

WRIGHT NOTES



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News from the Band of Flight

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Deputy Commander's Message

Welcome back for another edition of Wright Notes! As things have heated up, so have our concerts and operations! The new season introduces a new ensemble, Prism Brass, which will tour throughout the summer. We've also updated our "BandOfFlight" YouTube channel with special online-only videos and other exciting performances. We hope you'll stop by to take a look and to also visit us in a performance near you as we continue to represent our USAF with excellence in all we do! Have a wonderful summer!



2nd Lieutenant Daniel Boothe

Patriot Day 10th Anniversary Concert with the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra

The Band of Flight will once again join forces with the Dayton Philharmonic for what has become an annual collaboration. On September 11, 2011, the two ensembles will pay remembrance to the 10th Anniversary of September 11th. Featuring the Miami Valley's two premiere musical ensembles, this collaboration is truly a musical highlight for both groups.

The Band of Flight is certainly no stranger to collaboration. Earlier this year, Major Mench and Maestro Carl Topilow and his Cleveland Pops Orchestra combined their forces to pay tribute to veterans in a special program. Performing for a full house at the historic Severance Hall was truly a treat for the audience and both ensembles' members.

Free tickets for the Patriot Day concert can be obtained from the National Museum of the United States Air Force and distribution will begin on August 10th. Please call the National Museum of the United States Air Force at (937) 255-5924 for more information.



The concert band performs in Severance Hall with the Cleveland Pops Orchestra. (U.S. Air Force photo/SSgt Dan Bentley) [Download High-Res](#)



The Band of Flight and Dayton Philharmonic at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. (U.S. Air Force photo/Ben Strasser) [Download High-Res](#)

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Systems Go NASCAR/Louisville Independence Festival

A major pit stop on Systems Go's Tour of Kentucky highlighted the group's throttling beats as the featured entertainment at the UNOH 225, in Sparta, Kentucky. The University of Northwestern Ohio (UNOH) sponsored the Kentucky Speedway NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race on July 7th. Systems Go was featured as part of the racetrack's historic tripleheader weekend that highlighted the first ever NASCAR Sprint Cup Series "Quaker State 400" on July 9th. Attendance for the weekend was well over 100,000 race fans!

Additionally, Systems Go was in the spotlight in Louisville's 2011 Waterfront Independence Festival. The event highlighted two days of free music, free children's activities, festival food, fireworks, and fun.

Prism Brass' Inaugural Tour

The Band of Flight's newest group, Prism Brass has taken off as quickly as it was formed! The name, "Prism", is quite fitting, as this ensemble is multi-faceted, and capable of almost any musical style or genre. Comprised of 14 brass players, 3 percussionists, a guitar/keyboardist, and a vocalist, Prism Brass has been met with explosive enthusiasm.

Prism Brass' inaugural tour consisted of a trip through Michigan and back through Ohio. A highlight performance of this trip was a feature with John Morris Russell and the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra at Riverbend Music Center as part of their Independence Day celebration.

Check out our upcoming concerts to see where this dynamic group will be next!



Systems Go Performs for a packed crowd in Blue Ash, Ohio. (U.S. Air Force photo/TSgt Jeremy Nee)
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Prism Brass performs with the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra as the highlight of their Independence Day celebration. (U.S. Air Force photo/SrA Jesus Delgado) [Download High-Res](#)

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Farewell to Departing Members

Technical Sgt. Jeremiah True
Clarinet/Saxophone

Hometown: Corinth, Kentucky

Education:
Bachelor of Music Education
Morehead State University, Kentucky

Band of Flight Service: 12 years

New Assignment:
USAF Band of Liberty, Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts

Permanent Change of Station



Staff Sgt. VJ Russell
Horn

Hometown: Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Education:
Northwestern State University, Louisiana

Band of Flight Service: 11 years

New Assignment:
The USAF Academy Band, Peterson AFB, Colorado.

Welcome to Our Newest Members

Technical Sgt. Kara Frank
Clarinet

Hometown: Hawarden, Iowa

Education:
Bachelor of Arts-Music Education
Augustana College, Illinois

Previous Assignment:
Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve, Robins AFB, Georgia



Technical Sgt. Eric Frank
Trombone

Hometown: Landsale, Pennsylvania

Education:
Bachelor of Music-Trombone Performance
University of the Arts, Pennsylvania

Master of Music-Arts Teaching
University of the Arts, Pennsylvania

Previous Assignment:
Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve, Robins AFB, Georgia

Staff Sgt. Lindsay Zufall
Clarinet

Hometown: Findlay, Ohio

Education:
Bachelor of Music -Music Performance
Ohio Northern University, Ohio

Master's of Music Performance
Indiana State University, Indiana

Previous Assignments:
USAF Band of the West, Lackland AFB, Texas
U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Sembach AB, Germany



Check out our website!

USAF Band of Flight

Upcoming Appearances



Click to request the band!

August 5	Systems Go - Community Park Amphitheater, Milford, Ohio, 6:30 p.m.
August 6	Systems Go - Boardman Township Park, Boardman, Ohio, 6:00 p.m.
August 7	Systems Go - Corry City Park, Corry, Pa., 2:30 p.m.
August 11	Prism Brass - Myers Memorial Bandshell, Ashland, Ohio, 8:00 p.m.
August 12	Prism Brass - Public Square, Wooster, Ohio, 7:00 p.m.
August 13	Prism Brass - Medina High School Performing Arts Center, Medina, Ohio, 7:00 p.m.
August 13	Systems Go - Centennial Park, Englewood, Ohio, 6:00 p.m.
August 14	Prism Brass - Lake Metroparks Farmpark, Kirtland, Ohio, 7:00 p.m.
August 14	Systems Go - Callaway Park, Elwood, Ind., 4:00 p.m.
August 15	Prism Brass - St. Clairsville Central Park, St. Clairsville, Ohio, 7:30 p.m.
August 26	Systems Go - McCormick Park, Williamston, Mich., 7:00 p.m.
August 26	Prism Brass - Otterbein Retirement Community Pavilion, Lebanon, Ohio, 7:00 p.m.
August 27	Systems Go - Montabella Webb Field, Edmore, Mich., 6:00 p.m.
August 27	Prism Brass - Public Square, Troy, Ohio, 7:00 p.m.
August 28	Systems Go - Victory Park Bandshell, Albion, Mich., 6:00 p.m.
August 28	Prism Brass - Stubbs Park Amphitheater, Centerville, Ohio, 7:00 p.m.
September 2	Systems Go - Coshocton County Armory/Amphitheater, Coshocton, Ohio, 7:00 p.m.
September 11	Concert Band w/Dayton Philharmonic - National Museum of the USAF, 7:30 p.m.
Septmeber 16	Systems Go - Urban Nights, Main Street, Dayton, Ohio, 8:00 p.m.

Mission Statement

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