



PRESS RELEASE: Ferris to Host Ninth Annual Veterans Day Concert on Nov . 13

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Included below is a press release regarding the upcoming Veterans Day Concert on Sunday, Nov. 13 being put on by the West Central Concert Band at Ferris State University's Williams Auditorium. This event is in its ninth year of recognizing veterans for their sacrifices. Any questions about this release can be directed to Sandy Gholston, interim assistant director of News Services.

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BIG RAPIDS – The Ferris State University West Central Concert Band will perform its 9th annual Veterans Day Concert on Sunday, Nov. 13 at 4 p.m. in Williams Auditorium as a way to thank veterans and active military personnel for their service.

The annual concert is free and open to the public. The musical anthem from each military branch will be played in addition to traditional patriotic songs and other pieces composed to recognize those who have served the U.S. as veterans.

“Although it’s not a ceremony that celebrates war, it celebrates the men and women we’ve asked to serve in war on our behalf,” said Richard Scott Cohen, assistant professor of Music at Ferris, musical director and conductor of the West Central Concert Band. “This is a special concert because it is pretty emotional as we are honoring all of our veterans and their families. It’s using music to honor all of the men and women who have served our country.”

The concert features several special guests including: The Croton American Legion Post 381 Honor Guard of Newaygo; Joel Schultz, a retired United States Marine Corps veteran; Donna Smith, a Ferris professor, the FSU Military Support Group; the FSU Veterans Association; Dave Stuart O’Neil, a bagpiper; and John R. King, a vocalist.

The band will perform pieces such as The Star Spangled Banner, America the Beautiful, The Sound of Music and The Chimes of Liberty.

The FSU Military Support Group will be collecting donated goods, such as toiletries and wrapped snack foods for troops overseas before and after the concert. Cash donations also will be accepted and can be made out to the “FSU Military Support Group.”

WCCB is celebrating its 20th concert season and currently consists of Ferris students, community members throughout West Central Michigan and high school music program musicians.

Contact Richard Scott Cohen for more information about WCCB at rscohen@ferris.edu or visit <http://www.ferris.edu/music>.

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