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## **Air Force's Rock Band on First National Tour**

**Max Impact**, the premier rock band of the United States Air Force, will kick off its first national tour with a free public concert at the Miller Park TGI Fridays Outdoor Stage in Milwaukee on Monday, June 23, at 5 p.m. The group's tour has a theme of "It's America" and it will take them through Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota, Wyoming and Nebraska.

As part of The U.S. Air Force Band stationed at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling in Washington, D.C., Max Impact performs exciting classic and current rock and country hits, as well as patriotic favorites and original music.

This 8-day trip will be a homecoming of sorts for the noncommissioned officer of Max Impact, Senior Master Sgt. Ryan Carson who is a native of Rapid City, S.D., and a graduate of the University of Wyoming.

"I am so excited to be returning to the Midwest," he said. "After 15 years of service, this is the first time I will be performing in my hometown. What better place to inspire patriotism and honor America, than in the place I consider to be the heartland of America!"

Max Impact showcases Air Force excellence to millions each year through public concerts in and around Washington, D.C., as well as online with audio and video recordings. The group is also frequently called on to support events for the White House, State Department, Department of Defense and numerous other high-level military and civilian functions.

In addition to entertaining military and civilian audiences in the United States, Max Impact thrills service members with its trademark high-intensity, hard-rocking music at forward deployed locations. These performances are a much-needed "taste of home" for deployed service members. At home or abroad, their high-energy performances enhance troop morale, build partnerships with local and foreign communities, increase recruiting and retention efforts and inspire patriotism using music as an effective and powerful tool.

As part of The U.S. Air Force Band, these Airmen musicians honor those who have served, inspire American citizens to heightened patriotism and service, and positively impact the global community on behalf of the U.S. Air Force and the United States of America. The excellence demonstrated by these Airmen musicians is a reflection of the excellence carried out 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by Airmen stationed around the globe. Each member is proud to represent all Airmen, whose selfless service and sacrifices ensure the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of the United States of America.

For more information about Max Impact, including photos and a link to the group's free, downloadable music, please visit: <http://bit.ly/usafmaximpact>.

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