



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Band of Mid-America

Biography

Captain Jason S. Plosch
Commander,
USAF Band of Mid-America

Captain Jason S. Plosch is the Commander of the United States Air Force Band of Mid-America, Scott AFB, Illinois.

Captain Plosch was born and raised in Clinton, Iowa. He attended the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa where he graduated with honors and received his Bachelor of Music degree in 1995. In 1998, he acquired a Master of Music degree from Penn State University, State College, Pennsylvania.

Captain Plosch enlisted in the United States Air Force in July 2001 and began his first assignment as a trumpeter with the USAF Band of Flight, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio in September 2001. As an enlisted member of the USAF Band of Flight, he performed in seven different ensembles and was versatile in all styles of music. He was a member of the first USAF brass ensemble, Hot Brass, to deploy to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. In 2008, Captain Plosch was commissioned through the Officer Training School at Maxwell AFB, Alabama where he was a Distinguished Graduate. After attending OTS, Captain Plosch served as deputy commander, and later as commander, of the United States Air Force Academy Band in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He was selected to command The USAF Band of the Golden West in July 2012.

Captain Plosch's professional credits include work at Disneyland, Anaheim, California and Tokyo Disneyland, Tokyo, Japan. He also performed with Princess Cruise Lines as well as serving as a high school instrumental director in Centerville, Iowa for three years. His ensembles consistently garnered the highest ratings during his tenure in Centerville. Captain Plosch has also been involved with many salsa bands and orchestras in Iowa, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Colorado. He has performed with such artists as Aretha Franklin, Jane Monheit, The Manhattan Transfer, Bernadette Peters, Lou Rawls, Byron Stripling and many others.

Captain Plosch's military awards and decorations include the Air Force Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. He was selected as the Headquarters United States Air Force Academy Company Grade Officer of the Year in 2009. He was also chosen the USAF Band of Flight Airman of the Year in 2002 and NCO of the Year in 2007. He was named the Air Force Sergeant's Association Kittyhawk Chapter 751 Bandsman of the Year for 2002.

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