

The 204<sup>th</sup> Army Band is located in Vancouver, WA, and falls under the 88<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Command, Fort McCoy, Wisconsin. The band was formally activated on October 1, 2008, when the 104<sup>th</sup> Division (Leader Training) Band was redesignated as the 204<sup>th</sup> Army Band, and the 70<sup>th</sup> Army Band was inactivated and merged into the 204<sup>th</sup> to form one larger and more functionally ready unit.

Soldier/Musicians of the band are made up of college students and professionals whose civilian careers include public education, engineering, computer programming, information technology, management, government service, transportation, law enforcement, and just to name a few. Every member of the band has some sort of civilian career outside of the Army, and makes it a priority to train with the 204<sup>th</sup> Army Band during its monthly unit gatherings.

The 204<sup>th</sup> Army Band is comprised of a large concert ensemble of 48 musicians, and breaks down readily into smaller "Musical Performance Teams" to include a brass quintet, woodwind quintet, large popular music ensemble, small popular music ensemble, Dixieland band, and small ceremonial band. This team concept allows for the band to split off to fulfill multiple missions based on the needs of the Army and community.

Chief Warrant Officer Robert Nicholas assumed command of the 204<sup>th</sup> Army Band in October 2008. Mr. Nicholas' previous command positions were commander 104<sup>th</sup> Division (Leader Training) Band, and acting commander, 312<sup>th</sup> Army Band (Lawrence, KS). Prior to his appointment to Army Warrant Officer and Bandmaster, Mr. Nicholas served in numerous roles in various Active Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve units to include trombone player, supply sergeant, operations sergeant, and ceremonial band conductor/leader.

Mr. Nicholas is assisted by an outstanding command team to include Executive Officer Chief Warrant Officer David Vosler, First Sergeant Robert Jagelski, and Master Sergeant Marcia Thomas.

The 88<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Command (Fort McCoy, WI) is the 204<sup>th</sup> Army Band's major reporting command. The mission of the 88<sup>th</sup> RSC is to exercise command and control of assigned units, ensure operational readiness, provide area support service, and support emergency operations. The 88<sup>th</sup> RSC is commanded by Major General Glenn Lesniak, with Deputy Commander Brigadier General Frank Cipolla providing oversight to the six bands under the 88<sup>th</sup> to include the 204<sup>th</sup>.