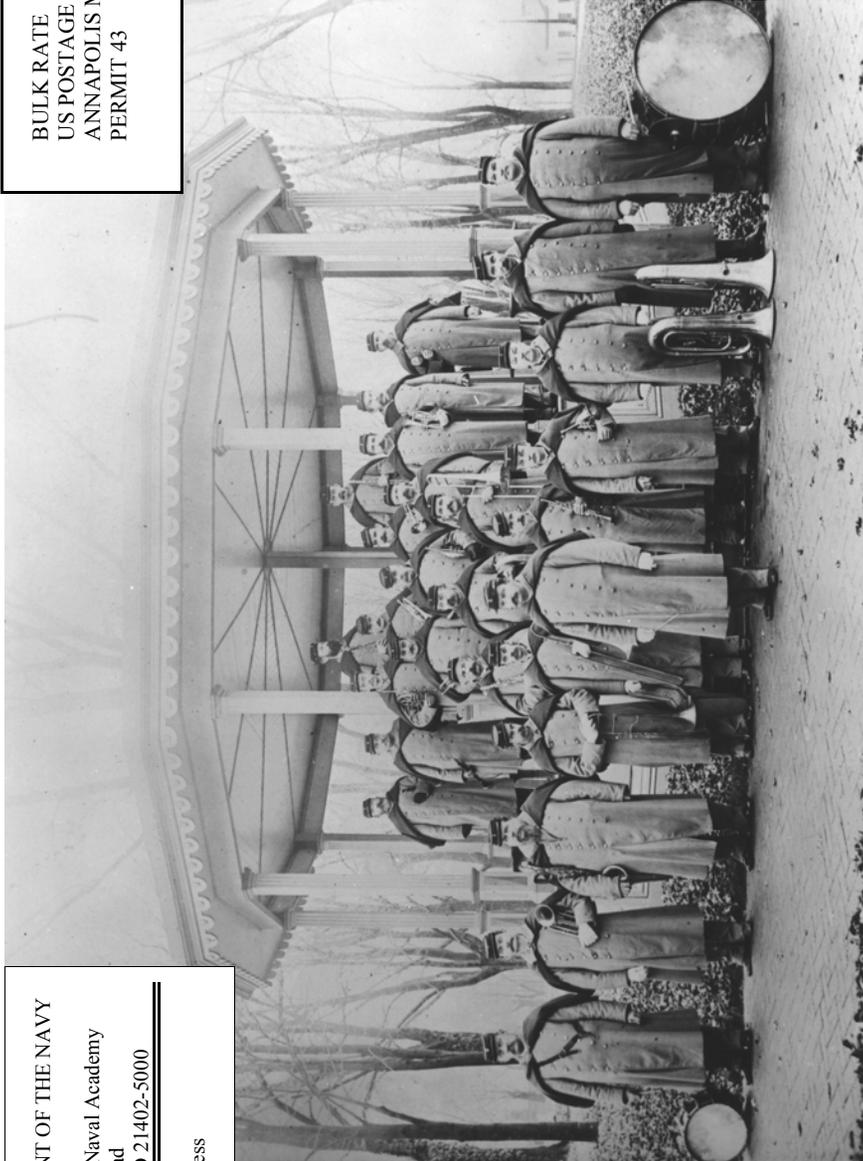


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Naval Academy Band Divides and Conquers

by MUCM Jim Cunningham and MU2 Kari Astrid Haugeto

Taken together, The United States Naval Academy Band is a collection of 63 premiere military musicians dedicated to the support of the Naval Academy and its surrounding community. In addition to the most visible support, the concerts and parades presented by the concert, ceremonial and marching bands, the smaller units of the band become a flexible and personable vehicle for community outreach. And a popular one, too.

