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Dear MG Broadway:

On behalf of the John Philip Sousa Foundation, it is my pleasure to inform you that the 312th Army Reserve Band from Lawrence, Kansas under the command and direction of CW3 Robert N. Claggett is the recipient of the "Col. George S. Howard Citation of Musical Excellence for Military Concert Bands" award. This is an international award and is the highest honor that any military concert band can receive. All applications must meet very specific and rigorous eligibility criteria. The package as submitted by CW3 Robert N. Claggett and reviewed by the committee was outstanding in every aspect and reflects excellence in leadership and product.

It is the opinion of the committee that this organization not only reflects the highest core values of the Army, but is also outstanding in all specific content requirements. The 312th Army Reserve Band is to be commended for its outstanding work for the citizens of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska, but the US military.

Additionally, the 312th Army Reserve Band will be receiving a letter of congratulations as well as two framed certificates, one for the band and one for its commander. It would be very appropriate for this award to be part of a formal presentation to the unit.

Again, congratulations.

LOWELL E. GRAHAM, Colonel, USAF (ret.)
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