

# WRIGHT NOTES



First Lieutenant Daniel W. Boothe, Commander

## News from the Band of Flight

July-September 2012

### Commander's Message

Greetings! Over these last few years, it has been a great experience to serve as Deputy Commander of our band, getting to know our Airmen, their world-class professional capabilities, and in meeting all of you out there as well! In July I assumed command of the band and will likely remain here until we have concluded our reorganization by the end of summer 2013. As was announced in spring 2012, our unit will resize to a 15 member team with a highly dynamic rock band, brass quintet, and combined popular ensemble. With these capabilities, we will still continue to deliver world-class entertainment for our military and civilian public here and around the world!



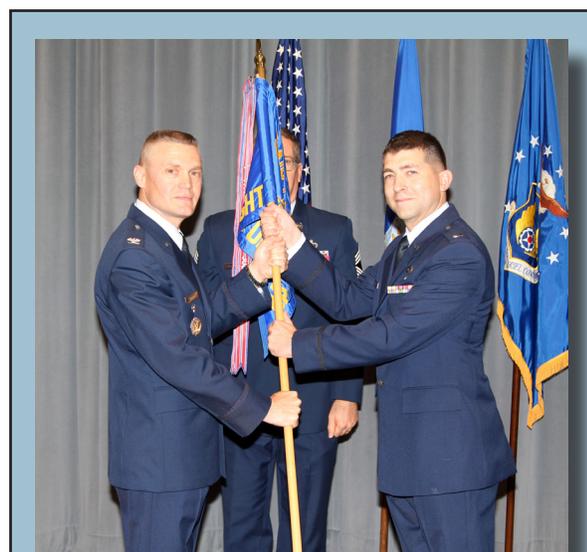
Those of you who follow us on Facebook probably saw the pictures from AFMC Freedom's Call Tattoo 2012 which was cancelled due to severe weather. While there was quite a bit of damage, our own equipment and personnel made out fine and plans are already underway for Tattoo 2013! Our groups did continue to perform throughout the summer, even in the record-setting heat, and now we turn our attention to some big plans for the fall! You can read more about it in this latest edition of our Wright Notes! Thank you for your continued support, not only for us and our mission, but for the many who continue to serve so bravely in uniform. For them, and for you, it is all worth it!

### Band of Flight Change of Command

If you've attended a recent Band of Flight concert, or checked out our webpage, you may have noticed a new face in front of the groups. We bid farewell to Major R. Michael Mench this summer, and hailed our new commander/music director, 1st Lieutenant Daniel W. Boothe. He has the challenging task to lead the organization for the next year or so while the band reorganizes from 45 to 15 members.

Of course, if you've been following the Band of Flight for a few years, you'll know that we've been fortunate to have Lieutenant Boothe as our deputy commander, and interim commander when Major Mench was deployed. Clearly, he is no stranger to our personnel, and the demonstration of Air Force excellence will continue!

Look forward to seeing and hearing great things from Lieutenant Boothe on the podium and the web as he leads the Band of Flight through the next chapter of our history. One such milestone is the planned recording of a CD, to capture the spirit of one of the oldest bands in the Air Force. This is particularly exciting, as the Band of Flight hasn't recorded in nearly 15 years! Look for further announcements regarding recordings and future events!



1st Lieutenant Daniel W. Boothe takes command of the Band of Flight from AFMC Chief of Staff, Colonel Walter Lindsley. (U.S. Air Force photo/Technical Sergeant Leo Smith) Download High-Res

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The USAF Band of Flight collaborates with the Dayton Philharmonic on September 11 for a Patriot Day remembrance concert. (U.S. Air Force photo/ Technical Sergeant Dan Bentley) [Download High Res](#)

## Summer Showcase

The Band of Flight was very active throughout the summer, entertaining audiences from the Miami Valley and Western Ohio with our show titled, "Summer Showcase." Under the helm of our electrifying new commander, 1st Lieutenant Daniel W. Boothe, this year's summer focus was on individual and sectional excellence and how they combine to enhance the amazing talents of the entire ensemble. The virtuosic talents of many of our group's individuals was superb from start to finish!

To finish off the summer whirlwind of concerts, our large brass ensemble, Prism Brass, has been thrilling our audiences with what might be the most diverse and entertaining show we've ever put together. Combining musical excellence, individual virtuosity, and the charismatic charm of each individual has indeed been a tremendously effective way to share the Air Force message. There are still a few concerts remaining, so hurry and check them out!



Lieutenant Boothe Salutes America with our National March, the "Stars and Stripes Forever" on July 4. (U.S. Air Force photo/Technical Sergeant Leo Smith) [Download High Res](#)

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*We're on YouTube!*

## ***Farewell to Departing Members***

### ***Permanent Change of Station***

Staff Sergeant  
Jennifer Kost  
Oboe

*Hometown:* Lafayette, Louisiana

*Education:*  
Bachelor of Music  
Louisiana State University, Louisiana  
Master of Music  
University of Colorado, Colorado

*Band of Flight Service:* 7 years

*Future Assignment:*  
-USAF Band of Mid-America, Scott AFB,  
Illinois



Staff Sergeant  
Doug Kost  
Trombone

*Hometown:* Zelienople, Pennsylvania

*Education:*  
Bachelor of Music-Music Education  
Youngstown State University, Ohio  
Master of Music-Performance  
University of North Texas, Texas

*Band of Flight Service:* 7 years

*Future Assignment:*  
-USAF Band of Mid-America, Scott AFB,  
Illinois

Staff Sergeant  
John Sayre  
Percussion

*Hometown:* Westminster, Maryland

*Education:*  
Bachelor of Music  
Peabody Conservatory, Maryland

*Band of Flight Service:* 6 years

*Future Assignment:*  
-USAF Heritage of America Band, Joint Base  
Langley-Eustis, Virginia



## ***Welcome Back to Our Newest Member***

Staff Sergeant  
Shane Spanier  
Piano

*Hometown:* Atwood, Kansas

*Education:*  
Master Recording Program II  
Conservatory of Recording Arts and Sciences,  
Arizona

*Previous Band of Flight Service:* 2 years

*Previous Assignment:*  
-USAF Band of the Pacific, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska



*Check out our website!*

# *USAF Band of Flight*

## *Upcoming Appearances*



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| August 26    | Prism Brass Ensemble - Troy Public Square, Troy, OH, 7:00 p.m.              |
| September 9  | Systems Go - Beaver Creek Popcorn Festival, Beaver Creek, OH, 2:00 p.m.     |
| September 11 | Concert Band w/Dayton Philharmonic - National Museum of the USAF, 7:30 p.m. |
| October 6    | Systems Go - "Summer in the Park", Smith Park, New Carlisle, OH, 6:00 p.m.  |
| October 13   | Ceremonial Band - Greene County Fairgrounds, Xenia, OH, 7:00 p.m.           |
| November 3   | Concert Band - Veterans Day Concert, National Museum of the USAF, 7:30 p.m. |
| November 5   | Concert Band - W. K. Kellogg Auditorium, Battle Creek, MI, 7:00 p.m.        |
| November 6   | Concert Band - Interlochen Center for the Arts, Interlochen, MI, 7:30 p.m.  |

For more information about upcoming appearances, check out our events page!

### *Mission Statement*

*The mission of the United States Air Force Band of Flight is to deliver world-class musical products that inspire emotions, create positive impressions and communicate information according to Air Force objectives for the defense of the United States of America.*

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