



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Band of Mid-America

Biography

Master Sergeant Gail Adams
Noncommissioned Officer in Charge
Concert Band

Master Sergeant Gail R. Adams, a native of California, plays saxophone with the United States Air Force Band of Mid-America. She is a member of the Concert Band and Shades of Blue jazz ensemble.

Sergeant Adams earned her Bachelor of Music degree in Saxophone Performance from San Diego State University in 1990 and her Master of Arts in Music degree from Washington State University in 1994. Her former teachers include James Roetter and Gregory Yasinitsky.

In 1994, Sergeant Adams auditioned for the U.S. Air Force Bands and Music Program, and was assigned to the USAF Band of the Golden West, Travis AFB, California. During her Air Force career she has played saxophone in Concert Band, Jazz Band, Marching Band, and Saxophone Quartet. In 1998, she was assigned to the United States Air Forces in Europe Band, Sembach AB, Germany. While stationed in Germany, she played banjo with the popular Wings of Dixie, Dixieland Band, and banjo and guitar with The Barnstormers, a folk and bluegrass ensemble. In 2005, she was assigned to the USAF Heritage of America Band, Langley AFB, Virginia, where she played guitar with Heritage Aire Celtic ensemble. She deployed as a member of US AFCENT Band, Desert Ramblers, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in 2007.

Master Sergeant Adams' military decorations include the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award four oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Good Conduct Medal five oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Air Force Expeditionary Service Medal with Gold Border.

In her spare time, Sergeant Adams enjoys mountain biking, kayaking, and hiking with her dog, Sunny.