



*Doc Friday band members from left, Staff Sgt. Buzz Harrison, Staff Sgt. Warren Snyder, Tech. Sgt. Todd Ehrmantraut and Senior Airman Ray Norris.*

## 488th members steal spotlight

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Three signals analysts of the Advanced Signals Search and Development directorate of the 488th Intelligence Squadron have recently stolen the spotlight. Banding together to form the music group Doc Friday, they're striving to take today's rock music to new dynamic levels.

It all began when vocalist Tech. Sgt. Todd Ehrmantraut and guitarist Staff Sgt. Buzz Harrison used to get together on evenings and weekends to write and record songs in the hope that their unique style would attract an audience. This attracted Staff Sgt. Warren Snyder to the group. The trio discovered Senior Airman Ray Norris of the 100th Security Forces Squadron who was secured as Master Bassist for the band.

"Todd is a pretty outgoing individual and this helps when we play live because he's the lead vocalist and this usually makes him the center of attention. Buzz is pretty easy going, but at the same time could be labeled as a perfectionist. Ray "half pint" Norris is a man of few words but is always ready to rock. One thing for sure, we are all linked by one common personality trait and that's the excitement expressed when we're doing what we love, creating and performing music," said Snyder.

The members of Doc Friday write, arrange and perform their own original rock and ballad compositions and

have just finished producing and recording their first CD, titled "Medicine Man." The entire album was recorded in just over a week on a very short schedule in Norwich. One of the songs, "Wings of a Giant," was written as a dedication to all the flyers of the 488th IS and other individuals putting their lives on the line in the skies around the world.

"When I write a song, it's usually finished in my head before I ever bring it to the attention of the band. Music is my life. I see music as the creation that's born either from my thoughts, fears, concerns or dreams. To me, music is the greatest way to express myself. I was given this ability to write music and I'll make full use of it," said Ehrmantraut.

The band's goals are to be signed by a record company and record and perform music for a living. They are well on their way, having been together for over a year and a half. Still going strong, they are writing new material and performing at various venues throughout England, though moves are still on the horizon.

"We've already begun to go our separate ways. Our bass player left in February, I leave in July and Warren's not far behind me. However, we're still able to take our experience, memories and knowledge with us," said Ehrmantraut.

"Being in the military can cause problems with keeping a band together, but on the up side, being in the military has made it possible for me to do a lot of what I've done in music today," said Snyder. ■