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THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
**ACADEMY BAND**

# Concert Band

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# The United States Air Force Academy Band



The United States Air Force Academy Band proudly represents the Air Force Academy, the leading educational institution developing and inspiring air and space leaders of character with a vision for tomorrow. As one of twelve Air Force bands, the Academy Band maintains a rigorous performance schedule in support of Cadet and Air Force troop morale, recruiting and community outreach. For over 50 years, the Academy Band has used the power of music to inspire Air Force personnel and the nation they serve, produce innovative musical programs and products, and communicate Air Force excellence to millions around the globe.

The USAF Academy Band appears on behalf of Lieutenant General Mike Gould, Superintendent, USAF Academy. All performances are free and open to the public.

## The United States Air Force Academy

When it comes to choosing a college, options seem almost endless. For the highly motivated high school graduate who is looking for something more from their college experience, The United States Air Force Academy is easily the first choice.



At a time when options are wide open, those who consider bigger goals, deeper learning, time-honored character development and possibly, a more rewarding future, choose to attend one of the most prestigious educational institutions in the world.

The Academy offers a world-class education, the opportunity to fly, and a guaranteed career right out of college. Many cadets create professional relationships that last a lifetime. It is true that there is no financial cost to attend the Academy, but there is a hefty price tag. Academy cadets pay for their education with sweat, hard work, early mornings, and late nights. They are held to the highest standards, without exception, and upon graduation are required to serve at least five years as a leader in the United States Air Force.

With that price comes an experience that can't be found anywhere else. Air Force Academy cadets are surrounded by other young Americans who are pushing themselves to the limits, developing strength and character and discovering the qualities that make great leaders.



**Any college can prepare you for an ordinary career. Those who attend the United States Air Force Academy will become prepared for an extraordinary life. Visit [www.academyadmissions.com](http://www.academyadmissions.com).**

# The United States Air Force Academy Concert Band

The United States Air Force Academy Concert Band proudly represents the Air Force Academy, the leading educational institution developing and inspiring air and space leaders of character with a vision for tomorrow. The Concert Band is the largest of 7 performing units in the Academy Band, comprised of 45 active-duty Air Force music professionals who bring a wealth of educational and professional experience to each performance. The Concert Band maintains a rigorous national performance schedule in support of Cadet and Air Force troop morale, recruiting, and community outreach. The band often performs for radio and television broadcasts, and presents educational performances and clinics at national and international music conferences. For over 50 years, the United States Air Force Academy Concert Band has used the power of music to inspire Air Force personnel and the nation they serve, produce innovative musical programs and products, and communicate Air Force excellence to millions around the world.



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# Commander/Conductor



**Lieutenant Colonel Donald E. Schofield Jr.** is the Commander and Conductor of the USAF Academy Band, Peterson AFB, Colorado.

Lt Col Schofield is a native of Atlanta, Georgia, and earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of Georgia, a Master of Music degree from Louisiana State University and is currently a candidate for the Doctorate of Musical Arts degree in Music Education from Boston University. He has conducted ensembles ranging from professional symphony orchestras to elementary school bands across the US and Puerto Rico, and continues to be an active clinician and arranger.

Commissioned in 1997, Lt Col Schofield was assigned to The US Air Force Band of Flight, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, where he served as both Commander and Deputy Commander. In 2001, Lt Col Schofield was hand-picked to become the tenth director of The US Air Force Strolling Strings and Chamber Orchestra, where he led performances across the US, the White House, the Pentagon and the National Cathedral before international audiences. Selected to command The US Air Force Band of Mid-America in 2004, he performed for Presidents George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George H. Bush and Jimmy Carter, and conducted international broadcasts reaching over 50 million viewers. In 2007, Lt Col Schofield was chosen to command the US Air Forces Central Command Band, leading overseas performances for United States and coalition troops in Iraq, Afghanistan, Africa and 11 other Southwest Asia countries in direct support of operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM.

In 2008, Lt Col Schofield assumed command of The Band of the US Air Force Reserve, and performed internationally with such artists as Kid Rock, Little Big Town, Lee Ann Womack, Chris Daughtry, Gabrielle Iglesias, Carlos Mencia, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, Lonestar, Wynonna Judd, Naomi Judd, Amy Grant, Diamond Rio, the Miracles, Lee Greenwood, Gary Morris, Take 6, Brian McNight and Gordon Goodwin. Making their debut in the White House in 2011, the Band of the Air Force Reserve was requested by name to perform for President and Mrs. Obama. In 2011, the Band of the Air Force Reserve was an Emmy Award finalist for the “Holiday Notes from Home” production--a first for any band in the United States Air Force.

# Flight Commander/Associate Conductor



First Lieutenant Jason S. Plosch is the Deputy Commander and Assistant Conductor of The USAF Academy Band, Peterson AFB, Colorado. Lieutenant Plosch was born and raised in Clinton, Iowa. After graduating from Clinton High School, he continued his studies at University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa where he graduated with honors and received his Bachelor of Music degree in 1995. In 1998, he acquired a Master of Music degree from Penn State University, State College, Pennsylvania.

