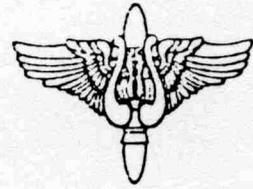


RETIRE AIR FORCE BANDEADERS  
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**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

As of March 1st, The USAF Band will be Commanded by Lt. Col. Alan L. Bonner. Lt. Col. Bonner is currently serving as Commander/Conductor, The SAC Band, Offutt AFB NE. Lt. Col. Bonner was selected to replace Lt. Col. James M. Bankhead upon his retirement

**BIOGRAPHY**

Jim McMillen  
1275 Oak Knoll Dr.  
Vista, CA 92084

"I enlisted on April 22, 1946 and received my first assignment as a clarinetist in the 15th AF Hq Band at Colorado Springs. I received my Warrant Officer appointment on August 28, 1954. I retired as a CWO-4 from Hamilton AFB CA in August 1967.

My band director assignments were: Keesler AFB, Keflavic AFB Iceland, Nellis AFB NV, Williams AFB AZ, Hunter AFB GA, McCoy AFB FL, Clark AFB Philippines, and Hamilton AFB CA.

I suppose my most unusual performance was at the funeral of CWO William F. Raymond at Mather AFB, GA. He was our Bandleader at the time of his death.

My best assignment was to the PACAF Band on tour of Australia and New Zealand in 1963. At the time Dick Thurston, then a Captain was the Band Director and also Navigated our aircraft.

After I retired I became a public school music teacher in CA., teaching instrumental and vocal music. I retired as a teacher in 1987 and began to enjoy the 'good life'. I now spend my time enjoying my son and two daughters, all teachers here in Vista, CA and my 5 grandchildren."

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Bob and Lynne Kuzminski  
5241 NE 3rd Ave.  
Ocala, FL 32670

We want to continue our series of Biographies on our members. These will be published in future CODA bulletins. Many of our younger members and especially those still on active duty would like to know something about some of the "Legends" in the AF Band program!

**Please include:**

- Date of enlistment/appointment as a bandsman/bandleader.
- Date of retirement.
- Some personal background before USAF career.
- The bands you were associated with and their location.
- Anything exciting, humorous or whatever that happened during any of your assignments. (Any memory that remains prominent in your mind to this day!)
- What you did/are doing now/ since retirement.

Note: Please try to write this as a personal conversation with another colleague and not a resume for a job! Ha! Thanks a lot for your help. We want to make the CODA an interesting and welcome addition to your mail!

.....Lou K

**ACTIVE DUTY NOTES**

(Unofficial)

**Bands to be DEACTIVATED**  
( Oct 1991)

- Keesler (502nd) McGuire (590th)
- Barksdale (745th) McChord (724th)
- PACAF (600th) Chanute (505th)
- Maxwell (604th)

**INCREASED**  
to 60 Pieces

Langley, Hanscomb, Robins, Scott,  
Wright-Patterson, Elmendorf

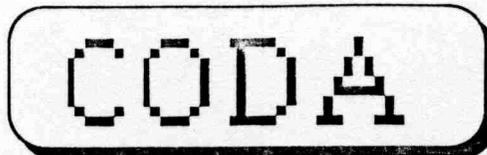
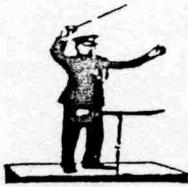
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Academy - 15  
USAF - 19

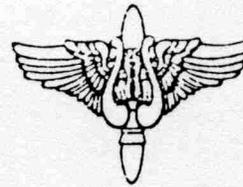
.....The enclosed COMPLETE roster includes ALL retired people we know of, whether they ever belonged to the society or not. It is furnished (one time)for your files. Future rosters will include only active members of the society.

**HELP !!....**We desperately need material for the CODA. Please write us and give us some information we can print.

.....Lou K



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**PERSONALS**

**Ralph and Claire Amato**

"Claire and I visited "H" Englert and Eleanor this past summer in Maui, Hawaii. They both look as young as ever and are full of ---- and vinegar as usual. We also visited our son Chuck, in Honolulu. Two glorious weeks of the best golf in the world."

**Mike and Anita Morrissey**

"Just a short note to let my friends and acquaintances know what's happening at the Morrissey household. First off, most all of my Air Force friends know me as "Mike" rather than Charles (which is my real name).

I am presently working for First Union Nat'l Bank of Florida as a Customer Service Representative. I've been with the bank for 11 years. It's better than mowing lawns, however not quite as lucrative. We live one mile from the bank, so I walk it most of the time.

For entertainment I play golf at Patrick AF Base each Saturday and Sunday. I really get my money's worth hitting the golf ball. If they charged by the stoke, I couldn't afford to play!

The only kid we have at home is a 7 1/2 lb Toy Dachshund who is spoiled worse than any kid.

Anita is the manager of a shop which specializes in packing and shipping articles via UPS. They also have a small retail operation for souvenirs, etc. We enjoy living in Florida. The good part is that there is no snow. The bad part is that everyone up north knows that there is no snow down here. Hence, the population doubles in the winter.

I get my Trombone out every once in a while just to scare the dog (and myself). Give my regards to all the members of our society."

**Bob and Lynne Kuzminski**

They have recently moved from Las Vegas to Ocala FL, purchased a nice home and are enjoying the Florida weather. Both are in good health and send their very best to all the society members. (See Change of Address, p 1)

**Pierce and Wanda Walters**

I saw these two in the Exchange. Pierce was getting a new fishing pole and gear. He hopes to "get the big one that got away." All thebest to society members.

**Dick and Arlene Daugherty**

"Arlene and I are fine. She's retired but I'm still hanging in with Boosey and Hawkes. Buffet is still the number 1 clarinet and we're working on promoting Besson Brass. I'm playing flugel horn in a brass band but haven't figured out how to hold the damn thing. Hope to see everyone at the reunion.!"

**Alf Heiberg**

"I am now 86 years old! I was the one who designed the Wings and Lyre emblem for the USAF Band in 1943.

**Cope and Lady Copenhaver**

Lady and I keep busy. We hope everyone is doing OK. We're looking forward to our next reunion.

**Fred and Doris Kepner**

"It's great to remember old friends from the past. I often do, and I bet everyone else does too. Hope all are well and happy! Best to everyone."

**NOTICE**

Dues are due by April 1st.  
The next roster will be published May 1st and will include only those who have paid their dues!

.....Lou



" YOU KNOW, THERE'S JUST ONE THING I DON'T DIG ABOUT THESE AIR SHOWS ! "