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This year we celebrate 100 years of military aviation. On March 2, 1910, Army 1st Lt. Benjamin Foulois launched a Wright Brothers "Aeroplane" into the air from Fort Sam Houston, Tex. Since that day, countless military men and women have touched the sky. We hope our music celebrating the spirit of "Off We Go!" touches you, as well.

2010 Holiday Concerts: The Best Gift of All

The theme of The United States Air Force Band's holiday concert is "The Best Gift of All." It will feature three groups from the Band--the Concert Band, Singing Sergeants and Ceremonial Brass--as well as several guest performers including ballet dancers, Santa and Mrs. Claus and the Grinch! The program will highlight a variety of selections that are sure to get you in the holiday spirit! This year's performances will take place on Saturday, December 4 at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, December 5 at 3 p.m. As in the past, the home for our holiday concerts will be the Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.

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Airmen of Note Gets New Digs!



At the end of October, The USAF Band's Airmen of Note got an early holiday gift--a brand new, state-of-the-art rehearsal space! The long-awaited facility will provide the "Note" with decades of music making, maximizing the group's status as the world's finest big band. In the old rehearsal studio, the 18-member ensemble would have enough room for themselves, their music, some instrument cases, and maybe a few filing cabinets. The new space, which is located inside the old Community Center at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, could fit three times as many musicians.

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Local Concert Features Air Force Brass Quintet, Japanese Band

Clinician's Corner



38 Days

By Tech. Sgt. Jay Heltzer
Bass Trombone, Concert Band

This past summer, due to a medical procedure, I went 38 days without playing my instrument. In a matter of about one week of my return to playing, I was back to my regular performance

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The United States Air Force Band's Brass Quintet will perform during a holiday concert at Bishop Ireton High School in Alexandria, Va., on Sunday, December 12, 2010. This concert begins at 3 p.m. in the school's auditorium and features Bishop Ireton's music ensembles, as well as the Seika Girls High School Wind Ensemble from Fukuoka City, Japan.

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[Airmen of Note plays Veterans Day concert in Massachusetts](#)

The Airmen of Note, the Air Force's premiere jazz band, played a Veterans Day tribute concert Nov. 11 in West Springfield, Mass. The group was on a 15-day tour through Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania.

About 300 people attended the concert at the Chris Grammaticas Auditorium in the West Springfield High School.

Created in 1950 to carry on the tradition of Maj. Glenn Miller's Army Air Corps dance band, today the "Note" features 18 of the most talented jazz musicians in the country and is one of the last touring big bands in the world.

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strength. It is very difficult to return to musical success if you don't have musical success in place. Whether it's for medical reasons, family vacation, or a busy school schedule that unfortunately prevents you from making music, keep your playing and practicing up to the highest level. Your successful return will depend on your status when you stop.

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Upcoming Events

Holiday Concerts

Dec 4, 5 - Washington, D.C.

Chamber Players Series

Dec 17 - Alexandria, Virginia

Upcoming Auditions

Viola - Air Force Strings
Auditions Jan 10, 2011

Cornet/Trumpet - Concert Band
Auditions Jan 31 & Feb 1, 2011

Clarinet - Concert Band
Auditions Feb 7, 2011

Soprano - The Singing Sergeants
Auditions Feb 14, 2011

Trombone - Ceremonial Brass
Auditions Feb 22, 2011

[Click here](#) for more information on upcoming auditions.

Please see our [calendar](#) for specific information on these and other upcoming performances!

Recollections

The United States Air Force Band is continually working to expand our archives and capture details of the historic music made throughout the years. "Recollections" was designed to enlist your help in this process. If you have any behind-the-scenes stories from these events or memories to share from the feature photographs, please email Band Historian Tech. Sgt. Tracey MacDonald at USAFBandHistorian@afncr.af.mil. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!

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Recollections Revealed

To read newly-discovered background information pertaining to the photos we included in last month's Cadenza, please [click here](#).

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