



United States Military Academy Band
West Point, New York 10996



West Point Brass

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS DERIC MILLIGAN - TRUMPET, from Lakeland, Florida, joined the Academy Band in 1999 as a bugler in the field music group. He holds a Bachelor of Music in trumpet performance and music education from Northwestern University and a Master of Music in trumpet performance from the University of Michigan. His primary teachers have been Vincent Cichowicz and Charles Daval. Prior to his appointment to the Academy Band, SFC Milligan taught instrumental music in Florida and Michigan.

STAFF SERGEANT SUSAN DAVIDSON - HORN, from Kokomo, Indiana, joined the Academy Band in September of 1997. She serves as fourth hornist in the Concert Band and performs with the West Point Brass Quintet and the Highlands Brass Quintet. Previously, she played with the Frankfurt and Heidelberg Army Bands and with various community orchestras in Germany. SSG Davidson received bachelor's degrees in performance and education from Ball State University and a master's degree in performance from Ithaca College and currently teaches studio horn at Marist and Nyack Colleges.

STAFF SERGEANT JASON HAM - TUBA/EUPHONIUM, is originally from Columbia, South Carolina and began his musical studies on piano at age seven. After selecting the euphonium as his primary instrument in middle school, he made quick progress and garnered many state and local awards. He holds music education and performance degrees from the University of Georgia. Ham placed as a semi-finalist four times in the Leonard Falcone International Euphonium and Tuba Competition (1997-2000) and finished third overall in 1997. In 1998, he won the state division (GA) of the Music Teachers' National Association Collegiate Brass Solo Competition and was selected to perform as a member of the All-Star Tuba-Euphonium Ensemble at the 1998 International Tuba and Euphonium Conference (ITEC) held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Additionally, in 2000 as a member of the Georgia Tuba Quartet, he placed second in the ITEC Tuba Quartet Competition held in Saskatchewan, Canada. Since arriving at West Point, Jason has wasted no time and has already appeared with the concert band as a featured soloist.

STAFF SERGEANT JOHN MANNING - TRUMPET, was born in Poughkeepsie, New York, and grew up in Ebensburg, Pennsylvania. Before teaching in Altoona, Pennsylvania and touring the United States with a classic swing orchestra, SSG Manning earned both a Bachelor of Music in trumpet performance and a Bachelor of Science in music education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Prior to joining the Academy Band in 2000, SSG

Manning earned a Master of Music in trumpet performance from the University of North Texas and taught in Prince Georges County, Maryland. He has also performed in such diverse venues as cruise ship show bands, a festival orchestra in Mexico City and chamber music in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

STAFF SERGEANT MATTHEW WOZNIAK - TROMBONE, from Toledo, Ohio, has served as the bass trombonist of the Academy Band since November of 1997. He attended the Eastman School of Music, earning a Bachelor of Music in music theory, a Master of Music in performance and literature and a Master of Arts in music theory pedagogy. In 1999 and 2001, he was a featured performer at the Joe Alessi trombone seminars and twice finished runner-up in the Eastern Trombone Workshop's International Solo Competition. SSG Wozniak has performed with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, the Hudson Valley Philharmonic and the Eastman Wind Ensemble.