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MATT FREDERICKSON
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
UNITED STATES ARMY
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS (E-7)
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Matt Frederickson enlisted on 25 April 1992 at the rank of E-5 for six years at Lambert Field, St. Louis, Missouri. He entered active duty on June 8, 1992, at Air Force Training Command, Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, and then the 15th Air Force Band, Los Angeles, California, at March Air Force Base.

Mr. Frederickson separated from active duty in October 1992 and returned to reserve status at Lambert Field. He was sent to England and France for the 50th anniversary of D-Day Ceremonies, which were organized by the U.S. State Department.

On April 24, 1998, he extended his service for six years and was sent to Ecuador to take part in a state department performance in Quito and Guayaquil. He was also sent to Denmark for the Copenhagen Jazz Festival and to Aalborg for state department performances.

On May 20, 2002, he transferred to the 106th Army Guard Band, Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas, and on July 31, 2003, he was transferred back to the 571 Air Force Band for a six-year enlistment.

- On July 7, 2006, he was deployed to the Middle East in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to Baghdad and Salad in Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, and Djibouti, Africa.
- On February 25, 2009, he was transferred to the 135th Army Guard Band, Fremont Armory, Springfield, Missouri, and served as Training Division Chief and Squad Leader.
- On February 13, 2012, he was transferred to the 144th Army Guard Band, Camp Lincoln, Springfield, Illinois, and served as Logistics Chief, Music Performance Team Leader, and Platoon Leader.

- On January 15, 2017, he retired from the military service as a Sergeant First Class (E7).

While in the Air Force, he completed the following: July 21, 1992, Graduated from Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas; October 9, 1992, Completed On-the-Job Training and the Airman Leadership Course, March Air Force Base, Ontario, California (Awarded 871302 (3 Skill Level)); April 18, 1993, Awarded 8710502 (5 Skill Level); January 30, 1996, Graduated Non-Commissioned Officers Prep Course; May 6, 1998, Awarded 3N1712 (7 Skill Level); and December 15, 2008, Graduated from Non-Commissioned Officers Academy.

While in the Army, he completed the following:

June 19, 2010, Graduated Warrior Leader Course in residence, Camp Ashland, Nebraska; September 24, 2010, Graduated Advanced Leader Course Phase 3, in residence; Distinguished Honor Graduate; September 24, 2010, Awarded CI Additional Skill Identifier, Little Creek Naval Air Station, Virginia; March 3, 2011, Graduated Army Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Advanced Leader Course Phase 1, in residence, Camp Ball, Louisiana; June 20, 2014, Graduated Senior Leader Course, in residence, Little Creek Naval Air Station, Virginia.

Sergeant First Class Matthew Frederickson retired effective January 2017 after serving in the military for 25 years. His service has spanned five continents with service in the United States Air Force, Air National Guard, and the Army National Guard. Sergeant First Class Frederickson was activated for Operation Enduring Freedom, serving in Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, and Djibouti, Africa in 2006. Frederickson is a graduate of the Army Warrior Leadership Course (Camp Ashland, Nebraska), the Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course (Camp Ball, Louisiana), the Advanced Leadership Course, and Senior Leadership Course (Little Creek Naval Air Station, Virginia), and has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with four devices, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal with one device, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with silver hourglass, and a mobility device, among others.

Through his years as a military bandsman, he has performed for public communities, supporting military morale and military ceremonies across the United States and abroad, and for two sitting U.S. presidents, foreign heads of state, and other dignitaries. In civilian life, Dr. Frederickson is enjoying his retirement from the military, so he can focus on his duties serving as a school superintendent, now in his 32nd year of service in the education of students. He is the proud father of a daughter, who is a fourth-generation music teacher who graduated from the University of Arkansas, and two sons, both serving as logistics executive officers in the United States Army; one graduated from West Point, and the other from the Missouri University of Science and Technology Reserve Officers' Training program.