

## **Don Carlson**

### **EHSMU Music Arranger**

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Don is a graduate of West Chester University of PA with a Bachelor's of Science in Music Education. He taught high school band in New Jersey for nine years before serving on active duty with the 392d Army Band in Fort Lee, Virginia. He served as a percussionist, music arranger, historian, and was the sound reinforcement NCOIC. While serving with the band he worked as an instructor with his wife's high school marching band. He left active duty to pursue a career as a band commander with the 29th Division Band VaARNG. While training for that position he took a position as the Band and Chorus Director at Rockbridge County High School in Lexington, Virginia. He taught concert band, wind ensemble, jazz improvisation, chorus, percussion class, and marching band. He now works as an arranger and clinician and enjoys serving in the National Guard. The 29th Division Band performs ceremonies and concerts all over the Commonwealth of Virginia and this year a portion of the band will perform in Normandy, France in honor of the 70th Anniversary of D-Day. Don Carlson lives in Charlottesville, Virginia with his wife Jean.