

L. Howard Nicar, Jr. - 2008



Mr. Nicar directed bands at Vanderbilt University in Nashville from 1970 to 1986 and was Assistant Dean of Admissions for Blair Music School from 1987 to 1995. Prior to that he directed bands and choral groups at Tennessee High School in Bristol, Tennessee from 1958 to 1969. His music groups consistently received superior ratings at all concert and marching competitions. Twice he won the University of Tennessee Marching Band Contest. Prior to this, he taught music classes in South Boston, Virginia and was an elementary school teacher in Scottsville, Kentucky from 1952-55.

Mr. Nicar served in the U. S. Army from 1955-57 and spent a year as Assistant Conductor of the Third Armored Division Band. He was the recipient of the National Band Association Academy of Wind and Percussion Arts Award in 1996. Mr. Nicar was President of the Tennessee Bandmasters Association, the Southern Division of the College Band Directors National Association, the Tennessee Music Educators Association, and the East Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association.

He was involved in many civic activities in Bristol, Tennessee where he had been a President of the Kiwanis Club. He passed away at his home in Nashville, Tennessee at age 63.