Lieutenant Plosch enlisted in the United States Air Force in July 2001 and began his first assignment as a trumpeter with the USAF Band of Flight, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH in September 2001. As an enlisted member of the USAF Band of Flight, he performed in seven different ensembles and was versatile in all styles of music. He was a member of the first USAF brass ensemble, Hot Brass, to deploy to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. In 2008, Lieutenant Plosch was commissioned through the Officer Training School at Maxwell AFB, Alabama where he was a Distinguished Graduate. He assumed his current duties in August 2008.

Lieutenant Plosch's professional credits include work at Disneyland, Anaheim, California and Tokyo Disneyland, Tokyo, Japan. He also performed with Princess Cruise Lines as well as serving as a high school instrumental director in Centerville, Iowa. His ensembles consistently garnered the highest ratings during his tenure in Centerville. Lieutenant Plosch has also been involved with many regional orchestras in Iowa, Ohio and Pennsylvania. He has performed with such artists as Aretha Franklin, The Manhattan Transfer, Bernadette Peters, Lou Rawls, Byron Stripling and many others.

Lieutenant Plosch's military awards and decorations include the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. He was chosen the USAF Band of Flight Airman of the Year in 2002 and NCO of the Year in 2007. He was named the Air Force Sergeant's Association Kittyhawk Chapter 751 Bandsman of the Year for 2002.

In his spare time, Lieutenant Plosch enjoys spending time with his family, running, playing golf and tennis.

# Personnel

## Commander/Conductor

Lieutenant Colonel Donald E. Schofield, Jr Atlanta, GA

## Flight Commander/Assistant Conductor

First Lieutenant Dustin M. Doyle Huntingotn, MD

### Flute

MSgt Sandra J. Tiemens

TSgt Julia C. Taylor

### Oboe

TSgt Monica Ding

### Bassoon

MSgt Alejandro Vieira

TSgt Sarah E. Stewart

### Clarinet

MSgt Heike J. Gazetti

MSgt Susan Govier

MSgt Noelle T. Little

TSgt John B. Dawson

### Bass Clarinet

MSgt Scott P. Richardson

### Saxophone

TSgt Ryan G. Janus

TSgt Geoffrey G. Torres

TSgt Michael S. Van Arsdale

SSgt Jeffrey S. Hall

### Trumpet

SMSgt Steven J. Kindermann

MSgt Jeffrey F. Hatfield

TSgt Marcell Marchetti

SSgt Patrick P. Brush

SSgt Christopher M. Hammiel

A1C Adrian M. Holton

### Horn

CMSgt Randall A. Doersch

TSgt Kenneth F. Soper

TSgt Gerald L. Welker

SSgt Vernon W. Russell

### Trombone

CMSgt John P. Gohl

MSgt Randal J. Schneider

TSgt David P. McCormick

SSgt Frank K. Gourley

### Bass Trombone

MSgt L. Eugene Montgomery

Rochester, MN

Telford, PA

Mount Prospect, IL

Gainesville, FL

Honeoye Falls, NY

Cincinnati, OH

Lakewood, CO

Watertown, WI

Springfield, VA

Las Vegas, NV

Mt. Prospect, IL

Yukon, OK

Akron, OH

St. Petersburg, FL

Dallas, TX

Fort Wayne, IN

Antioch, CA

Billings, MT

Dayton, OH

Palm Harbor, FL

Madison, WI

Commack, NY

Tuscaloosa, AL

Marrero, LA

Moorhead, MN

Colorado Springs, CO

Middletown, MD

Duluth, MN

Henderson, KY

### Euphonium

MSgt Karl N. Bradley

### Tuba

TSgt Emanuel Jester III

### Bass

MSgt Jason R. Crowe

### Piano/Keyboards

A1C Shawn M. Hanlon

### Percussion

MSgt Chris M. Gaona

TSgt Timothy A. Stombaugh

### Vocalist

TSgt Krista M. Joyce

### Sound

TSgt Paul McWhither III

### Band Manager, Logistics

CMSgt John P. Gohl

### Band Manager, Support

CMSgt Randall A. Doersch

### Director of Operations

Mr. Frederick C. Correll

### Concert Band NCOIC

MSgt Noelle Little

### Secretary

Ms. Hazel E. Taylor

### Logistical Support

SSgt Randolph Avellino

SSgt Tony Finn

SSgt Gregory Kollasch

Branson, MO

Orlando, FL

Vancouver, WA

Colorado Springs, CO

Port Orange, FL

Vancouver, WA

Baton Rouge, LA

Moorhead, MN

Madison, WI

Athens, MI

Watertown, WI

Denver, CO

Ann Arbor, MI

Covington, LA

Epsom, NH