

# **Making Your Brass Quintet into a “Special Forces Unit”**

## **Brass Quintet Resources**

### **Military Ceremony**

- Perform 15 minutes of pre-ceremony music (i.e. The Liberty Bell March, George M. Cohan Medley, Washington Post March)
- Perform Ruffles and Flourishes and the General’s March as the official party enters
- Perform The Star Spangled Banner after the color guard presents the colors
- Perform the Air Force Song at the end of the ceremony
- Perform background music for the reception or exit music if required

This military ceremony may be adapted to your situation by substituting a fanfare for the official party and your school song at the end of the ceremony. Suggested venues include awards assemblies, graduations, school board meetings, Veterans Day and Flag Day celebrations, pep rallies (adjust pre-ceremony music), and other patriotic events. An Armed Forces medley may also be useful to your brass quintet for patriotic events.

### **Sheet Music**

1. Robert King Website <http://www.rkingmusic.com>  
Go to Order, and then search for quintet and/or quintet with percussion.  
Arrangements of recognizable compositions will generally be more popular than original brass quintet literature.

2. Hickey’s Music Center <http://www.hickeys.com/pages/br5tet.htm>

Suggested literature that Stellar Brass has used for years:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Composer</b>	<b>Arranger</b>
Star Spangled Banner	Francis Scott Key	Arthur Goldstein
Ragtime Suite for Brass Quintet	Scott Joplin	Arthur Frackenhohl
Three Scott Joplin Rags for Brass Quintet	Scott Joplin	Arthur Frackenhohl
Washington Post March	John Philip Sousa	Empire Brass Quintet
The Liberty Bell March	John Philip Sousa	Paul Battles and Bill Holcombe
George M. Cohan Medley	George M. Cohan	Paul Nagle
Canzona per sonare No. 2	Giovanni Gabrieli	Robert King
That’s A Plenty	Lew Pollack	Cooper
Sabre Dance	Aram Khachaturian	Mel Broiles
In a Sentimental Mood	Duke Ellington	Jack Gale

## **Collections**

Canadian Brass Website <http://stores.yahoo.com/canbrass/coll-instrl.html>

Rhythm and Brass Website <http://www.rhythm-brass.com/web/rhythm-brass.html>

Rhythm and Brass offer an ensemble building resource entitled "Team Play," which is designed to help the Jr. high student develop small ensemble playing skills.

Canadian Brass has compiled collections of easy, beginning, intermediate, advanced, and high-level brass quintet music. More information is available at their website.

## **Recordings**

Recordings by these groups will be excellent models for your students. They are available at <http://www.amazon.com>, <http://www.barnesandnoble.com>, and <http://www.towerrecords.com>.

American Brass Quintet

Canadian Brass

Chestnut Brass

Dallas Brass

Denver Brass

Empire Brass

London Brass

Meridian Brass

Philip Jones Brass Ensemble

Rhythm and Brass

## **Contact Information**

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USAF Missions supported through small ensembles:

- 1) Troop support
- 2) Community Relations
- 3) Recruiting

**Clinic Synopsis:** to demonstrate that small ensembles (brass quintet) can be used to benefit the mission of the music department, the school, the school district, and the cultural life of the community, as well as enhance the musical excellence of a music program. We will also relate how the United States Air Force utilizes small music ensembles to communicate the USAF message, and how you can utilize small music ensembles in your music program.

Merry Bells of Speyer

Ludwig Senfl  
Arr. MSgt Gary Poffenbarger  
Michael Praetorius

Volte

Introduction, MSgt Steve Kindermann

The Star-Spangled Banner

Colonel Bogey

Francis Scott Key  
Kenneth J. Alford  
Arr. MSgt Poffenbarger

The mission of "Troop Support," SMSgt John Gohl

Sabre Dance

Aram Khachaturian  
Arr. Mel Broiles

The mission of "Community Relations," MSgt Gary Poffenbarger

Tween Heather and Sea

George H. Geldard  
Arr. MSgt Gary Poffenbarger

The mission of "Recruiting" MSgt Steve Przyzycki

Sugar Foot Strut

B. Pierce/H. Meyers/C. Schwab  
Arr. MSgt Tim Allums

"Realities of Accomplishing These Missions," MSgt Tim Allums

Tiger Rag

The Original Dixieland Jazz Band  
Arr. MSgt Tim Allums

The Importance of Accomplishing These Missions: Character Development: Building Awareness of Tradition, Heritage, and Patriotism, MSgt Gary Stephens

America the Beautiful

Samuel Augustus Ward

The United States Air Force March

Arr. Belonger, SMSgt Mark Firks,  
MSgt David Laubach