



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Band of Mid-America

Biography

Technical Sergeant Steve Frioux
Noncommissioned Officer in Charge,
Shades of Blue Jazz Ensemble

Technical Sergeant Steve Frioux, a native of New Iberia, Louisiana, is a trombonist and the Noncommissioned Officer in Charge of the United States Air Force Band of Mid-America's *Shades of Blue Jazz Ensemble*. He is also the unit's Assistant Director of Operations.

Sergeant Frioux graduated from New Iberia High School in 1983, and in 1990, earned a Bachelor of Music degree in Trombone Performance from the University of Southwestern Louisiana at Lafayette. He studied Trombone with Dr. Robert F. Schmalz. Sergeant Frioux was also active in the Acadiana Symphony Orchestra and the Skyliners dance band.

Sergeant Frioux's professional credits include performances with Bobby Shew, Steve Smith, Jamey Aebersold, Tom Kennedy, Jerry Coker, Mike Vax, Ed Shaunessey, Butch Miles, Allen Vizzutti, John Rinaldi, Anacani, Walt Levinsky, and the Radio City Music Hall Rockets. He retains membership in Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, the International Trombone Association, and the New York Brass Conference.

In 1990, Sergeant Frioux auditioned for the U.S. Air Force Bands and Music Program and was assigned to the Military Airlift Command Band at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. His military decorations include the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Air Force Achievement Medal with three oakleaf clusters.