Here are some of the ways your Naval Academy Band is dividing and conquering:

- **Recital Series.** These full-length public concerts showcase individual members of the Naval Academy Band. They're an opportunity for our instrumentalists to both educate and entertain community audiences. The Percussion Ensemble, for example, showcases band members playing everything from a marimba to a trash can lid! Other shows shine the spotlight on our tubists and piccolo players. [see page 6 for upcoming recitals this fall]

Many of the small group performances are not observed by the general public, but are non-the-less important. For example, we have a number of chamber groups that work in retirement communities, colleges and universities, music camps, libraries, and elementary schools. These groups include our clarinet quartet, brass quintet, wind quintet, tuba/euphonium quartet, and percussion ensemble. In the case of elementary schools, these performances may be the first exposure students have to classical music and, entertaining as the concert may be, the musicians make sure audiences interact with them by explaining how the instruments work and the way written music is turned into a tune.

- **The "Cane Mutiny."** The United States Naval Academy Band's Clarinet Quartet is dedicated to promotion of traditional and contemporary clarinet quartet literature. A performance by these clarinetists is unforgettable!

- **Brass Quintet.** Originally formed in 1967 as an "extra-curricular" venture, the expertise and dedication shown by the members of the quintet have made them a vital part of the Naval Academy Band's concept of a "total musical experience," with music from the Renaissance through ragtime and the twentieth century.

- **Wind Quintet.** Established in 1959, this quintet quickly evolved into a musical unit that is in demand both as an entertainment and educational group. Here at the Academy the quintet performs for receptions hosted by the Superintendent as well as openings and exhibitions at the Naval Academy Museum. One of its most memorable performances was for a meeting of the Organization of American States and was subsequently aired on "The Voice of America."

- **Tuba/Euphonium Quartet.** The quartet was established to provide a program of the best music for low brasses through transcriptions of the old musical masters and through original compositions by contemporary composers. The tuba ensemble performs at various local schools and libraries, and has participated in the annual U. S. Army Band Tuba/Euphonium Conference since 1987.

- **The Percussion Ensemble.** Performing a wide variety of music ranging from pre-revolutionary fife and drum music, Guatemalan marimba music, ragtime, jazz, and original compositions by contemporary composers, energy and diversity of sound is this group's trademark. The Percussion Ensemble also performs a "Music for Young Audiences" concert at local elementary schools.

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COMMANDER'S COLUMN



CDR J.M. Alverson

Dear Patron:
With what seems like just a flourish of the baton, our summer is over. The Midshipmen are back, Navy football is back, and we look forward to cooler and, hopefully, wetter weather here at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Our summer concert series, as in past years, was an overwhelming success. From the Annapolis dock and Allen Pond to Ocean Pines and Rawlinsville, Pennsylvania, our audiences continued to support us by turning out in record numbers. As I talked to many of our concert goers personally, I was amazed at the diversity of our audiences and enjoyed learning where they are from and how they happened to be attending one of our performances. During our Annapolis dock series, I met people from all over this country and from other parts of the world; from a business traveler trying to escape the heat and riggers of downtown Washington, DC, to a ship's captain and staff in port for a day. I've talked to those that attend our Tuesday night dock concerts rain or shine, and brave even 100 degree temperatures, and I've met everyday people from everyone's hometown. You know these people. These are your friends and neighbors. People who allow us to entertain them for a short time. Each has a story and each has a reason for being with us on any given evening. It's you and all these people that make up our audience, and you make it a joy to perform and entertain. You allow us to share music we like, and we hope you like it, too—from toe tapping music to strains of a sing-a-long. To those of you who took the time to hear and see us this summer, thank you!

For those of you who, for whatever reason, missed us this summer, it's not too late to put us on your schedule for the fall. Planning is already in the works for our Navy Birthday Concert, Veteran's Day Concert as well as our Holiday Concert and children's show. For those of you whom I have not had the pleasure of meeting, I purposely make myself available before concerts to meet you. Don't be a stranger. Thanks again for a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

J. M. Alverson
Director

Das Jazz!!!

