

# UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BAND OF LIBERTY

## LINEAGE

Air Force Band, Phoenix, Arizona constituted, 24 Sep 1941  
Activated, 1 Oct 1941  
Redesignated 41<sup>st</sup> Army Air Forces Band, 10 Aug 1942  
Redesignated 541<sup>st</sup> Army Band, 27 Dec 1943  
Redesignated 541<sup>st</sup> Army Air Forces Band, 26 Feb 1944  
Redesignated 541<sup>st</sup> Air Force Band, 26 Sep 1947  
Inactivated, 8 Aug 1955  
Activated, 15 Feb 1959  
Redesignated Air Force Band of Liberty, 1 Oct 1991  
Redesignated United States Air Force Band of Liberty, 1 May 1997

## STATIONS

Luke Field, AZ, 1 Oct 1941  
Williams Field (later Williams AFB), AZ, 24 Jul 1946-8 Aug 1955  
Williams AFB, AZ, 15 Feb 1959  
Luke AFB, AZ, 26 Jul 1960  
Pease AFB, NH, 15 Jun 1978  
Hanscom AFB, MA, 1 Oct 1990

## ASSIGNMENTS

Unkn, 1 Oct 1941-Aug 1948 (assigned to organizations of the Flying Training Command [later, AAF Training Command; Air Training Command] after Jan 1942)  
3525<sup>th</sup> Air Base Group, 28 Aug 1948-8 Aug 1955  
4530<sup>th</sup> Air Base Group, 15 Feb 1959  
4510<sup>th</sup> Air Base (later 4510 Combat Support) Group, 26 Jul 1960  
58<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Group, 15 Oct 1969  
509<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing, Medium, 15 Jun 1978  
3245<sup>th</sup> Air Base (later 647 Support, 647 Air Base) Group, 1 Oct 1990  
Electronic Systems Center, 1 Oct 1994

## **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

World War II

American Theater

#### **Campaign Streamers**

None

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan 1964-31 Dec 1965

1 Jan 1971-31 Dec 1972

23 Jun-31 Dec 1976

15 Jun 1978-30 Jun 1979

1 Jul 1981-30 Jun 1982

1 Jul 1982-30 Jun 1984

1 Jul 1987-30 Jun 1989

Air Force Organizational Excellence Awards

1 Feb 1997-31 Jan 1999

1 Jan 2003-31 Dec 2004

11 Apr 2006-10 Apr 2008

### **EMBLEM**

None. Unit may design and request for approval an emblem in accordance with AFI 84-105, Chapter 3.

### **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

The United States Air Force Band of Liberty is a select group of professional Airmen-musicians who support the global Air Force mission by providing outstanding musical products and services for official military, recruiting, and community relations events, and by fostering America's rich national heritage. It has been performing for military and civilian audiences throughout the New England region for over 25 years.

Known originally as the 541st Air Force Band of the Southwest stationed at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, the unit relocated to Pease AFB, New Hampshire in 1978. Renamed the Air Force Band of New England, the band brought its musical message of pride, patriotism, and professionalism to concerts and events throughout New England. In 1991, the band received its current name and was assigned to Electronics Systems Center, Hanscom Air Force Base, in Massachusetts.

The United States Air Force Band of Liberty consists of 61 active duty personnel who are assigned to two primary ensembles--the Concert Band and the Afterburner popular music group. The band also has several subgroups, including the Ceremonial Band, Liberty Big Band, Colonial Brass, New England Winds, and the Bay State Winds. The band performs approximately four hundred engagements a year, and has appeared at such venues as Lincoln Center in New York City and the Hatch Shell in Boston.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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