

First Sergeant Robert Leatherbee

First Sergeant Robert Leatherbee assumed responsibility of the Maneuver Center of Excellence Band in September 2022. He is a native of Carver, Massachusetts and graduated from Carver High School. He attended the University of Massachusetts in Amherst for Music Education.

1SG Leatherbee has been assigned as a musician in the 113th Army Band in Fort Knox, Kentucky, the 9th Army Band in Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and the Training and Doctrine Command Band in Fort Eustis, Virginia. He served as instructor for the Advanced Leaders Course at the Army School of Music in Virginia Beach, Virginia and then moved on to Fort Drum, NY to serve as the 10th Mountain Division Band Operations Sergeant. From Fort Drum he had the opportunity to lead a musical team to Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, and Jordan. His most recent assignment was as the First Sergeant for the United States Army Japan Band.

1SG Leatherbee has completed a variety of Army schools, ranging from the Cold Weather Leaders Course, Basic Military Mountaineering School, Modern Army Combatives Level 1 and 2, Equal Opportunity Leaders Course and Master Resiliency Training. He graduated the Warrior Leaders Course as the Distinguished Leadership Award recipient and a member of the Commandant's list, the Advanced Leaders Course and Senior Leaders Course as Distinguished Honor Graduate and Distinguished Leadership Recipient, and the Master Leaders Course as the Distinguished Honor Graduate.

In addition to his military decorations, he is a recipient of the Colonel Finley Hamilton Outstanding Military Musician Award and the United States Army Japan Order of the Bushido. He has earned his Silver Spurs with the 16th Cavalry Regiment and was recognized as the 2016 Soldier Support Institute Instructor of the Year.

1SG Leatherbee is married to the former Kathrine Ryan of Carver, Massachusetts. They have four children, Ryan, James, Teddy, and Caroline