



*Peachtree Ridge High School Bands*  
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Eric Willoughby, Director of Bands

Dear Gateway,

Thank you so very much for all of your support and hard work that made our band's trip to Hawaii such a success. Your staff was helpful and courteous from the very beginning of the planning to the final wave goodbye in Honolulu. Patti, Eric and Eddie were a joy to work with.

Bring a Pearl Harbor survivor with us was such a great addition to the trip. I will never forget our visit to the USS Arizona Memorial. Watching our students and Pearl Harbor survivor enter the memorial was a memory that I will never forget. My students were equally moved and I am confident it will be a moment that stays with them forever.

It was also an extreme thrill to perform at the USS Battleship Missouri and in the Waikiki Holiday Parade. The performance at the Missouri was reverent and meaningful, while the parade was an exhilarating way to end our trip. The parade spectators were so supportive of the Pearl Harbor Survivors and of the bands. It was the most exciting parade in which I have been involved.

Thank you again for all of your hard work and support before, during and following our trip. I look forward to a continued relationship with Gateway Festival and Tours. Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Eric Willoughby  
Director of Bands  
Peachtree Ridge High School