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Summer 2002



The U.S. Naval Academy

Band



"The Navy's Oldest and Finest Band"

Promotions All Around

The Naval Academy Band was surprised and pleased when the Superintendent, Vice Admiral John R. Ryan, promoted 35 MU2s to MU1 at a Pinning Ceremony on Monday, March 18. The Chief Petty Officers happily pinned and congratulated each member while Admiral Ryan read the certificate of promotion. The 5 MU2's on tour with the Electric Brigade were pinned at a ceremony hosted by the JROTC at Franklin Heights High School in Columbus, Ohio. This event puts his band on equal footing with the Navy Band and the Special Bands in our sister services and back to the level of 1976, when "Special Band" status meant permanent duty and automatic promotion to MU1.

While visiting the Band 2½ years ago, LCDR Mark Hammond, Head, Navy Music Program, promised to look into the possibility of raising the starting level of the Naval Academy Band from Petty Officer Second Class (E-5) to Petty Officer First Class (E-6), as it is for all Washington based military bands and the other service academy bands. He and his staff worked tirelessly preparing comparison studies, point papers, and meeting with Personnel and Fiscal officials until it's final approval.

The Superintendent was notified of the promotions by his brother, Vice Admiral Norbert R. Ryan, Jr., Chief of Naval Personnel, who jokingly commented, "Do you know how much this is going to cost me?" He replied that this is an investment in the

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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Dear Patrons,

As I reflect on my first year with the Navy's "Oldest and Finest," it surprises me how quickly time has passed. This has been a challenging yet very rewarding year for the band. Much has been asked of you during this period of increased security, yet you have been steadfast in your support of "your band." It would be difficult to put into words what that means to the musicians and me.

The summer always seems to bring changes, and this year is no exception. We have seen MU1 Burrell of "Electric Brigade" transfer to the School of Music for advanced training and have welcomed vocalist MU1 Ira Ostrowski and percussionist MU1 Matt Manturuk. Their amiable personalities and superb musical talents have helped make their transition into the band an easy one.

Having the privilege to promote Master Chief Musician Jeff Diehl, Senior Chief Musicians Dave Hanner and Robert Wertz, Chief Musician Michael Jarjoura, and thirty-five musicians to Musician First Class is something I will never forget.

The musicians have been working very hard preparing for the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the band in 2003. We are expecting this to be a very special year for the band, it's alumni, and you, the best patrons a band could ever have.

I look forward to the summer concert season and hope to see many of you at the Dock Concert series and various performances scheduled throughout the summer. Feel free to come up and talk after the performances, I love meeting and hearing from you.

On behalf of the members of your Naval Academy Band, I thank you again for your unwavering support and patience through the Fall and Winter season and we look forward to seeing you at the concerts.

Sincerely,

D. H. Keller, Jr.
 Director

Promotions
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quality and professionalism of the Naval Academy Band in keeping with the high standards set for the Midshipmen and staff of the Naval Academy. He recognized that in this highly competitive time, it has been increasingly difficult to attract the most qualified people to a job when other organizations can offer a higher starting rank and salary.

In the closing moments LCDR Keller commended the Petty Officers and suggested that each remember and appreciate the efforts of the staff at the Navy Music Program Management Division. His final comment was, "When given the opportunity to ask the hard questions, don't hesitate because you'll never know where it might lead."

CHAMBER ENSEMBLES PERFORM AT MUSIC EDUCATORS CONVENTIONS

Four chamber groups from the United States Naval Academy Band performed at three separate music conventions during Spring 2002. On February 21st, the **Trombone Quartet** gave a performance and clinic at the Texas Music Educators Association Convention (TMEA) in San Antonio. TMEA is one of the largest international music educator's conventions in the world, attracting over 25,000 attendees annually. The ensemble performed a very challenging program that perfectly complemented their lecture. Members of the Quartet are leader MUCM Jeffrey Diehl, MU1 Joel Borrelli-Boudreau, MU1 Jonathan Reycraft, and MU1 Twig Sargent.

The following day, February 22nd, the Naval Academy Band's **Percussion Ensemble** made its national performing debut at the Maryland Music Educators Association/Music Educators National Conference (MMEA/MENC) in Baltimore, MD. This convention attracts over 4,000 music educators from Maryland and surrounding states. The audience was thrilled by the group's performance, which was followed by a short question and answer session. Members of the Percussion Ensemble, leader MU1 Blake Cramer, MU1 Anthony Asero, MU1 Joseph McCarthy, MU1 Nick Pastelak, and MU1 Bruce Smith, were inspired by the experience, and each looks forward to more music festival performances.

The **Tuba/Euphonium Quartet** performed at MMEA/MENC on February 23rd. The group has played at several national music conventions and Tuba/Euphonium festivals in recent years. Although repertoire is very limited for this genre, they continue to challenge themselves musically by performing many of their own transcriptions and arrangements. Members of the group are leader MUCS Ken Shrum, MU1 Karl Schultz, MU1 Travis Siehndel, and MU1 Todd Nix.