The United States Naval Academy will host a performance by the Big Band of the Bundeswehr, the German military's premier touring jazz ensemble at **Alumni Hall on Tuesday evening, September 28th at 7:30 P.M.** This group has performed all over the world to great acclaim. Music by American greats of the swing era such as Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, and Cole Porter as well as Gershwin and Bernstein feature prominently in the repertoire of this outstanding ensemble. Traditional German favorites from the folk and cabaret idioms as well as Dixieland, Rock n' Roll, and Oldies are also livened up by the big band sound. This 23-member group is led by Lt. Colonel Robert Kuckertz, a classically trained trumpeter and pianist who in addition to studies in Germany has worked in Los Angeles and Las Vegas. The band's diplomatic mission of entertaining audiences has taken them from Moscow to New York and Lisbon to Oslo.



A member of Big Band der Bundeswehr trades tips with President Bill Clinton as ex-Chancellor Helmut Kohl looks on.

Don't miss this first ever performance at the U.S. Naval Academy by the **"Big Band der Bundeswehr!"**

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The Naval Academy Band is committed to excellence in music education. Whether influencing educators or reaching out to youth, members of the band continue to display a dedication to promoting music education. The band has a very special relationship with the surrounding schools. Anne Arundel County Schools and The Naval Academy Band have a written partnership agreement whose purpose is "to foster mutual growth by encouraging students and instrumental music programs to embrace the state of the art by providing instructional assistance and unique musical opportunities..." and that's not always as easy as it sounds. Exceptionally talented students are recommended by their teachers to participate in the Band's annual "Side by Side" concert, and each year one student is selected to be featured with the band through the Naval Academy Band's Solo Concerto competition. The band also provides members as adjudicators for All County Band auditions. Small groups prepare clinics for students on like instruments, and some even find time for private instruction.

- **Next Wave.** The United States Naval Academy Band's jazz ensemble, The Next Wave is one of the finest jazz bands in the Navy today. Seventeen of the most highly skilled musicians in the country, these jazz lovers are dedicated to keeping the big band sound alive in America. Their music includes time tested arrangements by the likes of Goodman, Ellington, Basie and Miller as well as the more contemporary names of Maynard Ferguson, Rob McConnell and Bob Florence. In addition to the well attended concerts, the group performs jazz clinics for high school and college jazz band competitions.

- **Electric Brigade.** More than just a special unit, the Naval Academy Band's "EB" is also a highly sought after recruiting tool. Through the use of contemporary music and a very dynamic presentation, they have the ability to grab the attention of high school and college age audiences who may not have given the Navy a second thought. Often surprising students with their "ultra-hip" musical style, they provide a question and answer period encouraging students to stay in school, work hard, and to consider a career in the Navy. Its seven members have toured as far north as Iceland and as far south as Cuba, representing the Naval Academy and the Navy in ways other groups can't duplicate. After attending an Electric Brigade performance, Rear Admiral Barbara McGann, the Navy's senior recruiter, was so impressed that she sent the group to represent the Navy at the NAACP national convention in Atlanta.



MU1 Dominguez of The Electric Brigade shares the mic with students of Kent Co. H.S.

But the Naval Academy Band's reach is vast. In San Antonio, the Naval Academy's own Clarinet Quartet presented a clinic before the Texas Bandmasters Association Convention. The high profile event is only one in a list of many programs where this special unit performed music, discussed teaching philosophy and made recommendations to band directors on ways to excite young adults and children about music. Dr. Mary Jeanne van Appledorn, nationally recognized composer in all musical genres, penned a three movement piece entitled "Gestures" specifically for the quartet. It's world premiere was enthusiastically received by the audience of professionals. Petty Officer Joe McCarthy took his group, a variation of the Superintendent's Combo, on an abbreviated tour of Connecticut and Rhode Island hitting high points of his youth. McCarthy programmed his concerts to energize and encourage students at his hometown and college and to display the skill and artistry capable of military musicians. The ensemble held clinics for students with aspirations in professional music. Most groups focused on the physical and mental demands of being a musician, the importance of education and the benefits of being a musician in the military. The combo performed at the University of Hartford, University of Connecticut, Western Connecticut State University at Meriden, as well as the Naval War College.

