



**Cary Town Band**

*presents*

**America's 250th**



***Patriotic Celebration***

**Cary Arts Center  
101 Dry Ave**

**Friday, July 3, 2026  
7:30 pm**

## Welcome!

*Welcome to our 250th Patriotic Celebration of America. Today, we are honored to share music, history, and reflection as we commemorate the founding ideals of our nation and the community spirit that continues to bring us together. We are grateful to celebrate this milestone with you!*

*Barb Kirkpatrick, President, Cary Town Band*

## About our Director



Connie Varner joined the Cary Town Band in 2011 and performed as a Euphonium and Trombone player, as well as helping out in the percussion section when needed. She served as an Associate Conductor for a number of years and became the Music Director in October of 2022. Connie studied wind band conducting with Dr. Evan Feldman, at UNC Chapel Hill.

Connie also performs with the Triangle Wind Ensemble, the Triangle Brass Band and the Little German Band & Dancers of Raleigh, where she manages their Alphorn group.

## Special Contributors

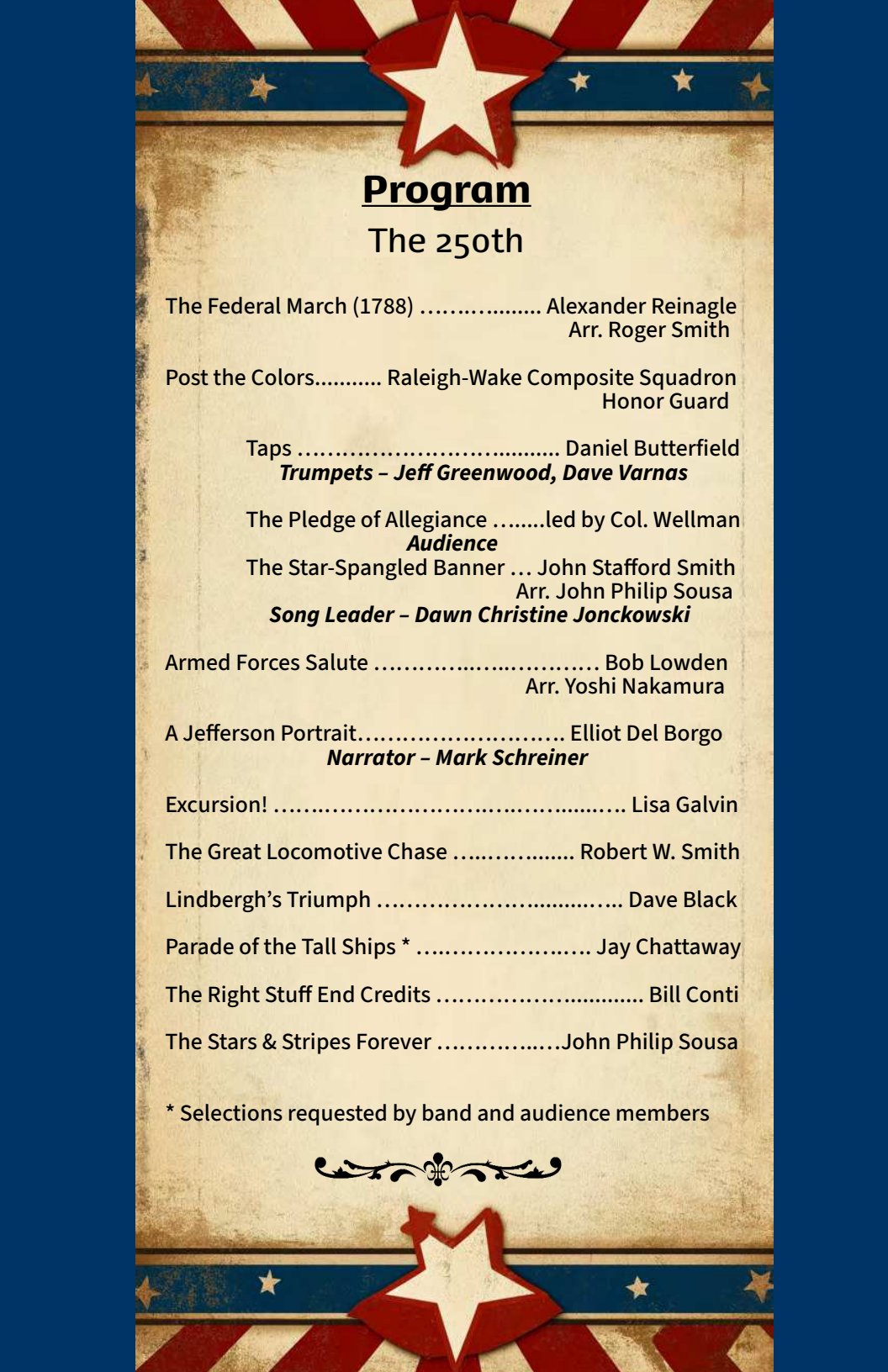
Mark Schreiner – *Historical Research & Narration*

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Dawn Christine Jonckowski – *Song Leader*

