

Davenport, Iowa, native set to march in The 57th inaugural Presidential Parade

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As the subject line states, **Airman 1st Class Jonathan Warren from Davenport, Iowa**, will be represent the Air Force in the 2013 inaugural parade.

The U.S. Air Force Band and Honor Guard are proud to represent the Air Force in the 2013 inaugural parade. The 99-piece band and 80-person Honor Guard flight will march along the 1.5-mile route that begins at 4th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue and goes past the White House.

When: Monday, Jan. 21, 2013

Where: Washington, D.C.

BACKGROUND ON HOMETOWN HERO:

Originally from Davenport, Iowa, Airman 1st Class Jonathan Warren is a ceremonial guardsman with the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard. He said, "I am extremely excited to be a part of a great historical moment in history such as the inauguration. Only a little more than one hundred Airmen get the chance to participate in this event. It is a huge honor to be selected through the Honor Guard to have the privilege to march during the inauguration. Just two years ago I was attending Davenport North High School, wondering what I was going to do with my life, but now I'm here it is such an honor and privilege."

BACKGROUND ON U.S. AIR FORCE BAND AND HONOR GUARD:

The U.S. Air Force Band and Honor Guard are stationed at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C. Their presentations instill patriotism, deliver positive messages about the Air Force and America, and demonstrate Air Force excellence to billions of people worldwide.

Since its formation, the Air Force Band has marched in 15 inaugural parades (there was no parade in 1945, and the 1985 parade was cancelled due to weather). The band began in 1941 when the newly-formed U.S. Army Air Corps activated 59 bands into operation. It was initially called The Bolling Field "Band" and consisted of five men—a saxophone quartet and a bandleader. Over the next 71 years, the Band expanded its size and mission to include six primary performing ensembles and a global mission. The band's uplifting programs instill patriotism, deliver positive messages about the Air Force and America, and demonstrate Air Force excellence to billions of listeners on television, radio, Internet and at more than 1,600 live events each year.

The primary mission of the United States Air Force Honor Guard is to render military honors to members of the Air Force, past and present, and their families during funeral services at Arlington National Cemetery. In addition to this distinguished duty, the Honor Guard also conducts military ceremonies at the White House, Pentagon and national memorials

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representing the Air Force in presidential, joint service, Air Force and public ceremonies. The beginnings of the Honor Guard's rich history date back to May 1948 when it was originally activated within Bolling Field's 1100th Security Squadron. It remained primarily a function of that squadron until Jan. 1, 1972 when it became a separate unit.

The members of both of these elite Air Force units are proud to represent all Airmen, whose selfless service and sacrifice ensure the freedoms we enjoy as American citizens.