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# The United States Air Force Academy Concert Band



The United States Air Force Academy Concert Band proudly represents the Air Force Academy, the leading institution for educating, training, and inspiring men and women to become officers of character. The Concert Band is composed of 40 active-duty Air Force professionals and is one of nine Academy Band ensembles. In addition to performing for Air Force troop morale, recruiting, and community outreach events, the group often appears on radio and television broadcasts and presents educational performances and clinics at national music conferences. For over 60 years, the Academy Band has used the power of music to honor our nation's heroes, inspire Air Force personnel and the nation they serve, produce innovative musical programs and products, and communicate Air Force excellence to millions around the world.

The United States Air Force Academy Concert Band appears on behalf of Lieutenant General Michelle D. Johnson, Superintendent, United States Air Force Academy.

## The United States Air Force Academy

When it comes to choosing a college, options seem almost endless. For the highly motivated high school graduate who is looking for something more from his or her college experience, the United States Air Force Academy is easily the first choice.



The Academy offers a world-class education, the opportunity to fly, and a guaranteed career immediately after graduation. Many cadets create professional relationships that last a lifetime. While it is true that there is no financial cost to attend the Academy, there is a hefty price tag. Academy cadets pay for their education with sweat, hard work, early mornings, and late nights. They are held to the highest standards—without exception—and upon graduation are required to serve at least five years as a leader in the United States Air Force.

With that price comes an experience that cannot be found anywhere else. Air Force Academy cadets are surrounded by other young Americans who are pushing themselves to the limits, developing strength and character, and discovering the qualities that make great leaders. For more information, visit [www.academyadmissions.com](http://www.academyadmissions.com).



## Commander/Conductor



Lieutenant Colonel Daniel L. Price is the Commander and Conductor of the United States Air Force Academy Band, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, where he assumed command in October 2014. Commissioned in 1995, Lt Col Price was assigned to the United States Air Force Band at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C., where he served as director of the Singing Sergeants. In 1999, he was assigned to Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, where he served as the Deputy Commander of the Heartland of America Band. Lt Col Price assumed command of the Band of the Pacific–Asia, Yokota Air Base, Japan, in June 2003 and was named Air Force Band Officer of the Year in 2005. During this assignment, he led the United States Air Force team in Japan’s International Marching Festival at the Tokyo Budokan in 2003 and 2005. He also led the band on a tour of Thailand, where they presented a command performance for King Rama IX. After graduating Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama in 2008, Lt Col Price assumed command of the United States Air Force Band of Mid-America, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, and deployed as the Officer in Charge of the United States Air Forces Central Band in 2009. Following this assignment, he served as Air Force Chief of Music, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., where he held administrative responsibility for the Air Force Band program and the accession and training of band officers.

Originally hailing from Muskegon, Michigan, Lt Col Price resided in the Dayton, Ohio area for 15 years prior to joining the United States Air Force. During this time he was an active member of Dayton’s musical community and held concurrent positions as Adjunct Professor of Music at Wright State University, Director of Bands and Choruses at Dayton Christian School, and Assistant Director of Music at Fairhaven Church. In addition to his academic pursuits, Lt Col Price studied with renowned conductors Robert Shaw, Craig Kirchoff, H. Robert Reynolds, and Alan McMurray.

# Flight Commander/Associate Conductor



Captain Shanti C. Simon currently serves as the United States Air Force Academy Band's Flight Commander and Associate Conductor. Prior to her assignment, she served with the United States Air Force Band in Washington, D.C. as Officer in Charge of four ensembles as well as production and outreach. Captain Simon conducted the Air Force Band in the national capital region and across the United States, including the 2011 National Tree Lighting Ceremony hosted by President Obama and the First Family. She also served on the faculty at Shenandoah Conservatory as Associate Director of Bands for the 2013–2014 academic year.

