

USAF BAND OF MID AMERICA

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The United States Air Force Band of Mid-America is the principal musical ambassador of Headquarters Air Mobility Command. The roots of the Band of Mid-America reach back to 1942 in Atlantic City, NJ. In 1944, the band began serving our nation at Scott AFB, IL, as the representative of the Military Air Transport Service, later redesignated as the Military Airlift

Command.

This diverse group of musicians has a heritage of performing many styles of music for people from all walks of life. The Band of Mid-America is often called upon to provide musical support for visiting dignitaries, and has had the distinction of performing for Pope John Paul II, Queen of the Netherlands, President William Clinton, Vice-President Albert Gore, Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Air Force, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, Air Force Chief of Staff, Chiefs of Staff of our sister services, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, and General (retired) Colin Powell. The band performs community relations and recruiting concerts for audiences throughout the Midwest, playing more than 400 engagements each year. In its worldwide travels, the band has performed in the Azores, Costa Rica, Barbados, Grenada, Guatemala, Venezuela, Bolivia, Germany and the Netherlands. Each year, band members perform before more than one million people in person, and for millions more on television and radio broadcasts.

Today's Band of Mid-America is comprised of 60 full-time musicians. All members may perform together for special concerts, parades, and other events, or they may be subdivided into several smaller autonomous units and performing groups to satisfy local, major command, and regional needs. For added flexibility, the Band of Mid-America can utilize various vocal ensembles, protocol combos and individual musicians.

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