There are additional units which serve as liaisons to the community, and many members of the band also perform with their churches and community groups. If your group or organization is interested in more information about our community appearances, special bands and schedule, please contact our Public Affairs Department at (410) 293-1262.



"The Cane Mutiny" at the Texas Bandmasters Assn. Convention



Noteworthy Events

Congratulations on well deserved promotions!



**MUC Dan Drew
MUC Bob Stibbe
MU1 Nick Pastelak**



Naval Academy Band Sailor of the Quarter

MU1 Mike Whittaker 2nd Qtr, 1999

Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal

**MU2 Ken Pfabe
MU2 Linda Reeves
MU2 Karl Schultz**

Navy Good Conduct Medal

MU2 Ken Pfabe, (2nd Award)

Fair Winds and Following Seas to:

MU2 Linda Reeves to Fleet Reserve

Welcome aboard to:

MU2 James Hurd from RTC, Great Lakes

MU2 Lynda Baber from RTC, Great Lakes

NEW TO THE USNA BAND FAMILY

Isabella Bria Lopez, daughter of MU2 Erin Heere and her husband Rubin, born 6 lbs, 11 Oz. on Tuesday, SEP 08, at 11:10 A.M. at National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD.



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15 OCT

Navy Day Concert

Commander Mike Alverson and the men and women of The United States Naval Academy Band celebrate the Navy's 224th Birthday. 8:00 P.M. in **Mitscher Hall**.

29 OCT

You Can't Play That on Tuba!!!

(Chamber Music Series)

Petty Officer Jarrod Williams presents a program of tuba solos by Bach, Schumann, and Bellstedt. The twist is that these solos were originally written for flute, oboe, and trumpet! Also appearing will be the Naval Academy Brass Quintet performing a work by Jan Bach (very different from J.S.) 8:00 P.M. at **First Presbyterian Church**, Duke of Gloucester at Conduit St., Annapolis.

5 NOV

Veteran's Day Concert

A musical salute to America's past and present servicemen in honor of Veteran's Day. The program will feature the full Concert Band, performing patriotic favorites. 8:00 P.M. at **Lindale-Brooklyn Park M.S.**, 415 Andover Rd., Linthicum.

12 NOV

Music for Trumpet and Organ

(Chamber Music Series)

Petty Officers Pat Sarracco and John Babcock will present a program of music for trumpet and organ from the works of Telemann, Albinoni and Manfredini. Other members of the Naval Academy Band's trumpet section will join in to perform works for trumpet ensemble by Tomasi and Scheidt. 8:00 P.M. in the **Naval Academy Chapel**.

19 NOV

Wind Octet

(Chamber Music Series)

The Naval Academy Wind Octet will present a recital featuring a work by one of the truly great composers of all time, Ludwig van Beethoven. Live performances of this interestingly beautiful work are rare and you won't want to miss the unique opportunity. 8:00 P.M. in the **Naval Academy Chapel**.

10 DEC

Holiday By The Bay

Our annual "musical gift to Annapolis," features traditional holiday favorites to help put you in the "spirit." Full concert band arrangements conducted by the Naval Academy Band's Assistant Leader, ENS Michael S. Grant. 8:00 P.M. in **Mitscher Hall**.

11 DEC

Children's Holiday Matinee

Our Children's Matinee, a favorite for kids of all ages promises many surprises including a visitor from the North Pole. Join the fun at 2:00 P.M. in **Mitscher Hall**.

All Naval Academy Band concerts begin at 8:00pm (except where noted) and are free and open to the public. Please note the various venues. For concert information call (410) 293-0263.