



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Band of Mid-America

Biography

Master Sergeant Nicole Shininger
Noncommissioned Officer in Charge
Concert Band

Master Sergeant Nicole Shininger plays clarinet in the United States Air Force Band of Mid-America at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. Sergeant Shininger currently serves as the Noncommissioned Officer in Charge of Concert Band.

Originally from East Meadow, New York, Sergeant Shininger graduated from East Meadow High School in 1988. She went on to study at the Crane School of Music at State University of New York at Potsdam as a Music Education major. After receiving the Bachelor of Music Education degree in 1993, she attended Michigan State University as a Woodwind Specialist major and she received the Master of Music clarinet performance degree in 1996.

Prior to joining the United States Air Force, Sergeant Shininger performed with many professional organizations including the Jackson Symphony, the Muskegon Symphony, and the Omaha Playhouse. She has also been an instructor at the Flint School of Music and Miller Music Studio. Her teachers have included Frank Wangler, Elsa Ludewig Verdehr and Louis Rossi.

Sergeant Shininger enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1996 and completed tours with the United States Heartland of America Band, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, and the United States Air Force Band of Flight before beginning her current assignment with the United States Air Force Band of Mid-America in 2013.

While stationed at Offutt AFB, Sergeant Shininger's military awards include Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) of the 2nd Quarter and NCO of the year in 2003, and Senior Noncommissioned Officer (SNCO) of the 1st Quarter in 2010. At Wright Patterson AFB, she was named SNCO of the 3rd Quarter for 2011 and SNCO of the year in 2011 and 2012. She was also named the Air Force Sergeant's Association Chapter 751 Bandsman of the Year in 2011. Her decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

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