

# **591<sup>st</sup> AIR FORCE BAND**

## **LINEAGE**

## **STATIONS**

Wheelus Field, Libya

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COMMANDERS**

CWO David L. Hale

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Versatility is the keynote of the 591st Air Force Band, Wheelus' own and first band. Although it is not quite a year old since it began operation, the 19-member band under the command of CWO David L. Hale has been a popular morale factor at Wheelus Field.

Consisting of five saxophones, four trumpets, three trombones, and a rhythm section of piano, bass and drums, the instrumentalists must do more than just qualify on their instruments for dance work alone. Saxophonists are required to double on clarinet; bass players on tuba and string bass (bass violin), and in many instances trombonists take over the baritone horn, and pianists can double on the French horn. Constant practice is the rule for every band member. The noise of their rehearsals

has become a familiar sound on the base. The struggle for perfection is never completed, because no one is flawless. Monthly parade music was begun in September and has continued ever since, rain or shine. In addition, the band plays for retreat ceremonies, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, as well as for all special occasions.

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