The Naval Academy Band's **Brass Quintet** performed on April 19th, at the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Conference (PMEA) held in Philadelphia, PA. Besides playing a stylistically diverse and demanding program, they incorporated brief talks between each piece drawing upon the works as examples of specific educational points they chose to accentuate. Members of the Quintet are leader MU1 Anthony Valerio, MU1 Pasquale Sarracco, MU1 Brian Strawley, MU1 Joel Borrelli-Boudreau, and MU1 Jarrod Williams.

All Naval Academy Band members agreed that performances at these types of venues both encourage individual and group musical growth, and also familiarize our civilian contemporaries of the high level of professionalism and artistic achievement of all musicians that represent the United States Navy.

NAVY MUSIC VETERANS

The band is proud to have members of **Navy Unit Band 13** (1940-1945) as special guests at our concert on July 30th at the City Dock. The 13th band to graduate from the US Navy School of Music in Washington, D.C., these musicians were in Pearl Harbor on December 7th, 1941, aboard the USS Dobbin, and sailed into the most severe fighting of the South Pacific aboard the USS Dixie. Members of Band 13 will be attending the Dedication Service of their plaque to be installed at the Navy Memorial on August 1st in Washington, D.C.

If you or a friend would like to receive "Serenade", the Naval Academy Band newsletter, please fill out the enclosed coupon and mail it to us. We will be happy to include you on our patron list. **BONUS!** Patrons with email will receive press releases for each concert.

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MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

MU1 Ira E. Ostrowski

Originally from Ballston Spa, New York, MU1 Ostrowski comes from a very musical family. His father, a musician in the United States Coast Guard Band, taught him to play trombone at a young age. While he was a freshman in high school, Petty Officer Ostrowski performed with a brass ensemble composed of members of the Coast Guard Band. By the time he graduated from Ballston Spa High School, he was playing not only trombone, but bass guitar, keyboards and singing in local bands.

As a vocalist, Petty Officer Ostrowski has been entertaining audiences for over fifteen years. He has been the featured act in countless clubs and casinos and has toured the East Coast, from Boston to Miami, as well as the Reno/Lake Tahoe area. As a trombonist, he studied with Dr. William Meckley at Schenectady County Community College where he performed as the principal trombonist of the SCCC Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble and various chamber groups.

Petty Officer Ostrowski began his military career in 1997 as a trombonist and vocalist in the United States Air Force Band of the Golden West located at Travis Air Force Base, California. While assigned there, he performed with the Concert Band, the Commander's Jazz Ensemble, Brass Quintet and was the lead vocalist and musical director of "Galaxy," the popular music group. Petty Officer Ostrowski joined the Naval Academy Band in 2002 and performs with the Concert Band, Commandant's Combo, as well as marching and ceremonial units.

During his time away from his busy Navy schedule, Petty Officer Ostrowski enjoys weightlifting, racquetball and scuba diving.



MU1 Matthew Manturuk

Musician First Class Matthew Manturuk is a native of Troy, Michigan. Petty Officer Manturuk received a Bachelor of Music (Percussion Performance) and Music Education from Eastern Michigan University (Ypsilanti, MI) and a Master of Music in Percussion Performance from the New England Conservatory of Music (Boston, MA). As a student in Michigan and Massachusetts, Petty Officer Manturuk also performed with ensembles such as the Lansing and Macomb Symphony Orchestra, Boston Philharmonic Orchestra and Brockton Symphony Orchestra.

Since 1991, Petty Officer Manturuk has been an active percussion arranger and instructor for various high schools and universities throughout the world, including: the Pride of Soka Drum and Bugle Corps from Soka University (Tokyo, Japan), Etiwanda High School (California), Lassiter High School (Georgia), and Milford High School (Michigan), to name a few. In 1997, Petty Officer Manturuk was appointed Director of Bands at North Branch High School in North Branch, MI, and in 1998 he entered the U.S. Army, serving over three years with the Army Ground Forces Band in Atlanta, Georgia.

While in Atlanta, Petty Officer Manturuk joined the faculty of Kennesaw State University, as Artist in Residence; there he taught the percussion methods course and percussion private lessons. In 2001, Petty Officer Manturuk auditioned for and was selected by the U.S. Naval Academy Band to join their percussion section.

MU1 Manturuk's military awards include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Army Service Ribbon.



FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS TO

MU1 Vincent B. Burrell to the Enlisted Band Leader course at the Armed Forces School of Music. Good luck Vinnie!



Noteworthy Events

Congratulations on your Promotion !!!



