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Band Day 2018 Parade Marshal and Activities

Williston, N.D. – The Williston Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) and Band Day Committee is pleased to announce United States Army Veteran, Jordis “Jordy” Larwick as the Band Day 2018 Parade Marshal. He will be featured in the annual parade on Saturday, May 12th, in Williston.

Larwick has been marching in the hometown parade for over 60 years, starting in 1954 with the Williston Cowboys Drum and Bugle Corp. He is the sole marching member remaining from the original group founded by Virgil Syverson. He has since been a part of the Williston City Band and the Drum and Bugle Corp. Larwick has travelled and played in Norway with the Centennial Band, and has marched in the Buffalo Days Regina parade for 50 consecutive years. He is a member of the firing squad for funerals, and has been honored by both the American Legion and Bugles Across America, the not-for-profit group that provides uniformed military people to fold the flag and play Taps at veterans’ funerals. Larwick is one of the only “Taps” players in the area to play for military funerals. Just recently, Larwick was inducted into the National Drum and Bugle Corps Hall of Fame.

Band Day predates World War II; the festival has evolved and grown over the years in step with the community. The earliest reference found to-date of Band Day in Williston was a 1927 print article, which gives Band Day a 91 year history in Williston. Band Day activities kick off on Friday, May 11th with the Williston High School drama production of Disney’s High School Musical and the Coyotes Baseball 5k Glow Run at Aafedt Stadium. Festivities on Saturday, May 12, include the annual parade, Band Day Mile fun run and concerts in the park. The day will also include a classic car show at the Raymond Center, motorcycle show at the New Armory and the start of dirt track racing at the Williston Basin Speedway. You can find more information about Band Day and register as a vendor, parade participant or fun run participant at www.visitwilliston.com under the Calendar tab.

If you have questions about Band Day 2018, contact the Williston CVB at 701-774-9041. Information can also be found on the Band Day Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/ WillistonBandDay](http://www.facebook.com/WillistonBandDay)).

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