

Lieutenant Colonel (retired) Alan Sierichs

Lieutenant Colonel Alan Sierichs retired from the Air Force in 2011 after a distinguished 30-year military career. During that time, he made over 5,000 public appearances on behalf of the Air Force spanning the globe. Lt Col Sierichs served as the Commander and Conductor of The Air Force Band, the Air Force Chief of Music on the Air Staff, and commander of the Air Force Band of Flight, the Air Force Band of Liberty, the Air Force Band of the Pacific, and the Air Force Band of the Midwest. He began his military career as a trumpet player in the Strategic Air Command Band.

He's led The Air Force Band in performances at the White House, the State Department, the Pentagon, and played for every President and Vice-President since the Reagan years. He's appeared many times on national TV including NBC's Today Show, Fox and Friends, CNN, PBS, Japan's NHK-TV, and Australia's Good Morning Australia. He also shared the stage and performed with Ray Charles, Barry White, The Canadian Brass, Lonestar, Peter Cetera, The Lettermen, The Miracles, The Platters, The Mills Brothers, Kool and the Gang, Keiko Matsui, Arturo Sandoval, The New York Voices, Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus, Holiday On Ice, The Ice Capades, Disney On Ice, the Baton Rouge Symphony, the Boston Philharmonic, the Dayton Philharmonic, the McLean Symphony, the Acadiana Symphony, the Empire Brass, Eddie Daniels, Allen Vizzutti, Jack Jones, Rhonda Burchmore, Melinda Doolittle, Susan Ashton, Blair Underwood, and Phyllis Diller. He's also been the producer of over two dozen military band recordings.

In demand as an educator, he's made numerous appearances at national music conferences as well as leading many all-state and regional honor bands. Away from the Air Force, Alan served on the Executive Board of Trustees for the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra in Dayton, Ohio, and on the Board of Directors for the Bedford (Mass.) Rotary Club. Alan is a graduate of Boston University and Louisiana State University.

Alan's wife, Bettye, is also a military veteran and graduate of Louisiana State University who taught high school and middle school after leaving the Air Force. Their daughter, Carolyn, is a graduate of Loyola University New Orleans and The Ohio State University and is currently serving in the Air Force on active duty as a flutist in the United States Air Forces in Europe Band at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

Following retirement from the Air Force, Lt Col Sierichs accepted a position at USAA in San Antonio and serves as a Community Programs Director and Senior Enterprise Event Planner. In that capacity he leads the company's band and chorus program.