwest for more than 40 years and produced 14 recorded volumes of Civil War era music.

Condon is presently Associate Bandmaster of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Band and has been a performing member since 1989.

David Woolpert, a member of the band for more than 20 years, currently serves as Performance Agent and Performance Manager. He is the son of Bandmaster, Dan Woolpert.

Condon is Instrumental Music Instructor and Site Level Chair at McNeel Middle School in Beloit, Wisconsin, and Adjunct Professor of Music Technology at Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Previously High School Band Director at Beloit Turner and Beloit Memorial High Schools, he holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education and graduate degrees in Advanced Leadership and in Curriculum and Instruction. His wife, Sue, and sons Doug and Bryan also perform in the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Band.

David Woolpert regularly plays in five musical ensembles, in addition to the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Band, and has performed with several other bands. He is Lead Teacher in Adult Basic Education Mathematics and Science at Madison Area Technical College in Madison, Wisconsin, and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics. His wife, Lori Linde, is also a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Band.