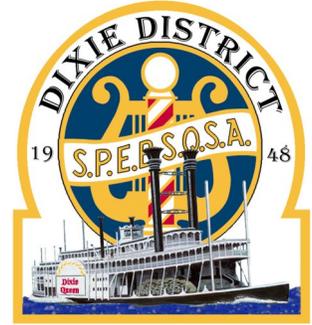




# Dixie Town Crier

Dixie's monthly chapter newsletter  
dedicated to the original town crier,  
Chuck Witherspoon

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## CONGRATULATIONS



PINSTRIPE—District Quartet Champions



PAPA JOE'S—District Senior Quartet Champions

### ATLANTA VOCAL PROJECT

Dixie District  
Representative to the  
2017 International  
Chorus Contest in  
Las Vegas

*Photos By Tony Nichols*





TENNESSEE RUN—Novice Quartet Champions



HARMONIACS—Super Novice Quartet Champions



BOARDWALK—Second Place Quartet



PRELUDE—Third Place Quartet



EVEN'S ESSENCE—Fourth Place Quartet



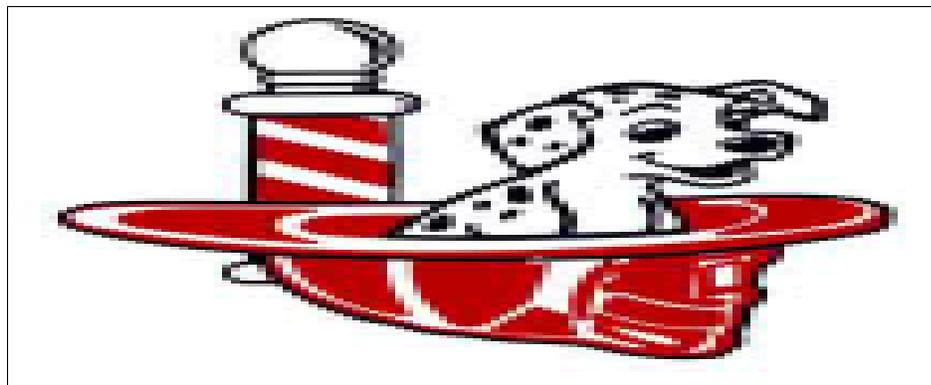
HIGH GRAVITY—Fifth Place Quartet

# Roswell Chapter Goes Out in Style

Pretty special moment at the Dixie District chorus contest. The final group of the afternoon, the Roswell, GA chapter sang their uptune and then the president stepped out to talk to the audience. The chorus was singing for evaluation only and the President explained it would be their final performance for the Dixie District. He thanked all the members past and present and listed off a few of the members that had passed on. Then he invited the judges to retire from their duties and invited anyone in the crowd who wanted to come on stage and sing with them. Then probably 150 men and women walked up onto the stage, including the judges, and sang From the First Hello to the Last Goodbye. This is why we love barbershop. We all love and support each other. Thank you Roswell chapter for reminding us all why it's great to be a barbershopper!!!



**In an unprecedented move, (which makes it normal for them), the Roswell Firehouse Harmony Brigade announced their retirement from the Dixie District by inviting, literally, everyone, including the judges, to join them on the stage for an emotional rendition of "From the First Hello to the Last Goodbye". (Photo courtesy George Joslyn)**



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**Tickets Available Online at:  
[www.musiccitychorus.org](http://www.musiccitychorus.org)**

# Appalachian Express Chorus performs at third 'Men in Song' Choral Festival

By Jess Helton



“Men in Song,” a two-day festival and concert celebrating male singers from throughout the region, was presented by the music departments of East Tennessee State University and Milligan College. The festival included two days of rehearsals culminating in a free concert on Sunday October 2nd. All events took place in the Mary B. Martin Auditorium located in Milligan’s Seeger Chapel.

This third annual event is hosted by six community ensembles, each of which was featured in the final concert. They include ETSU’s BucsWorth Men’s Choir, Milligan’s Heard Mentality, the **Appalachian Express Barbershop Chorus (AEC)**, ETSU’s SwashBucklers, the Appalachian Men’s Ensemble (AMEn) and MECCA Men (Mountain Empire Children’s Choral Academy).

**The Appalachian Express Chorus** was excited to partner once again in this celebration of male singers. It is a great experience for our participating singers to perform in a different venue to an audience that may not be familiar with our chorus or genre of music. AEC hopes to partner with this festival in future years to come. The weekend is funded through a gift from Jim and Sandy Powell.

