

## The United States Air Force Academy Band

The United States Air Force Academy Band proudly represents the Air Force Academy as the leading educational institution developing and inspiring air and space leaders of character with a vision for tomorrow. As one of eleven 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 Michelle D. Johnson, Superintendent, USAF Academy. All performances are free and open to the public.



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*Pegasus*



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Pegasus is a component group of the USAF Academy Falconaires big band. This group performs popular music of today's generation as well as "old school" R & B hits of the 60's and 70's. The primary mission of Pegasus is to enhance community relations and support the recruiting mission of the USAF Academy and the United States Air Force. Its mission also includes military support and troop morale. Currently, Pegasus is made up of seven premier musicians; piano, bass, drums, vocalist and three horn players. In addition to pop styles, their versatility ranges from jazz to country and western. Pegasus has the ability to create the ideal atmosphere for any performance venue or setting.

## Commander and Conductor



**Lieutenant Colonel Donald E. Schofield Jr.** is the Commander and Conductor of the USAF Academy Band, Peterson AFB, Colorado, assuming command in July, 2012

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 studied performance and conducting with Dr. Dwight Satterwhite, Professor Frank Wickes and Dr. David Randolph. Prior to joining the United States Air Force, Lt Col Schofield was a successful teacher in the public schools of Georgia. As Director of Bands at Effingham County High School, he brought its 300-member marching band and wind ensemble to national recognition through awards at both the national and regional levels. He has conducted ensembles ranging from professional symphony orchestras to elementary school bands across the United States and Puerto Rico and continues to be an active clinician and arranger.

Commissioned in 1997, Lt Col Schofield was assigned to The United States Air Force Band of Flight, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, 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 United States Air Force Strolling Strings and Chamber Orchestra, where he led performances across the United States, the White House, the Pentagon and the National Cathedral before international audiences. Selected to command The United States 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, Major Schofield was chosen to command the United States 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 United States Air Force Reserve and has 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. Under his leadership, The Band of the United States Air Force Reserve performed 400 times each year and in 2009 reached an international audience of 100 million viewers.

Lt Col Schofield has been recognized twice for his musical leadership by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences as a two-time Top Four finalist for a prestigious Emmy Award. The "Holiday Notes from Home" production was broadcast to 177 countries worldwide, all United States embassies, and all ships and submarines at sea and was broadcast across the country to 60 million homes.

## 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.

## Pegasus Fact Sheet

### What they are

A WHAM BAM WOW ensemble of horns and rhythm!

One of ten performing groups that comprise the entire 60-member United States Air Force Academy Band

### What they do

Supports the United States Air Force through nationwide public service concerts; supports The Air Force Academy and Air Force Space Command by performing at social functions.

Annually performs for more than 50,000 people at public concerts, collegiate and high school jazz festivals, civic functions, arts festivals and military functions across the United States and Canada.

### What makes them unique?

Pegasus is the newest ensemble in the United States Air Force Academy Band.

## Air Force Academy Band Information

### Key Personnel

Lieutenant Colonel Donald E. Schofield, Jr.—Commander/Conductor  
Captain Dustin M. Doyle—Flight Commander  
Chief Master Sergeant Mark A. Burditt—Band Manager  
Mr. Randall A. Doersch—Director of Operations

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## Pegasus Personnel

### Alto Saxophone

TSgt John B. Dawson.....Springfield, VA

### Trumpet

TSgt Chris M. Hammel ..... Dayton, OH

### Trombone

MSgt L. Eugene Montgomery ..... Henderson, KY

### Drums

MSgt Timothy R. Blake ..... Binghamton, NY

### Guitar

SSgt Jesse Thompson..... Harleton, TX

### Bass

MSgt Jason R. Crowe.....Vancouver, WA

### Piano

A1C Shawn M. Hanlon ..... Interlochen, FL

### Vocals

TSgt Krista M. Joyce ..... Harleton, TX

A1C Ashely Cook ..... Pasadena, MD

### Audio Engineers

TSgt Paul McWhirter..... Little Rock, AR

## Pegasus Musical Director and NCOIC

**M**aster Sergeant Jason Crowe, *bass*, was born and raised in Vancouver, WA. As a member of the Prairie High School Jazz Band he performed throughout the Western United States and in the summer of 1988 toured Europe with the band and performed at the North Sea and Monterey Jazz Festivals. MSgt Crowe attended Eastern Washington University in Cheney, WA. as a music major and played with many top-notch Northwest musicians including Brent Edstrom, Dave Stultz, Nat Whickham and the Bob Curnow



Big Band. He has performed or recorded with Marvin Stamm, Ernie Watts, Michael Smith, Vince Gill, Amy Grant, John Popper, Wynona Judd, Crystal Gail, Jiggs Whigham and the Christ Church Mass Choir. He has studied with Roma Vayspapir, Clipper Anderson, Hal Galper, David Baker and John Clayton. Prior to his assignment to The USAF Academy Band, he was a member of the 560th Washington Air National Guard Band, The USAF Band of The Reserve Robins AFB, GA, and the US Air Forces in Europe Band Sembach, Germany. While assigned to the USAFE Band, Jason performed across Europe and southwest Asia including goodwill tours to Bosnia and Russia. In 2005, Jason received the bass position in the Air Force Academy Band, playing in the Falconaires jazz band and Concert Band.