



United States Military Academy Band
West Point, New York 10996



Heritage Brass Quintet

The Heritage Brass Quintet from the United States Military Academy Band at West Point, New York, has been delighting audiences throughout the Tri-State area of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut with its unique brand of music since 1985. Performances by the group have been described as, "wonderful, eclectic and flawless performances full of energy and enthusiasm." A large and diverse repertoire representing all styles of music from the 16th century to the present, enable the group to offer a well-balanced program that is sure to satisfy any musical appetite.

The Heritage Brass Quintet performs regularly for various ceremonies and receptions at the United States Military Academy at West Point. The group continues to thrill the hearts of many, as they perform in the Academy Band's Chamber Music Recital Series and can be seen playing for schools, community events and performing arts series throughout the Tri-State Region. This group proudly represents the state of the arts at the United States Military Academy.

MASTER SERGEANT HARRY DITZEL - HORN, obtained his Bachelor of Music degree from the New School of Music in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He has performed as the principal horn player in the Pennsylvania Sinfonia Orchestra and the Lehigh Valley Chamber Orchestra. Since 1996, MSG Ditzel has served as principal horn in the USMA Band.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS STEPHEN LUCK - TRUMPET, joined the Military Academy Band in 1984. He is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he studied with the principal trumpet player of the Philadelphia Orchestra, Frank Kaderabek. Originally from Poughkeepsie, New York, SFC Luck has performed extensively in several organizations throughout the Hudson Valley including the Hudson Valley Philharmonic.

STAFF SERGEANT SCOTT BEAVER - TUBA, joined the U.S. Military Academy Band in May of 2005. Prior to joining the band, Scott was a member of the New Mexico Brass Quintet. He holds an undergraduate degree from Tennessee Tech University, where he studied with R. Winston Morris, and is currently finishing his Master's degree at the University of New Mexico where he studies with Karl Hinterbichler. He is a recent winner of

the University of New Mexico Concerto Competition, the Arapahoe Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition, as well as the top wind player in the Kingsville Concerto Competition.

STAFF SERGEANT PHILIP STEHLY - TROMBONE joined the Academy Band in the summer of 2005. A native of Kansas City, he received a Bachelor of Music in trombone performance from Indiana University. While at Indiana, he was the principal trombonist of the Wind Ensemble under the direction of Ray Cramer. SSG Stehly has also performed with the IU New Music Ensemble, IU Symphony Orchestras and the Bloomington Camerata. His principal teachers are Roger Oyster of the Kansas City Symphony, and Dee Stewart and Peter Ellefson of Indiana University.