CONCERT BAND
Dr. Bruce Moss, conductor

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017
8:00 P.M.
KOBACKER HALL
MOORE MUSICAL ARTS CENTER
Pittsburg native Louis Panella was very loyal to his hometown, leaving it infrequently during his lifetime. One such instance was during World War I, when he taught at the United States Army School of Music. The American Red Cross March was written during this time to pay tribute to the humanitarian efforts of this organization.

Though his marches don’t have the notoriety of contemporaries John Philip Sousa or Edwin Franko Goldman, they are outstanding and uplifting, often dedicated to people, places or organizations. After the war, Panella returned to Pittsburgh where he performed as a trumpet player in the Nixon Theater Orchestra, the Pittsburgh Municipal Band and the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. During his later years he was a long-time member of the faculty at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, now Carnegie-Mellon University.

The Concert Band performs *The American Red Cross March* to honor this organization and their humanitarian efforts world-wide, and specifically for their recent efforts regarding relief for those impacted by hurricanes Harvey and Irma. The band, along with band service organizations Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma, has donated over $1,000 to contribute to the American Red Cross for this cause. We express appreciation to Peggy Holewinski and the Toledo Chapter of the American Red Cross for assisting with this project.