



# Biography

## United States Air Force AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BAND OF FLIGHT

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**Technical Sergeant VINCENT M. MARSHALL, NCOIC, bass,** TSgt Marshall was born in Lewistown, PA and raised in Bethlehem, PA. After graduation from Freedom High School in 1980, he received an Ina Love Thursby Music Scholarship to attend Moravian College in Bethlehem. After graduating in 1983 with a B.A. in Political Science and a minor in Psychology, SSgt Marshall enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was assigned to the Air Force Band of the East, McGuire AFB, NJ. He has also been stationed with the Band of Mid-America at Scott AFB, IL, and the Band of the Pacific~Asia, Yokota AFB, Japan before coming to the Band of Flight in August 1997. SSgt Marshall has also performed with such artists as Bob Hope, Joan Rivers, David Brenner, Bobby Vinton, Jerry Vale, and Ben E. King.

**Technical Sergeant JEFFREY SANDRU, audio engineer,** TSgt Sandru is a native of Madison, OH. After graduation from Madison High School in 1986, he continued his education at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, OH where he earned a bachelor of music education degree in 1990. TSgt Sandru enlisted in the United States Air Force in July of 1990. Before joining the Band of Flight in 1999, TSgt Sandru's previous assignments include the Band of Liberty, Hanscom AFB, MA, and the United States Air Forces in Europe Band, Sembach AB, Germany. TSgt Sandru's professional experience includes performances with the Rabitt Run Community Theatre, the Lakeland Jazz Impact, and the Tenth Avenue Rhythm and Blues.

**Staff Sergeant FELITA A. ROWE, vocals,** SSgt Rowe was born and raised in Newark, OH. Upon graduation from high school in 1986, Airman Rowe enrolled on scholarship at Central State University in Wilberforce, OH where she received numerous academic and music performance awards. She graduated with a bachelor of music in vocal performance in 1991 and received a fellowship to Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville, TN. In 1992, she continued her studies at The Ohio State University in Columbus, OH. SSgt Rowe has also worked as a freelance model and was featured as Jet Magazine's "Beauty of the Week" in September of 1993. SSgt Rowe enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in September 1994, she was assigned to the Band of Flight where she has been a featured vocalist with the Concert Band, Night Flight Jazz Ensemble, and most recently with Systems Go.

**Staff Sergeant NATHAN E. LAVY, percussion,** SSgt Lavy is a native of Sandusky, OH. He graduated from Perkins High School in 1993 as a John Philip Sousa Award recipient. He continued his studies at Morehead State University, Morehead, KY where he received his bachelor of music education degree cum laude in 1997. While at Morehead, SSgt Lavy was on the Music Department's Chair List, the Dean's List, and performed with both the Kentucky Intercollegiate Band and the Walt Disney World All American College Band. SSgt Lavy enlisted in the United States Air Force in March of 1998 and was the Band of Flight's Airman of the Year in 1999.

**Staff Sergeant PAUL MEZZANOTTE, guitar,** SSgt Mezzanotte is a native of Baltimore, MD. He graduated from Andover High School in 1986 and continued his studies at the University of Maryland – Baltimore County. SSgt Mezzanotte enlisted in the United States Air Force in September of 1988 and was assigned to the Air Force Heartland of America Band at Offut AFB, NE. After a 6-year separation from active duty where he performed with the Maryland Air National Guard, he rejoined the Band of Flight in 2000. SSgt Mezzanotte's decorations include the Combat Readiness Medal, Expeditionary Medal, and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

**Staff Sergeant GEOFFREY D. FISHER, vocals,** SSgt Fisher is a native of Twin Falls ID. He graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1996. SSgt Fisher enlisted in the United States Air Force in August of 1996 and was assigned to the 62<sup>nd</sup> Maintenance Squadron, McChord Air Force Base, Washington as an Aerospace Ground Equipment technician. He auditioned and was accepted as a Tops in Blue team member in 1999. In April 2001, SSgt Fisher joined the Band of Flight where he has been a featured vocalist with the Concert Band, Night Flight Jazz Ensemble, Nighthawk combo, and most recently with Systems Go. In addition to his performance duties, SSgt Fisher serves as the band's Duty Sergeant.

**Airman First Class JOHN M. KUKAN, guitar,** A1C Kukan is a native of Uniontown, PA. He graduated from Laurel Highlands High School in 1997 and continued his studies at Musician's Institute, Los Angeles, CA. A1C Kukan enlisted in the United States Air Force in October 2000 and began his current assignment with The Band of Flight in December 2000.