

NORTH DAKOTA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

188TH ARMY BAND

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The Band was first organized in Valley City, Dakota Territory, on 13 August 1887 as the First Dakota Infantry Band. On 2 November 1889, when North Dakota was admitted to the Union, the Band was designated as the First North Dakota Infantry Band.

In 1891, the Band was moved to Lisbon, ND and remained there for the next 68 years. The Band went on active duty during World War I as the 1st North Dakota Infantry Band stationed in France. Following the war the band was reorganized in 1922 as the 164th Infantry Band at Lisbon, ND.

The 164th saw action during World War II in the South Pacific. After the war, the North Dakota National Guard Band was again reorganized at Lisbon as the 294th Army Band.

On 1 April 1959, Lisbon's association with the North Dakota Guard Band came to a close. On that day the 188th Band was organized and stationed in Fargo, ND where it remains today. This year the Band celebrates its 49th anniversary of being the 188th Army Band, Fargo, North Dakota. We are proud to say the State of North Dakota has had military music for 122 consecutive years.

The 188th Army Band is a highly recognized National Guard Band having trained and performed in Washington, DC; Mount Rushmore, SD; Valley Forge, PA; St. Louis, MO; Nashville, TN; San Francisco, CA; Fort Monroe, VA, Madison, WI; Montego Bay, Jamaica; Heidelberg, Germany; and in Brisbane, Australia to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of World War II.

UNIT MISSION

The mission of the 188th Army Band is to provide music throughout the full spectrum of military operations and instill in our Soldiers the will to fight and win, foster the support of our citizens, and promote our national interests at home and abroad.

The 188th Army Band is organized and commanded in the distinct group of Military Occupational Skills (MOS). There are four groups: woodwind, high brass, low brass and rhythm. Under the groups there are many sections. They consist of the following MOS's/Instruments: Trumpet, Euphonium, French Horn, Trombone, Tuba, Clarinet, Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Saxophone, Percussion, Keyboard/Piano, Guitar, and Electric Bass Guitar Players.

ENLISTED BANDBLEADER

1st Sgt. Michael Koshney has been the enlisted bandleader and acting commander of the 188th Army Band since August 2008. He also plays tuba in the unit's concert, marching, and Dixieland combo. 1st Sgt. Koshney has served in the ND Army National Guard for 31 years. Before becoming a tuba player in the 188th Army Band in 1992, he served in the 957th Float Bridge Company, 141st Combat Engineer Battalion, 164th Combat Engineer Battalion, and the 132nd Quartermaster Company Water Supply. He deployed to Saudi Arabia in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm from

1990 to 1991. He grew up in Cando. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Moorhead State University in 1980. He is the Housing Program Administrator with North Dakota Housing Finance Agency in Fargo. 1st Sgt. Koshney lives with his wife, Brenda, and two children, Cameron and Ellen.

ASSOCIATE CONDUCTORS

Sgt. 1st Class Donald Nagle is the noncommissioned officer in charge of musical operations for the 188th Army Band. He is also associate conductor, percussion/piano player for the country rock ensemble TTR, and the rhythm group leader for the unit. He has 30 years military service, having served in the 141st Combat Engineer Battalion in his hometown of Valley City and in the 188th Army Band. He holds a Bachelors Degree (Composite) in Voice and Percussion from Valley City State University, and a Masters of Music in Music Education degree from the University of North Dakota. Sgt. 1st Class Nagle is the band director at Schroeder Middle School in Grand Forks. He has taught for 23 years in North Dakota schools at the elementary, middle school, high school and college levels. He resides in Grand Forks with his two daughters, Erin and Alyssa, and his wife Sandy.

Staff Sgt. David Stordalen is associate conductor, trombone player, and squad leader for the 188th Army Band. Staff Sgt. David Stordalen has been involved in military music for over 22 years with trombone, euphonium and as associate conductor. On the reserve component side, he has served with the MN National Guard's 34th Infantry Division Band and the 188th Army Band. He was also active duty with both the 5th and 323rd U.S. Army Bands. Originally from Enderlin, ND, he attended North Dakota State University, Fargo, where he earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Instrumental Music Education and Vocal Music Education. In 2006, he earned a Masters in Music Degree from Minnesota State University-Mankato in Wind Band Conducting. A band director since 1997, he taught at the Grand Forks Air Force Base and is currently director of instrumental music at Armstrong School in St. James, MN. He was nationally recognized for education excellence when chosen as one of five teachers in the country to receive the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation Award in 2003. Staff Sgt. Stordalen resides on a farm near St. James with his wife Joan and children, Anthony, Joshua and Ellie Claire.