Prior to joining the Air Force, Captain Simon studied with Bobby Adams at Stetson University, where she earned Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music Education degrees. She also received Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees in conducting from the University of Minnesota, where she studied with Craig Kirchhoff. Captain Simon served as Associate Director of Bands at Vero Beach High School for four years, and her ensembles consistently earned top ratings at district and state levels. She is currently active across the country as a guest conductor and clinician.

# Personnel

## Commander/Conductor

Lt Col Daniel L. Price ..... Muskegon, MI

## Flight Commander/Associate Conductor

Capt Shanti C. Simon..... Vero Beach, FL

### Flute

SMSgt Sandra J. Tiemens ..... Rochester, MN  
TSgt Julia C. Taylor..... Telford, PA  
SrA Jennifer L. Nelson..... Wheaton, IL

### Oboe

TSgt Monica J. Ding..... Mount Prospect, IL  
A1C Katherine E. Stites ..... Johnson City, TN

### Bassoon

MSgt Sarah E. Stewart..... Honeoye Falls, NY  
MSgt Alejandro Vieira..... Gainesville, FL

### Clarinet

CMSgt Gail E. Tucker..... Hollidaysburg, PA  
MSgt Heike J. Gazetti ..... Cincinnati, OH  
MSgt Susan L. Govier ..... Lakewood, CO  
MSgt Noelle T. Little..... Watertown, WI  
TSgt Richard J. LaCroix..... Boston, MA  
A1C Robert S. Vitale..... Long Island, NY

### Bass Clarinet

SMSgt Claudia B. Weir..... Palmerston North, New Zealand

### Saxophone

MSgt Michael S. Van Arsdale ..... Akron, OH  
TSgt Jeffrey S. Hall..... St. Petersburg, FL  
SSgt Caleb R. Brinkley ..... Pleasant Garden, NC  
SSgt Carlos R. Serrano-Sanchez..... Humacao, Puerto Rico

### Trumpet

MSgt Tim W. Allums ..... Beaumont, TX  
TSgt Patrick P. Brush..... Billings, MT  
TSgt Christopher M. Hammel..... Dayton, OH  
SrA Kristin J. Cazenave ..... Columbus, IN  
SrA Andrew N. Fowler ..... Fort Worth, TX  
SrA Adrian M. Holton ..... Palm Harbor, FL  
SrA Benjamin P. Sampson ..... Tamsworth, NSW, Australia

### Horn

MSgt Robert J. Newlin, Jr. .... Longmont, CO  
TSgt Kenneth F. Soper ..... Farmingdale, NY  
SSgt Vernon W. Russell ..... Marrero, LA  
SrA Manuel A. Collazo-Llantin ..... San German, Puerto Rico

### Trombone

MSgt David P. McCormick ..... Middletown, MD  
TSgt Jeremy L. Grant ..... New Orleans, LA

### Bass Trombone

MSgt L. Eugene Montgomery ..... Henderson, KY

### Tuba

SMSgt Jeremy D. Remley..... Cary, NC  
TSgt Emanuel Jester III..... Orlando, FL  
SSgt Adam P. Porter ..... Plymouth, MA

### Bass

MSgt Jason R. Crowe ..... Vancouver, WA

### Piano/Keyboards

SrA Shawn M. Hanlon ..... Interlochen, FL

### Percussion

SrA Matthew J. Levine ..... Massapequa Park, NY  
A1C Tyler G. Kennamer..... Fayetteville, AR

### Vocalist

TSgt Krista M. Joyce ..... Harleton, TX

### Audio Engineer

MSgt Janusz S. Masztalerz..... Warsaw, PL  
TSgt Paul D. McWhirter III..... Baton Rouge, LA  
A1C Warren F. Lynch, Jr. .... Mesquite, TX

### Band Manager

CMSgt Gail E. Tucker..... Hollidaysburg, PA

### Concert Band NCOIC

MSgt Jason R. Crowe ..... Vancouver, WA

### Logistical Support

TSgt Gregory A. Kollasch..... Spirit Lake, IA  
SSgt J. Anthony J. Finn ..... Covington, LA

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