Lt. Col. Alex Wellman, USAF (Ret.), *Deputy Commander of Cadets*



# Program

## The 250th

The Federal March (1788) ..... Alexander Reinagle  
Arr. Roger Smith

Post the Colors..... Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron  
Honor Guard

Taps ..... Daniel Butterfield  
***Trumpets – Jeff Greenwood, Dave Varnas***

The Pledge of Allegiance .....led by Col. Wellman  
***Audience***

The Star-Spangled Banner ... John Stafford Smith  
Arr. John Philip Sousa  
***Song Leader – Dawn Christine Jonckowski***

Armed Forces Salute ..... Bob Lowden  
Arr. Yoshi Nakamura

A Jefferson Portrait..... Elliot Del Borgo  
***Narrator – Mark Schreiner***

Excursion! ..... Lisa Galvin

The Great Locomotive Chase ..... Robert W. Smith

Lindbergh's Triumph ..... Dave Black

Parade of the Tall Ships \* ..... Jay Chattaway

The Right Stuff End Credits ..... Bill Conti

The Stars & Stripes Forever .....John Philip Sousa

\* Selections requested by band and audience members



## Our Featured Guests



**Mark Schreiner**  
Narrator

### **Mark Schreiner**

You can hear Mark Schreiner's program of great classical music most weekday afternoons on WCPE 89.7 FM The Classical Station. That broadcast experience, a history degree from John Carroll University, and public speaking skills developed as a member of Toastmasters International equip Mark to bring historical insight and a warm voice to his role as narrator for this evening's program



**Dawn Jonckowski**  
Mezzo-Soprano

### **Dawn Christine Jonckowski**

Chicago native Dawn Christine Jonckowski grew up as a hardcore band geek who just happened to sing. A surprise casting as a lead in her high school's musical (as the villain, no less!) prompted Dawn to later take voice lessons in college. She was the lead vocalist with a Chicago area swing band for over a decade and has served as worship leader at several churches.



**Lt. Col. Alex Wellman**

### **Lt. Colonel Alex Wellman, U.S. Air Force (Ret.)**

John "Alex" Wellman is a retired USAF Command Pilot with over 2,600 hours of flight time in aircraft ranging from F-16 fighter jets to light sport aircraft and gliders. Known for his leadership and instructional expertise, he has served as an instructor, evaluator, and operational planner throughout a distinguished military career.

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*We extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued support of Cary Town Band. Whether you have attended our concerts, or supported us financially in the past, your involvement has played an important role in helping us share live music with the Cary community. We hope you'll consider partnering with us in the year ahead.*

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## Concert Personnel

Music Director – Connie Varner '11

### **Piccolos and Flutes**

Liz Holoman '90  
Greg Buol '05  
Barb Kirkpatrick '16  
Michelle Lewis '23

### **Oboes**

Natalie Fulwider '21  
Cameron Kellner \*

### **Bassoons**

Dave Brook '08  
Kim Chantala '19

### **Eb Soprano Clarinet**

Wendy Real '17

### **Bb Clarinets**

**Nancy Colegrove '87**  
**Bennie Fussell '87**  
Cindy Hiltlenbrand '15  
Wendy Real '17  
Gail Caverly '18  
Kristine Clements '19  
Tom Blodgett '21  
Ralph Clements '25  
Ashley Howell \*

### **Charter Member**

### **Bass Clarinet**

Rosemary Kelly '21

### **Alto Saxophones**

Marilyn Wolf '21  
Allison Shapiro '24

### **Tenor Saxophone**

Doug Kelly '12

### **Baritone Saxophone**

Edward Hall '16

### **Trumpets**

Chuck Moore '04  
Meryl Moore '07  
Milton Carawan '09  
A J Kochanowski '15  
Jay Shealy '17  
Jeff Greenwood '21  
Dave Varnas '23

### **Associates (Ushers)**

Clark Colegrove '97  
Pat Walker '21  
Marlene White '22  
Karlea White '23  
Charlotte West '23  
Jesse Kooker '23

### **French Horns**

Casey Parshall '22  
Anita Hynus '23  
Hannah Wilson '26  
Barb Prillaman \*

### **Euphoniums**

Mac Gilbert '22  
**Buddy West '23**  
Tiegan Wilson '26

### **Trombones**

Yoshi Nakamura '98  
Lisa Kooker '22  
Jay Brock '24  
Sindoori Pai \*

### **Tubas**

Bill White '17  
Jeff Davis '21  
Mark Hunzaker '23

### **Percussion**

Simon Capell '23  
Jim Van Verth '25  
Phillip Brown \*


\*- Guest Musician

## Cary Town Band Board of Directors

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Connie Varner, Music Director

Librarians: Jessica Bousquet and Wendy Real





## Cary Town Band

### 2026 Concert Schedule

Saturday, August 22, 10:00 am

**Lazy Daze 50th Arts and Crafts Festival**  
**Downtown Cary**

Friday, October 30, 7:30 pm

**Frightful Friday**  
**Cary Arts Center Theatre**

Friday, Dec 11, 7:30 pm

**Winterfest '26**  
**Cary Arts Center Theatre**

*All Concerts are Free*

The Cary Town Band also performs at various Cary civic functions as the events and occasions arise

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