

566 AIR FORCE BAND



MISSION

LINEAGE

566 Air Force Band

STATIONS

Midway Airport, IL

O'Hare, IL

Donaldson AFB, SC

ASSIGNMENTS

126 Composite Wing, 1 Nov 1950

COMMANDERS

LTC Bruce D. Moore, Jr., 1 Jul 1955

Lt Harry C. Korthals

Maj Alvin T. Charnes

Lt Richard J. Emmerling, Jan 1957

Cpt Ray Simak, 1957



CWO Edward J. Pitlik (ANG photo)

CWO Edward J. Pitlik, 1959
COL John, H. Hough, Jr., 1970 -Jun 1975
Cpt Ether Smith, Jul 1975

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, semé of twenty-one mullets inclined to sinister Argent, in base a lyre Or between two stylized wings elevated and displayed Silver, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed with "566TH AIR FORCE BAND" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "BAND OF THE MIDWEST" in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The lyre symbolizes the excellence in mission performance that the Band strives to achieve. The 21 stars allude to the wisdom the unit has gained from its mission history and heritage. The stars also honor the State of Illinois on being the 21st state to enter the Union. The wings represent the Air Force's commitment to excellence in the new millennium.

MOTTO

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OPERATIONS

The 566th Air Force Band was originally organized on 23 December 1948 as the 33rd Infantry Band of the Illinois National Guard, and later redesignated as the 566th Air Force Band and assigned to the 126th Wing at Midway Airport on 1 December 1954

566th AF Band participated in four events during busy months. Concert at the Northwest Armory in Chicago (1 May), for the Reserve Officers Association Drill Competition. Marched in Chicago Clean-Up Day Parade. Armed Forces Day Parade (30 May) 1965

566th USAF BAND: receives commendation from NG Association Michigan. For series of successful concerts in ALPENA-THUNDER BAY (N.E. Mich. Communities) during annual field training at Phelps Collins ANG Under MAJ JOHN HOUGH, Band Director and MSG CHARLES

MACH. 1970

Aug. 1971: 566th USAF BAND good will tour of Germany Played to audiences totaling over 20,000 in a series of Concerts. Seven in Deutschland while the USAF Band was on annual leave.

Oct 3, 1971: 566th USAF Band performed in an appearance at FOREST PARKS" Octoberfest"

Return engagement at invitation of Hq, USAFE presented concerts at the Palmgarden, Frankfurt, Castle Park in Rotenburg, Fulda, Hottenheim and Wittlich Wine Festivals along with the communities of Bad Homburg, Frankfurt and Bischofsheim, 2nd tour of Europe. (11-27 Aug 1972)

566th USAF BAND TO TOUR GERMANY. Return engagement at invitation of Hq, USAFE presented concerts at the Palmgarden, Frankfurt, Castle Park in Rotenburg, Fulda, Hottenheim and Wittlich Wine Festivals along with the communities of Bad Homburg, Frankfurt and Bischofsheim, 2nd tour of Europe. (11-27 Aug 1972)

566th USAF BAND Marches in Chicago Memorial Day Parade. (30 May 1973)

566th USAF BAND COMPLETES THIRD EUROPEAN CONCERT TOUR. During Creek Party, Band polishes their repertoire of German Songs. (3-19 Aug 1973)

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, AL.