



## **History of the 82nd Airborne Division Band**

**The 82nd Airborne Division Band has roots that can be traced to both the Artillery Corps and Airborne Corps, instilling the tradition of training and preparing Soldiers to fight, survive and win America's Wars. The Band was originally organized on 29 March, 1942 as the 82nd Infantry Division Artillery, activated 27 April 1942 at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. It was reorganized and re-designated on 15 August 1942 as the Band, 82nd Airborne Division Artillery, and on 1 March 1945 as the 82nd Airborne Division Band.**

**Following World War II, the Band was withdrawn from the Organized Reserve Corps and allotted to the Regular Army on 15 November, 1948.**

**The band element was withdrawn on 21 September 1972 from Headquarters, Headquarters Company and Band, and assigned to the 82d Administration Company, then re-designated 21 June 1975 as the 82d Adjutant General Company.**

**On September 16, 1987 the Band element was withdrawn from the 82d Adjutant General Company and re-designated as the 82d Airborne Division Band, signifying its important role in support of the mission of The "All-American" 82nd Airborne Division.**

**On 14 October 2016 the U.S. Army Ground Forces Band stationed in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, was deactivated and the 82nd Airborne Division Band increased in size assuming all the responsibilities of both Bands as well as including the prestigious "All American" Soldier's Chorus.**

**Today, with the proud patch of the 82nd Airborne Division, the 82nd Airborne Division All American Band and Chorus provide music to Fort Liberty and the local area 'Telling the Army Story' in support of Soldiers and their Families, community and recruiting initiatives and music education programs.**