



Press Release

Air National Guard Band of the Southwest

The 531st Air Force Band of the Texas Air National Guard is under the command of Major Eric D. Patterson. The band is based at Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base and is attached to the 136th Airlift Wing, a C-130 unit based in Fort Worth, Texas. Designated by the state's governor as the "Official Band of Texas", the 36-member unit has performed for audiences around the world. In recent years it has given overseas concerts in Barbados, Bolivia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Nicaragua, Trinidad, Vanuatu and stateside concerts in Arkansas, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

The unit is composed of traditional reservists with a one weekend a month and annual two-week tour commitment. The 531st often performs multiple concerts each month for military ceremonies, music festivals, state fairs, military balls, and community events. National Guard and active duty Air Force bands across the country confidently utilize our individual members for manning assistance because of the reputation for high quality musicianship and professionalism exhibited by our collective and individual performance level. The Air National Guard Band of the Southwest has the capability to provide all types of music to any audience with a concert band, jazz band, popular music ensemble, and brass quintet.

For further information on how to join or to request a performance by the Air National Guard Band of the Southwest, you may write to the address below, call (817) 637-1767 or email the Director of Operations at: michael.simoneaux@ang.af.mil



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