



Biography

Master Sergeant Jerry L. Kelley
Noncommissioned Officer in Charge,
Hot Brass

Master Sergeant Jerry L. Kelley, a native of Knoxville Tennessee, plays guitar with the United States Air Force Band of Mid-America. He is the guitarist and Noncommissioned Officer in Charge of the band's production shop.

A graduate of the University of Tennessee, Sergeant Kelley holds a Bachelor of Music degree in studio music and jazz. Sergeant Kelley's teachers have included Jerry Coker and Mark Bolling.

During his career, Sergeant Kelley has performed with Tom Coster, Chuck Mangione, Little Anthony and the Imperials, Frank Gamboli, and the Anchorage Symphony.

In 1992, Sergeant Kelley auditioned for the U.S. Air Force Band Program and was assigned to the Heritage of America Band, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. After an assignment in 1999 with the Band of the Pacific, Elmendorf AFB Alaska, Sergeant Kelley arrived at Scott AFB in 2007. His military awards include the Air Force Achievement Medal, and the Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters. Sergeant Kelley was selected Heritage of America Band Airman of the Year 1997, Band of the Pacific NCO of the Year 2003, Pacific Air Forces' NCO of the Year 2003 and Band of Mid-America NCO of the Year 2008.