

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BAND OF THE GOLDEN WEST

Travis Air Force Base, California

1 October 1941: Constituted Air Force Band, Scott Field, Illinois, and activated
 10 August 1942: Re-designated 23d Army Air Forces Band
 27 December 1943: 523d Army Band
 18 March 1944: 523d Army Air Forces Band
 13 December 1945: Inactivated
 26 September 1947: Re-designated 523d Air Force Band; activated on 1 December 1952
 16 October 1991: Re-designated Fifteenth Air Force Band of the Golden West
 1 June 1992: Moved assignment from Strategic Air Command to Air Mobility Command
 1 July 1994: Re-designated Air Mobility Command Band of the Golden West
 1 May 1997: Re-designated United States Air Force Band of the Golden West

Commander

Assumed Command

WOJG Lester H. Myers	12 Jan 42
CWO Philip J. Azzolina	22 Jul 43
WOJG Richard Remy	1 Dec 52
CWO Frank Reed	13 Mar 53
WOJG Richard Remy	2 May 57
CWO3 John M. Baldelli	30 June 59
1st Lt James L. Johnson	1 Sep 61
Capt Ernest W. Greer	15 Jun 64
CWO3 Lloyd Overton	28 Jan 66
Capt James C. Whittenton	1 Jan 67
Capt Ronald W. Carl	1 Jul 69
2d Lt Daniel L. Schmidt	1 Aug 74
Capt William D. Dries	24 Jun 77
Major Benny L. Knudsen	78
Capt Gary Sapp	80
Capt Terry Layman	84
Capt Frank Grzych	Jun 86
Capt Dennis Layendecker	Sep 88
1st Lt Dean L. Zarmbinski	9 Aug 93
Capt Philip C. Chevillard	1 Jul 94
Capt Dean L. Zarmbinski	3 Oct 95
Maj Douglas C. Monroe	25 Oct 98
Maj R. Michael Mench	14 Jun 04
Maj Keith H. Bland	10 Jul 08
Capt Haley S. Armstrong	1 Jun 11
Capt Jason S. Plosch	13 Jul 12

Honors

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater

World War II European-African-Middle Eastern Theater

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards:

1 July 1972-30 June 1974

1 July 1976-30 June 1978

1 July 1989-30 June 1991

1 May 1992-30 April 1994

Air Force Organizational Excellence Awards:

1 June 1996-31 May 1998

1 June 1998-31 May 2000

1 June 2000-31 May 2002

Assignments

Second District, Air Corps (later, Army Air Forces Central) Technical Training Command, 1 Oct 1941

19 Technical School Group, 31 Dec 1943

Army Service Forces, 3-11 Jan 1945

Air Technical Service Command, United States Strategic Air Forces, 12 Jan 1945

Base Air Depot Area, Air Technical Service Command, Europe (later, Air Service Command, United States Air Forces in Europe), 23 Jan 1945

Army Service Forces, 2-13 Dec 1945

12 Air Division, 1 Dec 1952

807 Combat Support Group, 1 Oct 1959

22 Combat Support Group, 15 Sep 1960

Fifteenth Air Force, 1 May 1965

22 Air Refueling Wing, 1 Jul 1993

722 Air Refueling Wing, 1 Jan 1994

Air Mobility Command, 1 Feb 1994-present

Stations

Scott Field, IL, 1 Oct 1941 (unmanned until 21 Oct 1941)

Camp Shanks, NY, 22 Sep 1944-2 Jan 1945

Le Havre, France, 15-18 Jan 1945

Warton, England, 19 Jan-2 Dec 1945

Camp Patrick Henry, VA, 13 Dec 1945

March AFB, CA, 1 Dec 1952

Travis AFB, CA, 1 Jul 1994-present