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The Bandworld Legion of Honor



Jim Doepke

Director of Bands at Waukesha North High School (Wisconsin) since 1984, Jim Doepke has taught in the public schools since 1974. He holds degrees from the University of Kansas, University of Wisconsin (Milwaukee) and Northwestern. His marching bands have captured the state championship on separate occasions, have been in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and will made two appearances in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. His concert bands have received superior ratings every year since 1988.

"I always challenge my students to be the very best they can be both as musicians and as people, and to always give back to their community and to their family."

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A special award of The John Philip Sousa Foundation

The Bandworld Legion of Honor was established in 1989 to honor, over the course of a year, eight of the finest band directors in our business.

Recipients have taught for at least fifteen years, have maintained a very high quality concert band program, and have contributed significantly to the profession through dedication to bands and band music.

Each is honored at the annual Sousa Foundation awards ceremony during the Midwest Band Clinic in Chicago, Illinois.

Chairman of the Legion of Honor Committee is Robert E. Foster, University of Kansas, and Past President of the American Bandmasters Association.

Robert Foster (Click for bio)
Legion of Honor Chairman



Jon Robichaud

Now in his 27th year of teaching, Jon Robichaud is Director of Band and Fine Arts Coordinator at Blue Springs South High School in Missouri. He holds both a BME and an MME from the University of Kansas. His marching band was invited to be in the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade in Washington, DC and have made three appearances in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. His concert bands have received superiors every year since 1985.

Regarding factors shaping his career, Jon said, "I was impressed during my high school experience by my band director, Don Caneva and decided to make a career out of music. My education at the University of Kansas under Robert Foster continues to be source of inspiration."

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