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**Or tickets**

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## Real Men Sing 2016

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The 2016 Real Men Sing event was conducted by the Marietta, GA Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society on Saturday, September 10 at the Marietta Performing Arts Center, with 161 young men and 16 Music Educators from area schools in attendance.

Sponsors of this event included the Harmony Foundation International, United Arts of Cobb, Cobb Electric Membership Corporation Community Fund, the Big Chicken Chorus and individual donors. The sponsorships provided the funding for the costs of venue rental, clinician and teaching quartet expenses, the acquisition of music and learning tracks, lunch, and a custom designed T-shirt that was worn as a uniform by the participants during the performance at the conclusion of the event; all for the nominal registration fee of \$5 per participant.

The event was a one day vocal clinic conducted by Dr. William Adams, of Durham, NC and James Estes of Apple Valley, MN, followed by a free concert which included all the clinic participants, the teaching quartets, and the Big Chicken Chorus. The purpose of the event was to encourage and promote the participation by young men in the vocal music programs in their respective schools. Clinic registrants included students from 18 schools in Bartow, Carroll, Cobb, Coweta, Fayette, Gordon, Paulding and Pickens counties and Marietta City Schools. There were also a few home schooled young men in attendance.

The participants were separated into a Middle School Chorus and a High School Chorus, each of which was instructed in two songs plus two songs performed by both choruses in conjunction with the Big Chicken Chorus.

The event received glowing reviews from the participants, Music Educators and the audience in attendance for the 7 pm performance. Over 90% of the students indicated that they would participate in future events of this type; the Music Educators were unanimously positive in their evaluations of the event. Asked to rate 9 key aspects of the event on a scale of 1 to 7, the Music Educators rated the program at 6.67.

Plans are already in progress to prepare for Real Men Sing 2017, with the Music Educators in attendance volunteering their efforts to make the 2017 event bigger and better than ever.

Many members of the Big Chicken Chorus provided support for the execution of the event. Lars Grevstad and Brian Williams provided musical leadership and guidance in preparation of the event and along with Austin Harris and Josh Grindley performed as one of the teaching quartets during the event. The second teaching quartet was provided by members of the Atlanta Vocal Project in the persons of Matthew Campisi, Brent Smith, David Ballentine and Colin Ebdon. Administrative leadership for the day was provided by Jeff Hoffman, Frank Hrach, Mike Cumble and about a dozen other members of the Big Chicken Chorus.

Photos of the event were the work of PhotographybyZelda, owned and operated by Zelda Zaragoza, who is also the Choral Director at Pope High School in Cobb County.

# Real Men Sing 2016



*Article and Photos Provided By  
Frank Hrach*

## *Southern Harmony Brigade Holds Annual Rally*

By Colonel Stan Peppenhorst, Editor  
Southern Harmony Brigade's *The Brigade Rally*

The Southern Harmony Brigade held its annual September Rally on the weekend following Labor Day at Hernando, Florida. More than fifty members with prospective members performed at the Circle Square Cultural Center in nearby Ocala on Saturday evening.

The quartet *The Orlando Exchange*



also performed on the show as well as the quartet *Windsor*, the 2015 Sweet Adelines International 4<sup>th</sup>-Place Medalist, SAI Region 9's 2015 Quartet Champions and the SAI 2016 International Novice Quartet.



The Brigade is a subsidiary of the Barbershop Harmony Society and is an invitation-only organization comprised of members of the Dixie, Carolinas, and Sunshine Districts. Originally established in 1958 to perpetuate barbershop quartet singing, the Brigade was named the Confederate Harmony Brigade but is now known as the Southern Harmony Brigade. Its members exhibit leadership in chapter, district, and Society positions and activities and display proficiency in singing barbershop harmony.

Each Rally consists of renewing friendships, singing, quartet competitions, a business meeting, and usually a show performance with a barbershop chapter. New members are inducted and awards are presented to the top three quartets and to the Barbershopper of the Annual Rally (BOAR). Tony Nichols and Clarke Stanford from the Dixie District became members this year.

The BOAR Award was presented to General John Spang of the Sunshine District by Commanding General Howard McAdory.



Receiving the Brigade's Hall of Fame Award was Brigadier General Jack Donaldson.



