

552nd AIR FORCE BAND

MISSION

The 552nd Air Force Band will support all ANG Bases located within the assigned geographical area without regard to command affiliation. They participate in, and provide music for: Military Formation and Ceremonies; provide musical support for recreation and entertainment programs at ANG installations; provide musical support for the ANG procurement programs; provide musical support for the ANG community relations programs. Additionally, they furnish support to the medical services requirements of military units when an emergency arises.

LINEAGE

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STATIONS

Roslyn ANGS, NY
Newburgh, NY

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The 552nd Air Force Band was activated on August 16, 1942 at Pueblo Army Air Base, Colorado, as the 52nd Army Air Forces Band. The unit was later re-designated as the 552nd Army Air Forces Band in March 1944. A year later, the unit was transferred to an overseas assignment Casablanca, French Morocco, North Africa, assigned to the Air Transport Command. The unit remained in Africa until April 10th, 1946, when it was inactivated and it's personnel were transferred or absorbed into other units. The 552nd Army Air Forces Band was allotted to the New York State Air National Guard in May 1946 with an authorized strength of 29. In September 1947 the band was redesignated 552nd Air Force Band with an assignment station at the State Armory in White Plains, New York.

The band was ordered to active duty during the Korean Conflict on March 24th 1951 and assigned to the 15th Air Force of the Strategic Air Command at March Air Force Base, California. On December 1, 1952, after 21 months of active duty, the band was relieved from active military service and returned to the State of New York in an inactive status. In 1954, the band was again reformed and reassigned to Westchester County Airport as a New York Air National Guard contingent. The band operated from the State Armory in White Plains and the Dean Street Armory in Brooklyn until 1959 where it relocated to Roslyn Air National Guard Station in Roslyn, Long Island. While stationed at Roslyn Air National Guard Station, the 552nd performed such historic events such as the 1961 departure ceremonies at Hancock Field in Syracuse, New York; for the federal activation of NYANG forces being sent to Berlin, Germany; the opening ceremony of the lower level of the George Washington Bridge in August 1962; the New York State Winter Olympics at Lake Placid; and the New York City Marathon.

In May 1986, the 552nd Air Force Band was relocated to Stewart International Airport, Newburgh, New York.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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