



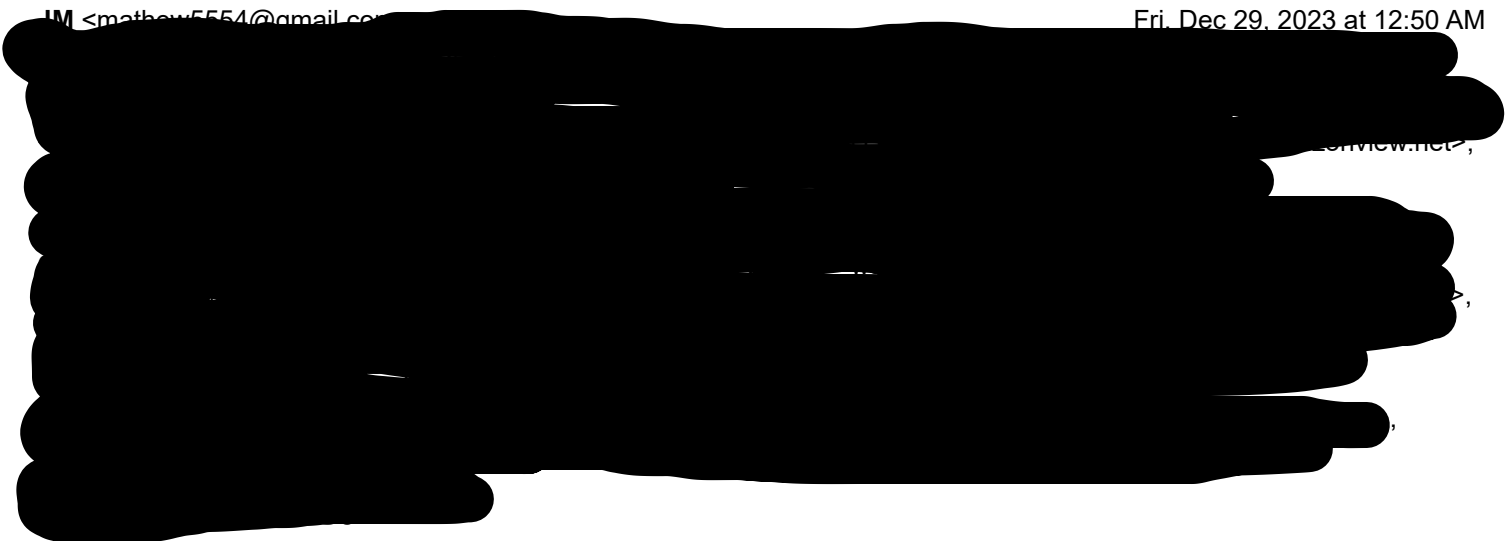
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John Cryder, Trumpet

1 message

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**Adelphi Band Musicians:**

The attached graphic was recently posted on Facebook by the Joliet (*Illinois*) American Legion Band.

Joliet is just south of Chicago. Or, based on the horrendous traffic patterns in both cities, it may even be considered a suburb of Chicago.

The Facebook post recognizes John Cryder for continuing to perform "Taps" for veteran's funerals at a national cemetery near to where he lives. John is also a veteran.

The Facebook post states that he has played "Taps" at over 6,000 funerals, although I suspect that this number is so low that it probably isn't even in his rear view mirror.

At one point, one year, when I was asking John about his activities at the cemetery, he stated that he has probably done as many as 18 funerals a day. And, as the Facebook post indicates, he only serves one day a week in this duty, with other groups and musicians attending to the other days.

He also rightfully reminded me at one point that these thousands of funerals didn't all happen in the Chicago warm and pleasant breezes of Spring and Fall, but also the Chicago cold, rain, snow, drizzle, heat, etc. The attached pic helps bring that point home.

As a reminder, The Adelphi Community Band gave John a plaque at the 2023 Hallsville Memorial Day observance for having over 70 years with the band. The actual number was actually closer to 75 years with the band.

John Cryder is originally from the Hallsville area, but his life after graduating OSU as an Engineer took him to Illinois. Through all these years, however, absent the COVID gap, he would come back at various points to play in The Adelphi Community Band for Memorial Day observances, Pumpkin Show, etc.

As the posting also indicates, he is active in musical groups in the Joliet area, and one of his sons helps to keep the rest of us informed on his musical activities via Facebook. John Mathew and I are nephews.

<https://www.facebook.com/john.cryder.9>

In fact, I have also attached a pic of the location for the 2023 Joliet American Legion Band Christmas concert at the Rialto Square Theater. Just a stunning picture.

As a reminder how time slips by, as a result of all the research that has been done on the band by going through the thousands of documents we have in the band digital library, there have only ever been found to date 5 musicians with confirmed records of 70 or more years with the band.

With the passing of Glenn Hinton this fall, John Cryder is now the last remaining musician of that group. And he is still playing.

It's all just remarkable, and John's continued dedication to the bands in his area, as well as to the veterans, deserves to be shared.

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Jeff Mathew

2 attachments



Rialto Square Theater.JPG
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12-28-2023, John Cryder Playing Taps.JPG
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The United American Legion Band is pleased to announce one of its many stars, John Cryder, is playing the piece of taps, composed by Patrick S. Kelly, with the following description: A United American Legion. It is estimated that John has played "Taps" on over 3,000 occasions, and he is proud to be able to play it for the many of you who have served our country and the world.