## Look Homeward Citizen Soldier

Charles L. Booker

1 Full Score

4 Flute 1

4 Flute 2

2 Oboe

2 Bassoon

4 Clarinet

4 Clarinet 2

2 Bass Clarinet

2 Alto Saxophone 1

2 Alto Saxophone 2

2 Tenor Saxophone

1 Baritone Saxophone

4 Trumpet 1

4 Trumpet 2

4 F Horn

6 Trombone

2 Euphonium B.C.

1 Euphonium T.C.

5 Tuba

1 Timpani

3 Percussion 1: Snare Drum, Bass Drum, Triangle, Gong

1 Percussion 2: Cymbals

2 Bells, Chimes

1 Xylophone

Extra Part - P3015771

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## **Program Notes**

Look Homeward Citizen Soldier was composed in the fall of 2009 to honor the men and women from the Arkansas National Guard who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. The piece was commissioned by the Bethel Middle School Band of Bryant, Arkansas, Greg and Sotonya Gordey, directors.

Stately and regal, this original concert work also features a poignant and lyric melody that is both moving and memorable. While it's the perfect addition to any contest or concert program, it is also an appropriate piece for ceremonies honoring the members of our armed forces.

## **About the Composer**

Charles L. Booker, Jr., (b. 1952) is Associate Professor of Music at the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith where he has served as the Director of Bands, Director of Jazz Studies, and Chair of the Music Department. He currently teaches conducting, orchestration and composition. Mr. Booker is a composer, and a former U.S. Army Bandmaster, receiving his degrees from the University of the State of New York and the University of Texas at San Antonio. He later completed courses for Texas teacher certification in secondary music from Texas State University.

His compositions are published by Alfred, Kendor, Southern Music, Wingert-Jones, John Ross Music, and Booker Music. Mr. Booker's music has been performed internationally by many high schools, universities and professional bands that include The Army Band ("Pershing's Own"), the U.S. Army Field Band, the U.S. Military Academy Band (West Point), the U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America and the U.S. Air Force Academy Band.

During his 21-year military career, he conducted bands in Texas, Louisiana, Germany, New York City and Washington, D.C. with performances for the returning American hostages from Iran, two Presidential funerals and inauguration parades, the centennial of the Statue of Liberty, and at the Kennedy Center. Also, he led the U.S. Army Field Band's "Jazz Ambassadors" in concerts in 48 states, India, Japan, Europe, Mexico and Canada.

He studied composition with Hank Levy (composer/arranger for Stan Kenton), Dr. Steve Strunk and Dr. James Balentine and conducting with Dr. Robert Garofalo and Dr. Robert Rustowicz. He is a past president of the Arkansas Chapter of College Band Directors National Association, past president of the Arkansas Chapter of the International Association of Jazz Educators, a member of the National Band Association, Texas Bandmasters Association and is currently serving as President of the Arkansas Bandmasters Association. Booker is also a member of the Arkansas Chapter of Phi Beta Mu, band fraternity Kappa Kappa Psi, and honorary music fraternity Pi Kappa Lambda. He is the founder and conductor of the River Valley Community Band of Fort Smith, Arkansas. He has been recognized by the Mayor of Fort Smith (the 2006 "Mayor's Honors to the Visual and performing Arts"), the North Side Independent School District of San Antonio, Texas (the 2008 "Pillars of Character Award") and has received the Arkansas Arts Council Award in music composition for 2009. In 2007, the New Mexico State University Symphonic Winds released a CD entitled "Centra-fuge: The Music of Charles L. Booker, Jr." and in 2008, Mr. Booker released his second CD "American Jubilee", and in July 2009, his latest CD "Times Remembered" was released. These CDs are available for purchase at his website or www.amazon.com or at Mark Custom Recordings. For additional information about his compositions, go to www.charlesbooker.com

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