



## TOM BARKER

Born and raised in Arlington, VA

Attended Yorktown HS where his Band Director was Richard Ramsdell

Graduate of East Carolina University, BM; University of Illinois, MM Music Ed

Has taught at Unity High School (Tolono, IL) 1977-1978; Tri-County H.S. (Wolcott, IN) 1978-1988. Lafayette Schools, Jefferson HS and Sunnyside MS 1988-2017

Has served as President of ISSMA

Was recognized with Outstanding Bandmaster, PBM Gamma Chapter; John Philip Sousa Foundation, Legion of Honor Award; Golden Apple Award, Lafayette Chamber of Commerce; Lafayette Jefferson High School Teacher Recognition Award

Most memorable performance: USS Missouri -Pearl Harbor. After our performance we found out that a funeral for a veteran was being held and they could hear the Jeff Band playing the Star Spangled Banner. Family members came and thanked us. Very moving.

Tom and his wife Debbie have two great kids, Sarah and John and 6 beautiful Grandkids!