

SGT. LOU WALKER, 101st ARMY BAND of the COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD

Sgt. Lou Walker serves as a "weekend warrior" in 101st Army Band of the Colorado National Guard, which drills at Buckley AFB, near Denver. He plays percussion in the unit's concert band and guitar in the the pop combo, the "Mile High 101". His requests as a solo guitarist have included everything from assisting the chaplain in services, to an Easter egg hunt for children of deployed soldiers at the governor's mansion.

Raised in Colorado and musical from an early age, he played piano and trumpet (and served as bugler for his scout troop), prior to picking up the guitar. His musical influences include Spanish guitarist Andres Segovia, as well as the legendary jazz guitarist Johnny Smith (who is now retired and residing in Colorado Springs).

Sgt Walker is in his fifteenth year of military service. He considers it a high honor to share his music with tonight's special audience of veterans and their families.