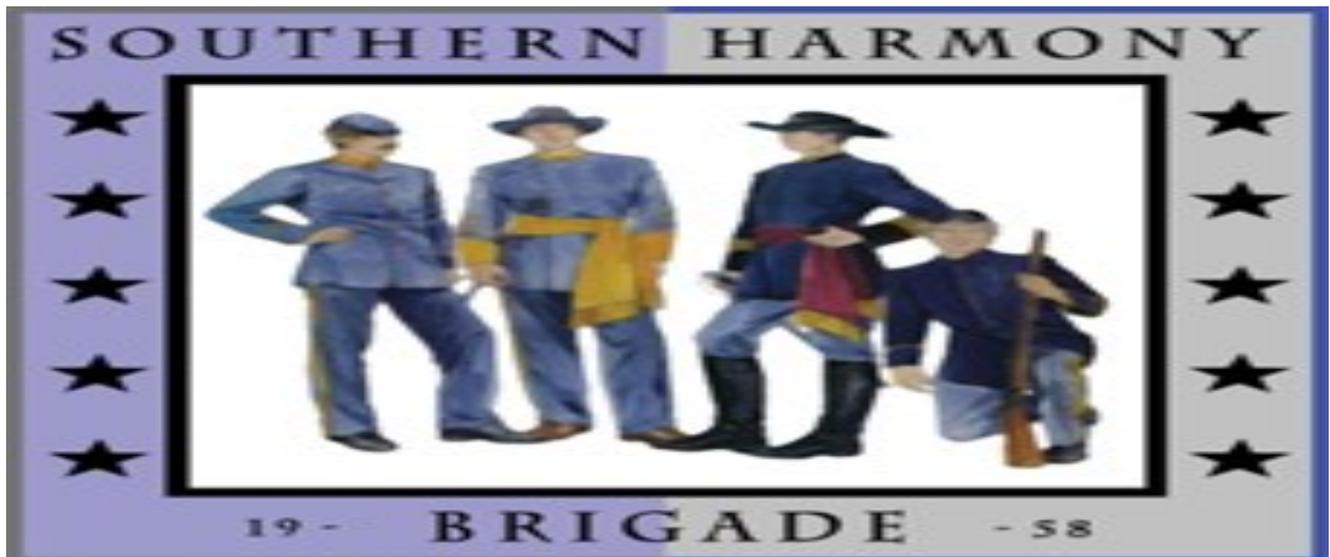
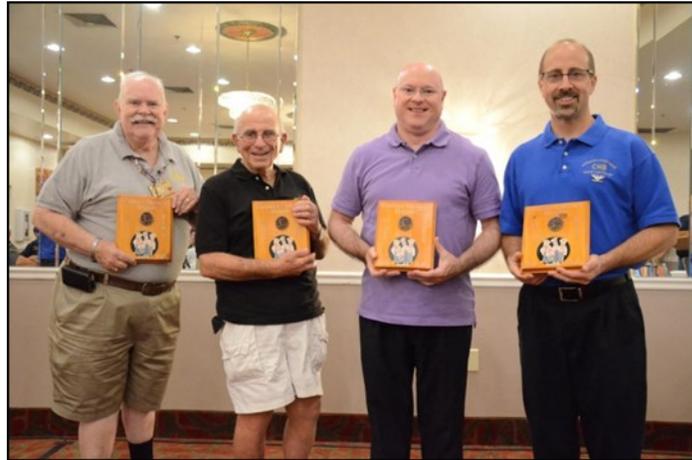
Commanding General Howard McAdory presented an honorary sword to Past Commanding General Dwain Chambers in recognition of his service and leadership.



(Photos are courtesy of Tony Nichols.)

More information regarding the Brigade and membership may be obtained from Dixie District Brigade members or online at [www.southernharmonybrigade.org](http://www.southernharmonybrigade.org).

Who do you recognize from the Dixie District in these 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place SHB Rally Quartets?



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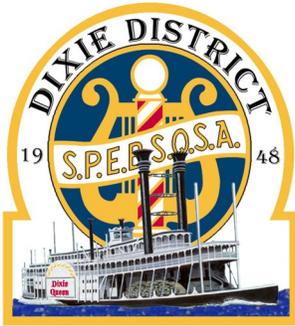
Advanced Tickets: \$18 (Adults)

\$15 Seniors (60+) Groups (12+) & Students

VIP "Up Close" seating \$20 Advanced Sales Only

All Tickets purchased at the door \$20





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## 2016 Dixie District Hall of Fame Inductees

*John  
Smith*



*Jack  
Donaldson*

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