

Master Sergeant Michael Richter

Master Sergeant Michael Richter is a trumpet player in the United States Air Force Band of Flight, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

A native of Lake Ronkonkoma, New York, Sergeant Richter graduated from Sachem High School in 1994. He then relocated to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to study with renowned trumpeter George Vosburgh. While in Pittsburgh, he earned his Bachelor degree in Music Performance from Duquesne University and frequently performed with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Pittsburgh Pops, Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra, Pittsburgh Playhouse, and Three Rivers Brass Quintet. Sergeant Richter joined the United States Air Force in July 2001, reporting to the Band of the Air Force Reserve at Robins Air Force Base, Georgia. While at Robins, he performed with the Brass Quintet and as the principal trumpet of the Concert and Ceremonial Bands. He was named HQ Air Force Reserve Command's Airman of the Year in 2004. In 2009, Sergeant Richter transferred to the US Air Forces in Europe Band at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, where he performed with the Wings of Dixie, Concert Band and the Ceremonial/Marching Band. Sergeant Richter joined the Band of Flight in 2011.



Sergeant Richter has studied music with George Vosburgh, Neal Berntsen, Murray Crewe, Anthony DiLorenzo, Bud Herseth, Doug Mendocha, Fred Mills, James Thompson, The American Brass Quintet, The Meridian Arts Ensemble, and the Tokyo String Quartet. During his military and civilian careers, Sergeant Richter has performed with a wide variety of artists such as Celine Dion, Amy Grant, Vince Gill, Marvin Hamlisch, Vladimir Feltsman, Wynonna and Naomi Judd, Aaron Neville, Sandi Patty, Bernadette Peters, John Popper, Lone Star, The Miracles, and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

Sergeant Richter's military awards include the Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Good Conduct Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Technical Sergeant Cheryl Przytula

Technical Sergeant Cheryl Przytula arrived at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH in January, 2015 and is the newest trumpet player in the USAF Band of Flight. She is a member of Wright Brass and performs occasionally with the larger Band of Flight.

A native of Imperial, CA, she graduated from Central Union High School in 1983 and entered California State University Long Beach as a Music Performance major. In 1993, she won the Principal Trumpet position in the UNAM Philharmonic Orchestra in Mexico City and performed in and around the vicinity until her return to the US in 1996.

TSgt Przytula joined the US Air Force in April, 1998 and started her career as a bandsman at Travis Air Force Base, CA. Since then, she has had three other band assignments prior to joining the USAF Band of Flight. Throughout her career, she has performed with a variety of ensembles and has been a featured trumpet/cornet soloist with each band.

In December 2012, TSgt Przytula became a member of the Patriot Honor Guard at Hanscom AFB. She served as the unit's Noncommissioned Officer in Charge for one year and participated in over 100 military funerals, occasionally playing Taps live.

In her spare time, she enjoys weightlifting, rowing, motorcycles, learning about ancient culture/history and spending time with her family and cats.

EDUCATION:

1991 Bachelor of Music Degree, Trumpet Performance; California State University Long Beach
2002 Airman Leadership School; Kapaun AB, Germany
2011 Associate's Degree, Music; Community College of the Air Force (CCAF)
2012 Noncommissioned Officer Academy; McGee-Tyson Air National Guard base, TN

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. June 1998-October 2001: USAF Band of the Golden West, Travis AFB, CA
2. October 2001-October 2003: USAFE Band, Sembach AB, Germany
3. November 2003-August 2008: USAF Heritage of America Band, Langley AFB, VA
4. August 2008 to December 2012: USAF Band of Liberty, Hanscom AFB, MA
5. December 2012 - June 2014: Patriot Honor Guard, Hanscom AFB, MA
6. July 2014 - January 2015: Airman & Family Readiness Center, Hanscom AFB, MA
7. January 2015 to present: USAF Band of Flight, Wright Patterson AFB, OH

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Airman First Class June 2, 1998
Senior Airman August 2, 2000
Staff Sergeant November 1, 2002
Technical Sergeant August 1, 2011



