Rhode Island Highlanders

http://www.rihighlanders.org/

Grade 4 competitive pipe band with members from throughout New England.

The Rhode Island Highlanders were formed after World War II in 1948 primarily by returning veterans who were dedicated to preserving and performing the traditional music of Scotland and Ireland. The Band has continued to pursue this goal in subsequent years and has become particularly active in teaching young students so that the bagpipe and drum music can be passed correctly on to new generations. Two past Pipe Majors who helped shape the Band during the 1950's, 1960's,1970's and the early 1980's were John Everett MacLean and Alexander R. Glen. From 1991 until 2005 the Band was under the direction of P/M B. John Sullivan who worked with the musicians in the Band to transform it from a recreational unit into a nationally recognized competitive Pipe Band of some distinction with many trophies and awards to its credit. The Band is currently under the direction of Pipe Major Debbie Kane and Drum Sgt. Michael Heningham. Debbie, a piper who learned in this band, has played with Rhode Island Highlanders for over 28 years. Michael brings a wealth of pipe band experience and percussion expertise to the Band which is highlighted in the Biography section. As a Band, we are continuing to pursue our goals on the competition field in the New England and New York area. In addition to our competitive spirit, we also proudly present ourselves in other venues such as parades and concerts. Amongst Pipe Bands, the Highlanders are known for their traditional style stressing superior execution and clear, powerful tone.

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