



U.S. Air Forces in Europe Band
Glenn Miller Band, JIMMY

Since 1943, the U.S. Air Forces in Europe (USAFE) Band has fostered the tradition of performing live music for official military functions and community outreach events, throughout the continents of Europe and Africa. The USAFE Band traces back its origins to Greenwood Army Airfield, Mississippi, where it was activated on February 1st,

1943, as the 386th Army Air Forces Band.

Starting as an organization of just five members, the band quickly grew to forty-five strong. The young unit's primary mission was to develop a spectacular stage show, to entertain U.S. troops and boost their morale. In addition to performing traditional military ceremonial and parade music, members formed a dance band which performed for evening events on Post, playing the popular swing music of the era, as composed by the Army Air Corps' own Major Glenn Miller, among others.

In 1944, amidst some of the fiercest battles of World War II, the band was selected for relocation to Europe; first, briefly, in a suburb of Paris, France, and then in Wiesbaden Germany, where they remained stationed until 1973. Since then, the band has moved among various locations in Germany, ultimately settling at their current home of Ramstein Air Base

Today, the United States Air Forces in Europe (USAFE) Band is comprised of 45 active-duty Air Force musicians, committed to fortifying international relationships, enhancing troop morale and fostering trust and friendship between the United States and the diverse populations across the European and African continents. Through numerous radio and television broadcasts, and over 300 annual live performances, the USAFE Band brings America's musical heritage and Air Force excellence to millions around the globe.