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So much to DO

by Master Sgt. Eric Sullivan

12/22/2014 - **Somewhere Overseas** -- Most of the time, Master Sgt. Jake McCray serves an alto saxophonist in the Concert Band. However, last year, he packed up his bags and deployed to the Middle East as a member of the Air Force Central Command Band (AFCENT Band). Currently, he has put aside his horn for a while and traveled back to Southeast Asia to be the director of Operations (DO) for the AFCENT Band. I recently had the chance to speak with McCray about his current deployment, the differences between playing and doing ops, and the importance of the DO in a deployed environment. [Read more »](#)



Members perform at Annual Kennedy Center Honors events

by Master Sgt. William Hurd

12/22/2014 - **Washington, D.C.** -December 6 and 7, 2014 were red-letter--and red carpet--days for members of the Air Force Strings and Ceremonial Brass. Both ensembles were thrilled to support the annual Kennedy Center Honors, hosted at the Department of State and the Kennedy Center, both in Washington, D.C. [Read more »](#)



Members to perform at Super Bowl events

by Master Sgt. Eric Sullivan and Technical Sgt. Matthew Geist

12/22/2014 - **Washington, D.C.** -- NFL football is nearly done for the year, and that means just one thing to its legions of rabid fans: Super Bowl. The United States Air Force Band is gearing up for the big game with a series of performances beginning in late January, starting with the annual Pro Bowl and culminating at the Super Bowl XLIX on Feb. 1. [Read more »](#)



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by Master Sgt. Julianna Arnold

12/22/2014 - **Washington, D.C.** -- And you think your holidays are tough! For many, December is the busiest month of the year with all the hustle and bustle of the season and hosting family and friends. Well, it's the same story for The U.S. Air Force Band, with every ensemble working at maximum tempo. Naturally, our members are used to this schedule, but this year Dec. 12 was by far the busiest day of the entire year for The U.S. Air Force Band. Here is a glimpse into our "busiest day of the year."

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