Airman 1st Class Jon Anderson

EDUCATION

DMA, French Horn, University of Miami, Frost School of Music

Master of Music, French Horn, Boston University

Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering, Music

Performance, French Horn minor, University of California at Davis

ASSIGNMENTS

1. 2017-Present, French Horn, USAF Band of Flight, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

1. National Defense Service Medal

2. Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

3. Basic Military Training Honor Graduate

4. AF Training Ribbon

Airman 1st Class Bryan Gannon

Airman First Class Bryan Gannon is the trombonist for the USAF Band of Flight, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Originally from Colorado Springs, CO, A1C Gannon began his Air Force career at Wright-Patterson in 2017.

Prior to joining the US Air Force, A1C Gannon was a professional freelance trombonist in the Denver, CO music scene. He held principal positions with several orchestras, as well as performing and recording frequently with salsa bands, jazz bands, rock bands, pit orchestras, and various combos. While travelling with different ensembles and working as a trombonist on Crystal Cruises, he has performed in North America, South America, Europe, and Antarctica.

Notable instructors and professional influences include Chris Buckholz, Steve Wiest, Scott Bean, Warren Deck, Joe Martin, Tom Ball, Sondra Bell, and Gary Mayne.

EDUCATION:

2016 Bachelor of Music degree in Trombone, University of Denver, Denver, CO

ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 2017-Present, Trombone, USAF Band of Flight, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

1. National Defense Service Medal
2. Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
3. Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
4. AF Training Ribbon



Senior Airman Justis MacKenzie

Senior Airman Justis MacKenzie is the Tuba player in the United States Air Force Band of Flight, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

A native of Shreveport, Louisiana, SrA MacKenzie graduated from Ronald Reagan High School (San Antonio, TX) in 2008. He moved to Rochester, New York to study at the Eastman School of Music where he earned his Bachelor's degree in Music Performance with a Performer's Certificate 2012. While at Eastman, he performed regularly with the Eastman Wind Ensemble and the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra.

Following his studies at Eastman, SrA Mackenzie moved to Houston, Texas to pursue his Master's degree at Rice University. He made his Carnegie Hall debut in 2014, performing with Rice University's Shepherd School of Music Orchestra.

After completing his studies at Rice, he played with the stage musical phenomenon, Blast! on its 2014 Japan tour. SrA MacKenzie has also performed with such Broadway productions as The Lion King and Shrek the Musical, completing seven nationwide tours as well as international tours to Asia and Central America.

In 2015, SrA MacKenzie joined the USAF Band of Flight and plays tuba in the brass quintet, Wright Brass. He also appears as the bass trombonist and additional vocalist in the popular music group, Band of Flight, and also serves as a resident music arranger for both groups.

SrA MacKenzie's primary teachers are Don Harry and Dave Kirk. Other teachers include Chris Esparza and Gary Barnard.

Education:

2012 Bachelor of Music degree (with Performer's Certificate), Eastman School of Music

2017 Master of Music degree, Rice University

Assignments:

2015-present: Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Military Awards and Decorations:

National Defense Service Medal

Global War on Terrorism Medal

Basic Military Training Honor Graduate

Outstanding Unit Award

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Recognition Ribbon



Master Sergeant Steven Przyzycki

EDUCATION

2002 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, John Levitow
Award Winner, Distinguished Graduate, Peterson Air Force
Base, Colorado
1989 B.M. Chicago Musical College of Roosevelt University,
Chicago, IL
1992 M.M. Chicago Musical College of Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL
CCAF Associates Degree, 2012

ASSIGNMENTS

April 1997 - May 1997, student, Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
June 1997 - September 2012, percussionist, USAF Academy Band, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado
September 2012 - October 2016, percussionist, US Air Forces in Europe Band, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
October 2016-Present, percussionist, USAF Band of Flight, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Meritorious Unit Award
AF Organizational Excellence Award with one oak leaf cluster
AF Good Conduct Medal with one silver leaf cluster
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border
AF Longevity Service
USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon
AF Training Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Master Sergeant, August 2002