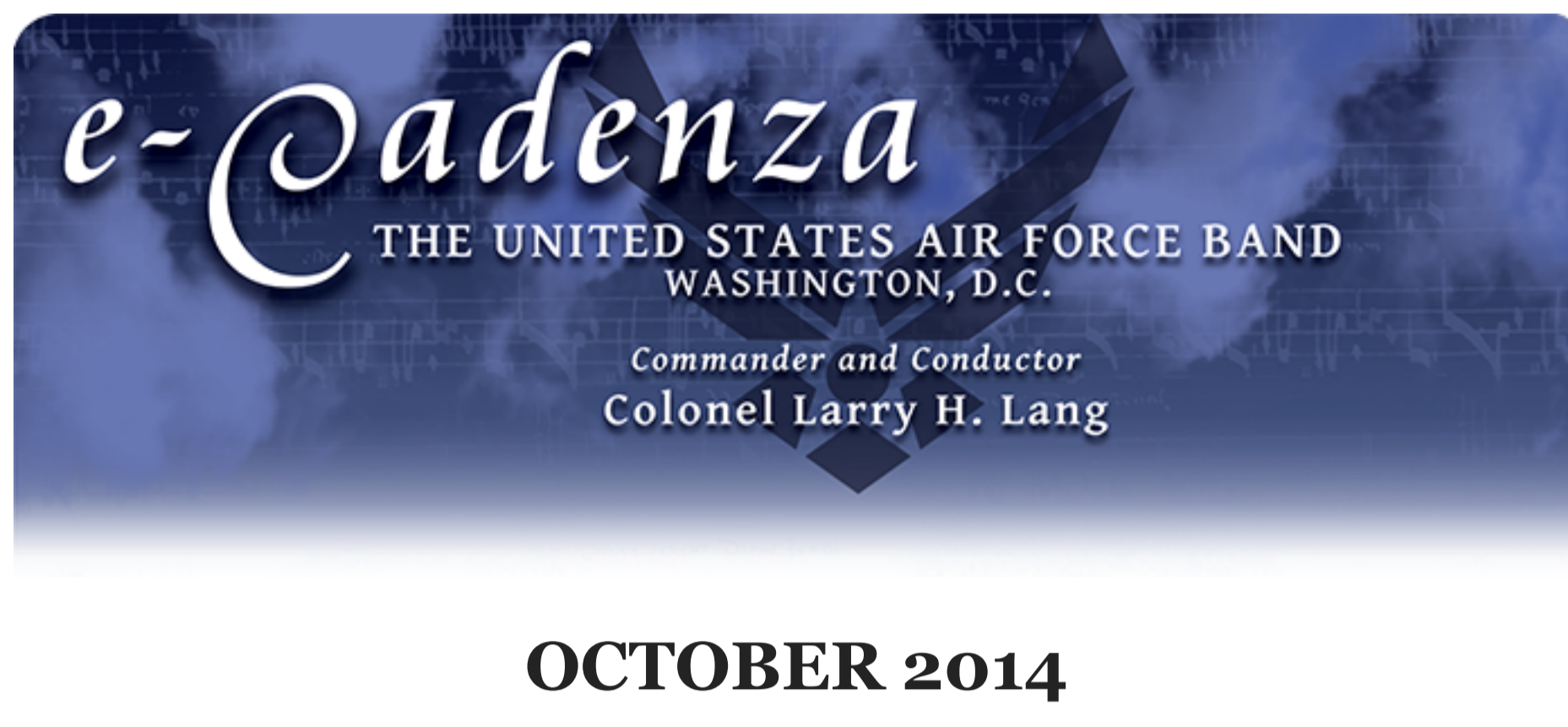



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by Master Sgt. Jake McCray

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by Master Sgts. Brandon Chaney and Jake McCray

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### The making of a Tour

by Master Sgt. Jake McCray

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