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Funk and Exuberance Shared at Stanley



Stanley Middle School music students are joined by members of the US Air Force Band of the Golden West for a special March 28 performance. Back row, from left: Jonah Kallen, Zoe Portnoff, MSgt John Ruff, Ryan Kapoor, Arden Childers; front: Adrian Guzman, TSgt Michael Hornbuckle, Sophie McGlothlen. Photo Provided

The US Air Force Band of the Golden West shared musical tips and encouraged Stanley music students to "blare their hearts out" March 28 at Stanley Middle School.

"Their showmanship and funk spoke volumes to the students and adults who were able to attend," said Tina Tankka, Stanley Music Room parent volunteer. More importantly, this very elite group of music masters (MSgt James Butler, NCOIC/Lead Alto Saxophone, MSgt Jonathan Ruff, Trumpet, TSgt Micheal Hornbuckle, Bass Trombone, TSgt Marshall Gentry, Drums, SSgt Alex Nikiforoff, Guitar, SrA Joseph Whitt, Operations/Double Bass) shared a message of connecting with people, making friends, and building global relationships, she said.

Audience members of students, teachers and parents were joined by Lafayette Mayor Carol Federighi and City Manager Steve Falk.

"The US Air Force band members were a poignant reminder that our military is integral in delivering our country's goodwill," Tankka said. "They gave us the luxury of forgetting the day's agenda and of remembering to be human. We hope to host this fantastically exuberant ensemble again in the near future." - J. Wake

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