

1st Sgt. Darren J. Siegerdt, a native of Elmhurst, Illinois, is the Senior Enlisted Band Leader for the U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence Band. He is a graduate of the Master Leader Course, Senior Leader Course, Advanced Leader Course and Basic Leader Course. Additional military training includes the Company Commander / First Sergeant Pre-Command Course, Master Resiliency Course, Equal Opportunity Leaders Course, Unit Movement Officer Course, Combat Life Saver Course, and Unit Prevention Leader Course.

1st Sgt. Siegerdt's civilian education includes a Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, and a Master of Music degree from the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida. Before joining the Army in 2005, 1st Sgt. Siegerdt taught high school band, choir, and music appreciation classes at St. Anne Community High School in St. Anne, Illinois, while also working as a freelance musician in the Chicago, Illinois, area.

1st Sgt. Siegerdt's military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (3rd Award); Army Commendation Medal (2nd Award); Army Achievement Medal (3rd Award); Army Good Conduct Medal (5th Award); National Defense Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal; Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (4th Award); Army Service Ribbon; and the Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award).

Previous assignments include Senior Teams Leader and acting Sgt. Maj., 82nd Airborne Division Band, Fort Bragg, Georgia; Team Leader, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Band, Fort Eustis, Virginia; Assistant Team Leader, 25th Infantry Division Band, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Assistant Team Leader, U.S. Army Ground Forces Band, Fort McPherson, Georgia; and clarinet player, U.S. Army Europe Band and Chorus, Tompkins Barracks, Germany.