



Biography

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THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BAND OF FLIGHT

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WRIGHT BRASS

Staff Sergeant ERIC A. KNORR, trumpet. SSgt Knorr was born in Wooster, OH. He holds a bachelor of music degree in trumpet performance from The College of Wooster, Wooster, OH and a Master of Music in Trumpet Performance from the University of Akron in Akron, OH. SSgt Knorr has also pursued a Doctor of Musical Arts at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. SSgt Knorr enlisted in the Air Force in March of 1995, and has served as a member of the USAF Heartland of America Band, Offutt Air Force Base, NE, prior to being assigned to the USAF Band of Flight in August, 2001. In addition to his performance duties, SSgt Knorr serves as Assistant Director of Public Affairs and as the Band of Flight's Tax Advisor.

Airman First Class DAVID DIAMOND, trumpet. A1C Diamond grew up in Latham, New York. He received a Bachelor of Music Degree from Centre College in 1995 and a Master of Music in Trumpet Performance from the University of Colorado in 1998. A1C Diamond enlisted in the Air Force in September of 2003 and joined the Air Force band of Flight in November of the same year. In addition to his performance duties, A1C Diamond works in the band library.

Staff Sergeant HUGHEY L. HANCOCK JR., horn. SSgt Hancock was born in Sumter, SC. He earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Furman University in Greenville, SC in 1989 and a Master of Music in Horn Performance from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. SSgt Hancock taught for five years in schools in South Carolina and Ohio and performs regularly with orchestras throughout southwest Ohio, southeastern Indiana and northern Kentucky. He joined the USAF Band of Flight in August 1996. In addition to his performance duties, SSgt Hancock is the NCOIC for Wright Brass.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES ROBERTS, trombone. SSgt Roberts grew up in Vidalia, Louisiana. He studied Music at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. While in College, SSgt Roberts performed as soloist with the University Orchestra and a three time recipient of the Most Outstanding Symphonic Band Player Award. SSgt Roberts enlisted in the United States Air Force in November 1996 and was a member of the Band of Mid-America at Scott Air Force Base for four years before beginning his current assignment with the Band of Flight in February 2002. In addition to his performance duties, SSgt Roberts is in charge of the unit's uniform office.

Staff Sergeant JOHN H. RIDER, tuba. SSgt Rider grew up in Honeoye Falls, NY. While in high school he was the principal tuba with the Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra. After high school he attended the University of North Texas where he earned Bachelor and Master degrees and taught first as a Teaching Fellow, and later as an adjunct faculty member. SSgt Rider has performed with the Bluebonnet Brass as well as being a soloist, clinician and teacher in the Dallas area. He has six years of service with the 531st Air Force Band of the Texas Air National Guard before joining the USAF Band of Flight in 1998. In addition to his performance duties, SSgt Rider is the NCOIC of administration.

Senior Airman GERALD NOBLE III, percussionist. SrA Noble was born in Cleveland, OH. He grew up in Berea, OH, where he began studying percussion instruments in the seventh grade. After graduation from Berea Senior High School, he continued his studies at Cleveland State University where he was awarded a bachelor degree in Percussion Performance and continued his studies at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. SrA Noble enlisted in The United States Air Force in September, 1999, and began his present assignment with the USAF Band of Flight in November, 1999. In addition to his performance duties, Airman Noble serves in the band's Accessions Office.