When Colonel L. Bryan Shelburne, Jr. assumed command of The U.S. Army Band “Pershing’s Own,” in 1990, he became only the sixth appointee to serve as leader and commander since the band’s formation in 1922.

Col. Shelburne holds a Bachelor of Music Degree from Hardin-Simmons University and a Master of Music Degree from Arizona State University. His professional playing includes six seasons as trombonist with the Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra and work with the Phoenix Symphony.

Col. Shelburne’s previous assignments have included executive officer and associate director of the Armed Forces Bicentennial Band, commander of the Headquarters, U.S. Army Europe Band and he twice served as commandant of the Army Element, Armed Forces School of Music in Norfolk, Virginia. Most recently, Col. Shelburne commanded the United States Military Academy Band at West Point.

Col. Shelburne officially retired at a ceremony held in his honor at Commy Hall (Ft. Myer) on Monday, April 3, 2000. At that time he was presented with the Distinguished Service Medal as a final honor for his outstanding military career. Later that night at The U.S. Army Band’s 78th Anniversary Concert, he ceremoniously passed the baton to Col. Gary F. Lamb, the seventh Leader and Commander. www.usarmyband.com