

572nd AIR FORCE BAND

MISSION

LINEAGE

572nd AAF Band

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STATIONS

Nadzab, New Guinea

McGhee Tyson ANGB, Knoxville, TN

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Cpt Jerry Field

2Lt Roger Mills

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Capt Jerry Field assumed command in 1981 and brought with him a new vibrant direction. Graduation ceremonies became only a part of the mission, not the primary one. Under his

watch, full staffing was achieved by the middle of the 80's. The 572nd gained national exposure by playing frequently at the 1982 Worlds fair in Knoxville and at the dedication of the Vietnam Memorial in or nations capital. Annual Field Trainings (AFT's) were expanded each year culminating in the band being deployed OCONUS to Jamaica and the Dominican Republic.

2Lt Roger Mills became the third 572nd Commander in 1998 bringing with him a rich background in music and conducting. Unique to his predecessors, he actually conducted the band during his own graduation ceremony from the Academy of military Science (AMS), the Officers Training School for the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserves. Lt Mills' second AFT was an exciting 11 day deployment to Alaska. In May of 1999 the 572nd reached 100% manning requirements and has been granted a 10% overage. Under Lt Mills command, the 572nd has maintained full strength, thus earning a Unit citation for retention and recruiting.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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