

WRIGHT NOTES



Major R. Michael Mench - Commander

News from the Band of Flight

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Deputy Commander's Message



Welcome to a new and enhanced edition of our newsletter! This new format will especially highlight the amazing accomplishments of our squadron. Since our last newsletter, we have engaged in over 70 regional performances and 62 international appearances for a combined audience of 87,000! The tearful handshakes and personal letters we've received truly illustrate the impact and importance of our mission. We hope you can join us along the way! Thank you for your support!

2nd Lt. Daniel W. Boothe

New Harmony

The Air Force Band of Flight's deployed ensemble, New Harmony, will be returning to Wright-Patt in November. The group has been serving on the Navy's USS Iwo Jima as part of the joint mission Continuing Promise, an operation that provides humanitarian assistance to host nations and sends messages of United States compassion, support, and commitment to the Caribbean and Latin America. The music that New Harmony has brought to the mission served as a bridge from the Continuing Promise vision to each country's citizens. The musicians of New Harmony (a traditional brass quintet plus vocalist, keyboardist/guitarist and drummer) have performed for citizens seeking medical care, local students, dignitaries, and for the troops onboard the ship. Welcome home, New Harmony, we look forward to having you back in our ranks for the band's upcoming Holiday Concerts!



Staff Sgt. Doug Kost, New Harmony ensemble member, leads a student during a workshop in Livingston, Guatemala

Wright Brass

In October, the Air Force Band of Flight's brass quintet, Wright Brass, took an 8-day tour through Ohio and Michigan. This tour actually featured an expanded 13-member brass ensemble which included additional trumpets, trombones, horn, euphonium, and percussion. They played a variety of music, from composers such as Shostakovich and Mahler to an arrangement of Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody," as well as patriotic selections. The group's noncommissioned officer in charge, TSgt Eric Knorr, hopes to keep this group active following the success of the tour. "We are all tremendously excited about the future of this group."



Wright Brass performs a concert at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Ohio

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Systems Go Recruiting Tour

Systems Go, the Band of Flight's 5-piece popular music group, has been carrying on its primary mission to serve as a powerful recruiting tool by traveling to schools in the Mid-West. The group has teamed up with local Air Force recruiters to deliver the Air Force message and to interact with students at area high schools. The group has discovered that many high school students are particularly interested to hear about Systems Go's 2009 deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, While the musicians help to "break the ice" with students, the recruiters are able to explain the many opportunities awaiting young people in today's US Air Force.



Systems Go performs at Adriel School in West Liberty, Ohio

Holiday Concerts

The Air Force Band of Flight will be performing six concerts in the Dayton area in December. Two performances will be at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force on December 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for these concerts will be available beginning at 9 a.m. on November 15 by calling (937) 255-5924. There will also be four concerts at the Dayton Masonic Temple: December 11, 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m., plus a matinee on Sunday the 12th at 3 p.m. Tickets for the Masonic Temple can be obtained by sending in a coupon from the Dayton Daily News in the coming months. The classy and nostalgic holiday program will feature the Band of Flight's Jazz Band, Brass Quintet and Concert Band.



Band of Flight presents a Holiday Concert at the National Museum of the United States Air Force

Vocalists Perform with Dayton Philharmonic

Two of the Band of Flight's amazing vocalists had an opportunity to perform with the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra last month at the Schuster Center. This was a wonderful way for the Band's talented vocalists to again be featured in collaboration with the DPO, following the success of the Patriot Day concert in September. MSgt Shawn Stanley and TSgt Felita Rowe each performed one selection with the orchestra. The concert, entitled "Up, Up & Away with McCoo & Davis" also featured Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis, Jr. of the sixties rock group The Fifth Dimension.



Tech Sgt. Felita Rowe

We are on Facebook!

Farewell to Departing Members



Master Sergeant Wendy Harvey
Clarinet

Hometown: Wadsworth, OH

Education: Bachelor of Music
Baldwin Wallace College
Master of Music
The Ohio State University

Band of Flight Service: 14 years

New Assignment:
USAF Band of the Golden West
Travis AFB



Master Sergeant Kristen TenWolde
Horn

Hometown: Riga, MI

Education: Bachelor of Music
Eastern Michigan University
Master of Music
Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music
Associate in Applied Science - Music
Community College of the Air Force

Band of Flight Service: 13 years

New Assignment:
USAF Band of Mid-America
Scott AFB



Senior Airman Andrew Jones
Vocalist

Hometown: Chicago, IL

Education: Associate in Applied Science -
Music
Community College of the Air Force

Band of Flight Service: 1 year

Prior Assignments:
USAF Band of the Golden West, Travis AFB;
Band of the Pacific-Asia, Yokota AB

Welcome to Our Newest Members



Staff Sergeant Beth Honaker
Flute

Hometown: Barberton, OH

Education: Bachelor of Music
Youngstown State University

Air Force Service: 9 years

Prior Assignments:
USAF Heritage of America Band, Langley AFB;
USAF Band of Flight, WPAFB;
USAFE Band, Sembach AB



Technical Sergeant Toby McWilliams
Guitar

Hometown: Lubbock, TX

Education: Bachelor of Music, Master of
Music, and Doctorate of Music
Texas Tech University

Air Force Service: 10 years

Prior Assignments:
USAF Band of the West, Lackland AFB;
USAFE Band, Sembach AB;
USAF Band of the Pacific, Elmendorf AFB



Senior Airman Kelly Perry
Vocalist

Hometown: Louisville, KY

Air Force Service: 6 years

Prior Assignments:
USAF Band of Flight, WPAFB;
USAF Band of the Pacific, Elmendorf AFB

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Upcoming Appearances



November 6	Wright Brass - Cincinnati Masonic Center, Cincinnati, OH 4:00 p.m.
November 19	Wright Brass - DMC Recital Hall, Cedarville University, Cedarville, OH 8:00 p.m.
December 9	Concert Band - National Museum of the United States Air Force, 7:30 p.m.
December 10	Concert Band - National Museum of the United States Air Force, 7:30 p.m.
December 11	Concert Band - Dayton Masonic Center, Dayton, OH 7:30 p.m.
December 12	Concert Band - Dayton Masonic Center, Dayton, OH 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
December 13	Concert Band - Dayton Masonic Center, Dayton, OH 7:30 p.m.
January 14	Wright Brass - Paramount Arts Center, Ashland, KY 7:30 p.m.

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.