

# **The Fightin' Texas Aggie Band 2023-24**

*Fish Parent Meeting*

*Wednesday, August 9, 2023 – 2:30 PM*



**Patrick Michaelis, Brigadier General, US Army (Ret.)  
Commandant, Corps of Cadets**



# **Dr. Timothy Rhea**

## **Director of Bands & Music Activities**

- 31<sup>st</sup> year at Texas A&M University
- Administrative head of the Music Activities Department
- Director of the Aggie Band – 22<sup>nd</sup> year
- Conductor of the University Wind Symphony



# Welcome to the Aggie Band!

[tx.ag/ftab](http://tx.ag/ftab)

Band calendar

Staff contact information





# Aggie Band Staff

Dr. Timothy Rhea, Director of Bands & Music Activities

Dr. Russell Tipton, Senior Associate Director, Aggie Band

Dr. Lance Sample, Associate Director of Bands

Dr. James Van Zandt, Associate Director

Ms. Miriam Brown, Administrative Assistant

Gunnery Sergeant Chad Parker, Cadet Training Officer



# White-Walker Music Activities Center

- Moved in four years ago after five years of planning and construction
- \$42.5 million (\$70 million today)
- Home for all Texas A&M University Bands, Orchestras, and Choirs
- Four soundproof large ensemble rehearsal halls
- 36 soundproof individual practice rooms
- Staff offices and storage for all involved in MUSA department
- One of the finest facilities of its type in the nation



# Who should I contact?

- Gunny Parker— contact regarding your cadet's daily life in the Corps of Cadets
- Administrative Assistant— logistics, general and travel information
- Band Directors – all other aspects



# Weekly Rehearsal Schedule

- Each weekday morning from 0700-0830
- All rehearsals take place in Motheral Rehearsal Hall or the Dunlap Drill Field
- Dunlap Drill Field rehearsals are open to the public, but spectators should remain outside of the fence





# Football Season Schedule

- Seven home football games played in Kyle Field.
- Full band bus trips to Arlington (Arkansas) & LSU.
- Select band plane trip to Ole Miss.
- 100-piece select band plane trip to Tennessee – does not include halftime performance.  
Upperclassmen only.
- Midnight yell practice on Friday evenings of home games.
- Halftime performances are both streamed and recorded.



# Next Few Days

- Fish are here for the next few days to learn the marching and playing basics of the Aggie Band prior to the arrival of the upperclassmen on Sunday.
- Goal is for all freshmen to march at the first performance.
- After first game, alternates are selected on a rotating basis, and includes both fish and upperclassmen.
- Health & safety of everyone remains our number one priority.



# Spring Semester Items

Family Weekend – April 12-14

Aggie Band Awards in Rudder – April 13

Maroon & White Game

Battle of Flowers Parade – San Antonio – April 26



# Football Game Days

- Aggie Band steps off from the quad 1.5 hours prior to game time

It is not appropriate for civilians to march in a military formation

- Football Tickets – 12<sup>th</sup> Man Foundation is your contact
- Date Policy – senior class



# Band Boosters

- DO NOT EXIST IN THE COLLEGIATE WORLD OF THE AGGIE BAND





# Bowl Game Policy

- The full Aggie Band attends post season bowl games
- We do not know where we are going until the end of the season
- Bowl attendance is required of all Aggie Band members
- Expenses are paid by the university departing from and returning to College Station



# Cadet Leadership

- Daniel McKenzie– Combined Band Commander
- Jared Foltyn– Combined Band Head Drum Major



# TEXAS AGGIE BAND ASSOCIATION



- The Texas Aggie Band Association (TABA) is a 501c3 non-profit organization formed in 1967 to provide support to former, current and future members of the Texas Aggie Band. TABA provides direct financial support to the Texas Aggie Band in several areas.
- Examples of TABA support given to the Texas Aggie Band are listed below.
  - **4 Sul Ross Scholarships. These scholarships provide a \$1,200 yearly benefit.**
    - **Reimbursement for scholastic tutoring**
    - **Travel shirts for incoming freshman**
      - **Aggie Band sweaters**
      - **Senior Induction Banquet**
    - **Texas Aggie Band Formal Dinner & Dance**
      - **Aggie Band Awards**
    - **Special needs as identified by the Directors.**
  - Membership information is available at [\*\*www.tabaonline.net\*\*](http://www.tabaonline.net)
    - **Thank Your For Your Support**





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**ASSOCIATION**

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# Corps Calendar with updated events: **tx.ag/corpsevents**

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### Howdy!

It's been a busy summer for cadets! Between internships, volunteer opportunities and summer ROTC trainings, our students have represented the Corps of Cadets all over the country!

My first year as Commandant of the Corps of Cadets has been filled with learning, adjustments and above all else, progress for our great organization. As I look back on what our cadets have accomplished across the last year, I am in awe. I invite you to read more about these accomplishments and our vision for the future in this year's [State of the Corps](#).

As we look forward to welcoming the class of 2027 on August 12th (August 9th for our Fightin' Texas Aggie Band cadets), I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your relentless support of our organization. Because of your dedication, the Corps of Cadets is able to provide each student with the necessary tools they need to succeed.



### Cadet Internship Spotlight: Daniel MacKenzie '24

This summer, cadet Daniel MacKenzie '24, our rising Fightin' Texas Aggie Band Commander, had the opportunity to work with Lloyd Engineering as an Environmental Intern. In his role, Daniel has gained valuable experience in data collection, quality control and data analysis.





# Outfit Meeting Locations

*Immediately following conclusion of this meeting*

*ABATT – Buzbee 412*

*BBATT – ASH1 203*

*CBATT – ASH1 401*

*ACO – ASH2 209*

*BCO – ASH1 301*

*CCO – PLANK 203*

