

# **538 AIR FORCE BAND**

## **MISSION**

The primary mission of the 538 Air Force Band is to provide appropriate military music when necessary and to provide entertainment for the morale of military personnel.

## **LINEAGE**

538 Air Force Band

## **STATIONS**

McCoy AFB, FL

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COMMANDERS**

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

The 538 Air Force Band, a 20 piece SAC field band, was transferred from Hunter Air Force Base, Georgia to McCoy Air Force Base, Florida in August 1961. The 538 Air Force Band is set up to serve all of the musical needs of the various AF bases throughout southern Georgia and Florida. The organization is in constant demand by these bases to participate in a wide variety of events

including parades, retreats, reviews, and formal as well as informal engagements of all sorts. The 538 Air Force Band appears an average of 30 appearances monthly, both at AF bases throughout the Southeast and at various civic functions in the area. At these civic functions, the band, representing both the Air Force and McCoy Air Force Base, appears before audiences numbering in the thousands. The band is organized so as to provide several possible types of musical groups in order to best meet the requirements of any type of situation. With 20 musicians available, the band can form the following groups: a military marching band, a concert band, the "MelloAires" 14 piece dance orchestra, the "Continental" 9 piece combo, the "March 4," a four piece dance combo, plus various soloists. This organizational flexibility reflects the band's desire and ability to serve, no matter what the occasion may call for musically.



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