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75th Anniversary Reunion Concerts

by Master Sgt. Eric Sullivan

1/27/2016 - **Washington, D.C.** -- The United States Air Force Band is turning 75, and we'd like to invite you to join us in celebrating this important milestone! We're proud to announce our 75th Anniversary Reunion, held right here in Washington, D.C. June 8-11, 2016.

The U.S. Air Force Band's official military life began on September 24, 1941 with the formation of the Bolling Army Air Forces Band, under the sponsorship of Lt. L.P. Holcomb, commanding officer of the Air Base Group at Bolling Field. From an original group of only four members, the Band has grown to 177 active-duty Airmen - all highly trained professionals.

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Failure is not an option – an interview with Technical Sgt. Ben Polk

by Technical Sgt. Kevin Cerovich

2/1/2016 - **Washington, D.C.** --Of all the members of the premier jazz band of the United States Air Force, Ben Polk has a story that stands out for diversity and tenacity. Three degrees, numerous career paths, and 22 auditions--Technical Sgt. Ben Polk has walked a long path on the way to becoming a member of the Airmen of Note. A native of Greenbush, Maine, Polk has played bass trombone for over 20 years.

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Meet the Concert Band's newest member!

by Technical Sgt. Kaitlin Taylor

2/1/2016 - **Washington, D.C.** -- The Concert Band's newest member, Technical Sgt. Carolyn Braus, arrived in mid-December and performed her inaugural concert with band in January at Messiah College in Mechanicsburg, Pa. In addition to her role in the saxophone section in the Concert Band, Braus will also play baritone saxophone in the Saxophone Quartet. This chamber ensemble performs in various chamber performances and protocol missions.

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