

## **JOEL L. DENTON**



**JOEL L. DENTON** served as Director of Bands at Ooltewah High School for thirty-seven years and as Chair of Fine Arts from 1982 until his retirement. Under his direction, the Ooltewah Band achieved a national reputation for musical excellence including performances at a number of prestigious state, regional, and national events.

At the 2015 Midwest Clinic, Denton was awarded the John Phillip Sousa Foundation Legion of Honor. In addition, he was honored by the Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts and selected five times as Ooltewah's Teacher of the Year.

Currently, Denton is active as an adjudicator, clinician, and consultant working with many universities, state organizations and high school bands across the nation. He presents professional development sessions and also works with band programs and other organizations developing leadership and team building skills. His involvement with professional organizations is extensive having served as Past President of both ETSBOA and the Tennessee Bandmasters Association. He is currently State Chair of the National Band Association.