



United States Military Academy Band  
West Point, New York 10996



## **SGM Rick Gerard** *Band Sergeant Major*

Sergeant Major Rick Gerard was appointed to the position of Band Sergeant Major in September of 2002. Originally from Los Gatos, California, he performed on tuba with the United States Military Academy Band from 1973-1976. He later received a Bachelor of Arts degree in music education from San Jose State University in San Jose, California, and performed as principal tuba with the San Jose Symphony.

Sergeant Major Gerard returned to active duty and the Military Academy Band in July of 1981. From 1981 to 1987 he performed with the concert and marching bands, the Highlands Brass Quintet, the Heritage Brass Quintet, and the West Point Tuba/Euphonium Quartet. From 1988 to 1992, he served as Operations Noncommissioned Officer. In 1993, he became the band's Administrative Noncommissioned Officer and in 1995, assumed additional duties as support staff group leader. Since 1981, Sergeant Major Gerard has served as the band's primary announcer with the Concert Band and the Field Music Group.

Sergeant Major Gerard's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters.