

# Thomas Jefferson Room

This room is named in recognition of Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson, along with Lieutenant Colonel Burrows, designated these grounds specifically for the Marine Corps in 1801. The wallpaper is neoclassical with replications of Monticello, as well as botanical features reflecting his interest in gardening and horticulture. On a clear day, you have a beautiful view of the Capitol dome from the windows.



## North Carolina Chest

The chest was purchased for the Home through the gift fund. *(not seen in photo)*

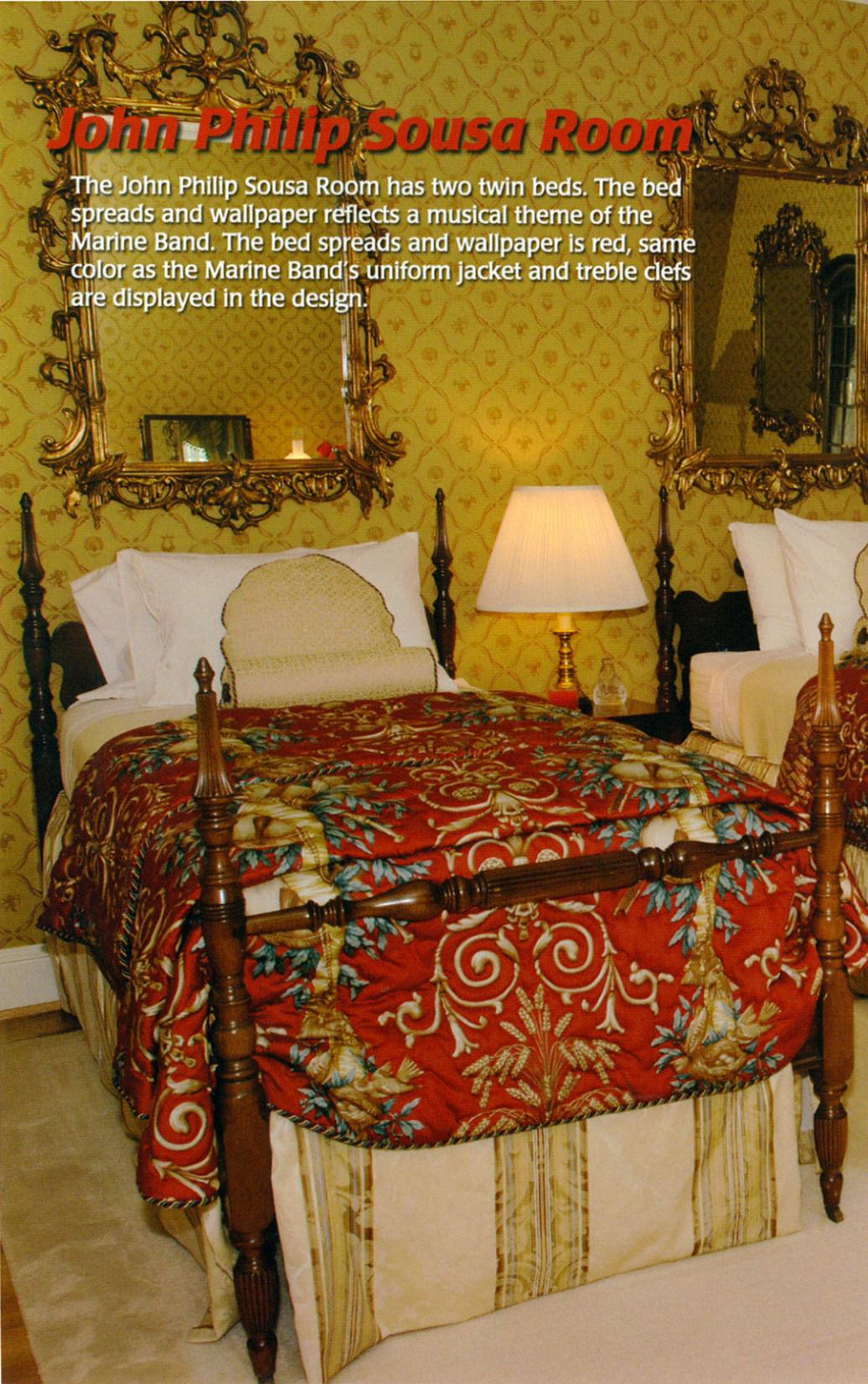


## ***Dresden Mirror***

The mirror and porcelain wall brackets are items donated to the Home from General Erskine's estate. *(not seen in photo)*

## **John Philip Sousa Room**

The John Philip Sousa Room has two twin beds. The bed spreads and wallpaper reflects a musical theme of the Marine Band. The bed spreads and wallpaper is red, same color as the Marine Band's uniform jacket and treble clefs are displayed in the design.





## *John Philip Sousa*

John Philip Sousa was born 6 November 1854 at 636 "G" Street, SE, just two blocks from the Barracks. His private musical instruction began at age 6 and he was later enrolled in the Conservatory of Music. He became proficient on several instruments, particularly the violin, and was well rounded in music theory and composition. At age 13, John Philip Sousa's father had him enlisted in the Marine Band as an apprentice. He stayed with the Band until 1875 when he left to begin a career as a conductor and performer.

On 1 October 1880, Sousa accepted the position as conductor of the Marine Band. He immediately began to expand the band's repertoire and create the band's own music library. Sousa worked tirelessly to shape the President's Own into the country's premier military band. Today this room is named in honor of the many contributions made to the Marine Band by John Philip Sousa.



## *Chapman Desk*

General Leonard F. Chapman, Jr., the 24th Commandant, donated the antique Chapman desk to the Home in 1972.

Inside the Chapman desk is a flask that was once owned by John Philip Sousa. Sousa would carry the flask in his right lower coat pocket and take a drink every 15 minutes or so as he strolled through the streets of Washington on chilly days.



## ***Tiffany Lamp***

The Tiffany Lamp was used by John Philip Sousa, Director of the Marine Band, "The President's Own" to write some of his profound compositions.