



Biography

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ABOUT THE MUSICIANS...

Senior Airman Julia C. Taylor, flute: Airman Taylor is from Telford, Pennsylvania and graduated from Oberlin College Conservatory of Music with a Bachelor of Music degree in flute performance. While at Oberlin, Airman Taylor performed with the wind symphony, chamber orchestra, Oberlin Orchestra, and the American Wind symphony. Airman Taylor joined the Band of Flight in October 2000.

Staff Sergeant Michelle L. Kuntz, oboe: Sergeant Kuntz grew up in Wheeling, WV and received both a Bachelor of Music degree in music education and a Master of Music degree in oboe performance from West Virginia University. Her teachers included Cynthia Anderson, William Wielgus, Irmi Keiderling and Peter Velikonja. Sergeant Kuntz has performed professionally with the Opera Theatre of Pittsburgh, the West Virginia Symphonette, and the Morgantown Municipal Band. Michelle joined the Band of Flight in 1996.

Staff Sergeant Mary Nan Young, clarinet: Sergeant Young was raised in Dallas, TX and received her Bachelor of Music from The Juilliard School, and her Master of Music degree from Southern Methodist University. Her primary teachers were Leon Russianoff, Charles Neidich, of Orpheus, and Stephen Girko, of the Dallas Symphony. Sergeant Young has performed with The New York Youth Symphony in Carnegie Hall, The American Opera Company, and The East Texas Symphony. An experienced teacher and recitalist, she has performed throughout the United States and Europe.

Staff Sergeant Robert D. Jordan, bassoon: Sergeant Jordan is from Memphis, TN. He earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Louisiana State University, a Master of Music degree from the University of Michigan, a Performance Certificate from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Institute of Chamber Music, and is a doctoral candidate at The Ohio State University. He has performed with the Atlanta Symphony, Columbus Symphony, Opera Columbus, Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, and the Savannah Symphony. He is a five-time semi-finalist in the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, and has performed chamber music throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. Sergeant Jordan is currently the bassoon professor at the University of Dayton, and is on the Board of Chamber Music in Yellow Springs. He also serves as the noncommissioned officer in charge and the operations coordinator for the Huffman Prairie Winds.

Staff Sergeant Kristen D. TenWolde, horn: Sergeant TenWolde is a native of Riga, Michigan and received her Bachelor of Music degree in music performance from Eastern Michigan University, and her Master of Music degree, also in music performance, from the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. She earned another Bachelor of Music degree in music performance at the Victorian College of the Arts, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. Sergeant TenWolde's professional credits include an Australian tour with the Bolshoi Ballet and First Prize at the Great Lakes Horn Solo Competition. She is an active free-lance musician performing with orchestras in southwestern Ohio, and is currently serving as the Ohio Regional Representative of the International Horn Society.