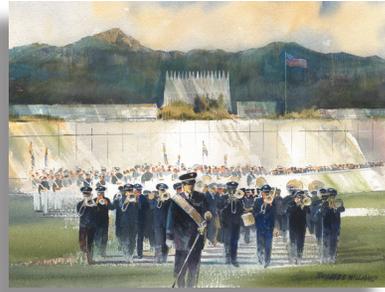


## The United States Air Force Academy Band

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 BAND

*Lieutenant Colonel Donald E. Schofield - Commander*

## Stellar Brass



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**D**escribed by the International Trumpet Guild as “an ensemble full of variety, panache and virtuosity,” Stellar Brass combines percussion instruments with a traditional brass quintet, resulting in an original and innovative musical ensemble performing a broad range of eclectic, musical styles. These styles include music from the Renaissance period, American folk songs and dances, Latin styles, orchestral transcriptions and Dixieland. In performances, Stellar Brass magically and instantly transforms into many different forms: from a marching band, to a jazz band, and even to barbershop quartet! As truly one of the most popular and outstanding ensembles of its kind in North America, Stellar Brass list of achievements is long and impressive: internationally distributed audio and video recordings and broadcasts; nationally recognized and respected as clinicians, presenting university, college, and high school master classes; performances at civic and military ceremonies; performances at prestigious symposia such as the International Trumpet Guild Convention, the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic, and the Colorado Music Educators Association Clinic and Conference; and highly-coveted public performances at major concert halls throughout America, including Carnegie Hall in New York.

The United States Air Force Academy Band is a 63-member organization that performs for millions of people each year in support of United States Air Force recruiting and community relations. As one of twelve Air Force bands, The Academy Band performs nearly 600 times annually from coast to coast. In addition to this impressive schedule, the band serves and upholds a demanding performance schedule for The United States Air Force Academy, Air Force Space Command, as well as other performances and duties in Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak region. A tradition of musical excellence, one of the band’s core values, is maintained through rigorous auditions. Each member of the band brings forth a wealth of educational and professional experiences to every performance and to the organization.

The United States Air Force Academy Band and Stellar Brass appear on behalf of the Superintendent, The USAF Academy. All performances are free and open to the public.

## Commander and 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.

## 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.

## Stellar Brass Fact Sheet

### What they are

An imaginative brass quintet with percussion consisting of two trumpets, horn, trombone, tuba and a myriad of percussion instruments

One of several performing groups that make up The United States Air Force Academy Band

### What they do

Perform public concerts, civic functions, master classes for high school and college students, youth concerts, patriotic shows, and military functions in support of the United States Air Force

### What makes them unique?

Tremendous variety of musical styles performed for a broad range of audiences

Provide fresh and exciting arrangements of popular band and orchestral classics, early jazz standards, solo works and more

### Group Leader

Technical Sergeant David P. McCormick

## Air Force Academy Band Information

### Key Personnel

Lieutenant Colonel Donald E. Schofield—Commander/Conductor  
First Lieutenant Dustin M. Doyle—Flight Commander  
Chief Master Sergeant Randall A. Doersch—Band Manager, Support  
Chief Master Sergeant John P. Gohl—Band Manager, Logistics  
Mr. Frederick C. Correll—Director of Operations

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## Personnel



**Senior Master Sergeant Steve Kindermann**, *trumpet*, hails from Dallas, Texas. He holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Trumpet Performance from Southern Methodist University. Steve has studied trumpet with Tom Booth, Phil Collins, and Bill Pfund. He has performed with the Colorado Springs Symphony, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and Opera, the Denver Brass, the Dayton Philharmonic, and was a member of the Springfield (Ohio) Symphony. In 1988 Sergeant Kindermann joined the Air Force as a member of the Air Force Band of Flight at Wright-Patterson Air

Force Base, Ohio. He joined The United States Air Force Academy Band in 1994 and has been a featured soloist with Stellar Brass and the Concert Band.

**Technical Sergeant Emanuel Jester III**, *tuba*, is a native of Orlando, Florida. He graduated from Dr. Phillips High School in 1996 and continued his studies at the University of South Florida. During his high school and college tenures, Sergeant Jester performed with various groups at Walt Disney World. As a freelance musician, he has performed with The Florida Orchestra, Florida West Coast Symphony, Brass Band of Central Florida, San Antonio Symphony and Sam Rivers Jazz Orchestra. His teachers include Willie Clark, Jay Hunsburger, David Kirk, Pat Sheridan and Gail Robertson. Sergeant Jester joined the United States Air Force Band of the West in 2002. He then joined the Air Force Academy Band in 2007, and also performs with the Concert Band, Marching Band and Stellar Brass.



**Technical Sergeant David P. McCormick**, *trombone and group leader*, was born and raised in the state of Maryland. He earned a Bachelor's Degree, Summa cum Laude, from Ithaca College (NY) in Trombone Performance and Music Education. TSgt McCormick enlisted in the Air Force in March, 2001 and has served in the Air Force Band of Flight, Dayton, Ohio; and the Air Force Band of the Pacific, Anchorage, Alaska. During his career, TSgt McCormick has performed in Japan, South Korea, Afghanistan, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Qatar, France, Germany, and

Denmark. While stationed in Alaska, TSgt McCormick held the position of Second Trombone with the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra for seven years. He joined the USAF Academy Band in June 2011, and also performs with the Concert Band, Marching Band and Stellar Brass.

**Technical Sergeant Kenneth F. Soper**, *horn*, hails from Commack, New York. He received his bachelors degree from Yale University, and while doing graduate work at the Peabody Institute won a position with The United States Navy Band in Washington, D.C. After completing his naval service, Sergeant Soper played with the Maryland Symphony and the National Chamber Orchestra. As a member of the Ocean City "Pops" Orchestra, he worked with Tony Bennett, Lorna Luft, Jerry Vale and others. From 1995 to 2003, Kenneth performed with the Washington Winds where he recorded albums for Warner Brothers, Carl Fischer, and FJH Music. Sergeant Soper returned to military service in 2001 with the 257th Army National Guard Band, where he served as co-principal and solo horn, and staff arranger. Sergeant Soper joined the USAF Academy Band in 2003, and also performs with the Concert Band, Marching Band and Stellar Brass.



**Airman First Class Adrian Holton**, *trumpet*, is a native of Palm Harbor, Florida. He holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Trumpet Performance from the University of Florida (UF) and a Master of Music degree in Trumpet Performance from Indiana University, where he studied with John Rommel. While at UF, A1C Holton performed for five seasons as a student musician at Walt Disney World, and was in the 2005 Disney Collegiate All-Star Band. He has also toured Japan twice with the Broadway Show, Blast!, and Blast II: MIX, and spent two years working

aboard Royal Caribbean International cruise ships. He has performed with the Colorado Symphony, Bloomington Camerata Orchestra, Columbus Indiana Philharmonic, Harry James Orchestra, Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, and Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra. A1C Holton joined the United States Air Force Academy Band in 2012, and performs with Stellar Brass, the Concert Band, and Marching Band.



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