The United States Army Band
"Pershing's Own"

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Conductor, The U.S. Army Concert Band

Colonel Thomas Rotondi, Jr. is the eighth Leader and Commander of The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own." Originally from Chicago Heights, Illinois, Colonel Rotondi holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois and a Master of Business Administration in Management degree from Golden Gate University, San Francisco, California. While at Millikin University, Colonel Rotondi was very active in Phi Mu Alpha, the men's professional music fraternity, and was selected for Pi Kappa Lambda Honorary Music Fraternity.

Colonel Rotondi joined the United States Army as a trumpet player in December of 1977. He received his commission in July of 1982 through Officer Candidate School, where he was an honor graduate. His previous assignments include Commander, Enlisted Student Company, and Director of Evaluation and Standardization, Armed Forces School of Music, Norfolk, Virginia; Executive Officer, United States Continental Army Band, Fort Monroe, Virginia; Staff Band Officer, Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Georgia; staff conductor and administrative intern, Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, Fort Worth, Texas (this assignment made possible through the Army's "Training with Industry" program); Commander/Conductor, United States Continental Army Band, Fort Monroe, Virginia; Deputy Commander, United States Military Academy Band, West Point, New York; Commander/Conductor, United States Army, Europe, Band and Chorus, Heidelberg, Germany; and Commander/Conductor of the United States Military Academy Band at West Point, New York.

Colonel Rotondi has studied conducting with John Giordano, Conductor Emeritus of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra; and with Eiji Oue, Music Director of the Minnesota Orchestra. He has twice attended the Conductor's Seminar at the Tanglewood Music Center (summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra), where the faculty included Seiji Ozawa, Maurice Abravanel, and Gustav Meier.

His military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Army Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

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