MUCM Jeffrey Diehl



MUCS Rob Wertz MUCS David Hanner



MU1 Photo on Page one L-R

Kneeling

MU1 Ken Pfabe, MU1 James Hurd, MU1 BenRedwine, MU1 Twig Sargent, MU1 Ray Ascione, MU1 Brenda Williams, MU1 Marc Boensel, MU1 Heidi Schultz, MU1 Joe Tubiolo

2nd row

MU1 Cathy Stiles, MU1 Ira Ostrowski, MU1 Amy Jarjoura, MU1 Mary Foley, MU1 Erin Heere, MU1 Lynda Dembowski, MU1 Tom Pitta, MU1 Devona Williams, MU1 John Ohlemeyer

Back row

MU1 Stan Cherednik, MU1 Paul Skinner, MU1 Jonathan Reycraft, MU1 Sergio DaCol, MU1 Todd Nix, MU1 Mike Acosta, MU1 Travis Siehndel, MU1 Brian Strawley, MU1 James Fowler, MU1 Joel Borrelli-Boudreau

Bottom inset

MU1 Tim Stanley, MU1 Michael Bravin, MU1 Ritchie Smith, MU1 John Duley, MU1 Joseph Stiles, MU1 Randy Morser, MU1 Pasquale Sarracco

USNA Band Sailor of the Quarter



MU1 Mary Foley, 4th Qtr, 01
MU1 Blake Cramer, 1st Qtr, 02



Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal



MU1 Marcia Diehl, MU1 Amy Jarjoura, MU1 Nick Pastelak



Letter of Commendation

MU1 Blake Cramer
MU1 Mary Foley
MU1 Heidi Schultz

Navy Good Conduct Medal

MUCS Steve Barzal, MUCS Rob Wertz, 5th award
MU1 Geoff Bayne, MU1 Nick Pastelak, 4th award
MU1 Blake Cramer, MU1 John Duley, MU1 Amy Jarjoura, 3rd award
MU1 Karl Schultz, MU1 Jarrod Williams, 2nd award
MU1 Tom Pitta, MU1 Twig Sargent, 1st award

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SUMMER SERENADE 2002

Tuesday evenings at 7:30 P.M. (except where noted)
at the Annapolis City Dock

July 9

SUMMER SERENADE SERIES OPENER

Join us for the first evening of pleasant music by the harbor.

July 16

ELECTRIC BRIGADE

High energy Top 40 and Rhythm & Blues

July 23

ALUMNI CONCERT

Past & present members of "The Navy's Oldest and Finest Band"
Rain site in the Naval Academy's Mahan Hall

July 30

CONCERT BAND

August 6

THE NEXT WAVE

Classic & contemporary Big Band jazz

August 13 - 6:30 P.M.

FINALE CONCERT

A Musical Extravaganza featuring Chamber Groups, Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz ensemble, and "The 1812 Overture" complete with live cannon fire!

(Rain Date August 15, same time & place)

GUEST SERIES

Featuring the finest Washington area Military Bands.
Thursday evenings at 7:30 P.M. at Rip Miller Field on
the Naval Academy grounds.

July 18

ARMY BLUES

The Premier Jazz Ensemble of the U.S. Army

July 25

THE CRUISERS

The U.S. Navy's Premier Rock Ensemble

August 1

COUNTRY CURRENT

Country music from the U.S. Navy Band

August 8

ELECTRIC BRIGADE

High energy Top 40 and Rhythm & Blues
from the U.S. Naval Academy Band

OTHER AREA PERFORMANCES

July 4

8:00 P.M. CONCERT BAND

pre-fireworks concert, Farragut Field USNA

July 7

6:00 P.M. ELECTRIC BRIGADE

Down's Park, 8311 John Down's Loop, Pasadena, MD

7:00 P.M. CONCERT BAND

Allen Pond Park, 3330 North View Dr., Bowie, MD
(301) 809-3076

July 14

7:00 P.M. ELECTRIC BRIGADE

Harbor Place Amphitheater, Light St., Baltimore, MD
(410) 332-4462

7:30 P.M. CONCERT BAND

Rawlinsville Camp, 475 Clearfield Rd., Holtwood, PA
(717) 284-2746

July 21

7:00 P.M. ELECTRIC BRIGADE

Allen Pond Park, 3330 North View Dr., Bowie, MD
(301) 809-3076

6:00 P.M. CONCERT BAND

Central Christian Assembly, 7411 Roseville Blvd., Baltimore, MD
(410) 687-0040

July 28

7:00 P.M. CONCERT BAND

William A. Humbert Amphitheater, Bel Air Town Hall,
39 Hickory Ave, Bel Air, MD (Rain site @ Fallston H.S.)
(410) 803-9784

August 11

6:00 P.M. CONCERT BAND

Linthicum Park, Benton Ave, Linthicum, MD
(410) 859-3308

All Naval Academy Band concerts are free of charge and open to the public. For upcoming concert information call 410-293-0263. To become a member of the band's patron list and receive our news letter, Serenade, call The United States Naval Academy Band Public Affairs Office at 410-293-1262 or visit our web site at www.usna.edu/USNABand and select "mailing list."