



History of The Linton Hall School Fife & Drum Corps

The Linton Hall School Fife & Drum Corps from Linton Hall School was formed in March of 2000 to offer students the opportunity to learn traditional fife and drumming that represents the fiber of our American Heritage and to gain a deeper appreciation of our country's history and the value of our freedoms as Americans.

Over the years, the students have performed at many important venues in the Washington area including a performance at Mount Vernon on the Birthday of George Washington, at a military leadership gathering at the Air and Space Museum at Dulles International Airport, for the Prince William Board of Supervisors Business Appreciation Events, for the 275th Anniversary of Prince William County, for the Retiring General of the German Armed Forces Command at Dulles Airport, for former Virginia Secretary of Transportation and former Chairman of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors, Sean Connaughton, as well as numerous times for Bishop Loverde and the Catholic Business Network of Northern Virginia and more.

Since September 2014, the students are proud to have performed annually (except during COVID) for Honor Air Flights at Dulles Airport saluting our arriving World War II, Korean and Vietnam Veterans, for an Annual Meeting at the Greater Richmond Convention Center for the Virginia Association of Independent Schools (VAIS), and for the Smithsonian's Presidential Family Fun Day at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington DC for the celebration of President's Day in 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2019.

In September of 2015, we had the privilege to perform for the late Honorable Senator Charles Colgan on his 89th Birthday at the Hylton Performing Arts Center. Senator Colgan was the longest serving member of the General Assembly in the history of Virginia. Attending that event were 700 guests, many of them colleagues from the VA General Assembly through the years, including 6 former governors. Governor Terry McAuliffe was also in attendance and upon hearing us perform, on the spot, invited the Linton Hall School Fife and Drum Corps to perform in Richmond at the Governor's Mansion. So, in March of 2016, the Corps proudly performed for the historic ribbon cutting event celebrating the opening of the newly designed accessibility ramp allowing disabled veterans and Virginians enhanced access and safety at the Governor's Mansion. The Governor even conducted the corps to a song he liked called *Jaybird*.

the Linton Hall Fife & Drum Corps performed for The Honorable Terry McAuliffe again on Tuesday November 20, 2018, when Terry McAuliffe received the prestigious Williams Trophy presented by the Washington Airports Task Force in recognition of his leadership as Governor. What made to event so special was that the Governor again conducted the corps to the song, *Jaybird*.

The corps also performed in May of 2019 at the Annual Meeting of the Catholic Business Network of Northern Virginia with Keynote Speaker, Patrick Jephson, who was the one and only Chief of Staff for Princess Diana.

Additionally, The Prince William Chamber of Commerce has had the corps perform at Chamber Events over the years with a key performance on October 28, 2019, to Honor 100 Military Officers at the Salute to the Armed Forces, Quantico Marine Corps Base with Caleb Green who was one of the four finalists on America's Got Talent.

We are also extremely proud that the President's own U. S Army Old Guard Fife & Drum Corps at Fort Myer, for four years (except during COVID), has invited the Linton Hall School Fife & Drum Corps to participate in a private weekend at their Jr. Fife & Drum Workshop held in October and taught by Old Guard fifers and drummers.

Special Awards were earned by the Corps in 2012 and 2014 at Music in the Parks Competitive Event at Busch Gardens where the corps was the recipient of the prestigious "Esprit de Corps Award", the highest honor given at this annual event among other first place awards the corps received.

On April 9, 2022, the corps again went to Music in the Parks which was the first time the competition resumed since 2019 because of COVID. We are very proud of the kids and the exceptional judges' reviews and comments which earned them a Superior First Place in Drum Ensemble with Fifes and a Superior First Place Award in Marching Performance.

Since COVID, the kids have rehearsed over zoom for the last two years, two nights a week and in person on Fridays after school. During this time the students learned the read music and perform one on one with their instructors which resulted in each child achieving individual excellence.

It is with great pride that we, as a school community with the blessings of the Benedictine Sister of Virginia, continue this rich tradition of performing patriotic American music that reminds us how grateful we are to be Americans, grateful for our freedoms and heritage, and grateful to live in this great country.

Staff and Instructors:

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