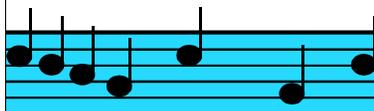


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## How 'bout them MUSox?

By MU2 Kaci Haugeto

The United States Naval Academy Band has another unit to add to its long list of performing ensembles. In addition to the Marching Band, Concert Band, Ceremonial Bands Blue & Gold, Next Wave, Electric Brigade, Superintendent's and Commandant's Combos, Brass and Wind Quintets, Clarinet and Tuba Quartets, and Percussion Ensemble, we now have a softball team; **The MUSox!**

After all, music isn't the **ONLY** thing we do.

OK, so the Naval Academy Band's softball team posted an 8-11 record in its first season. But a winning record a good team does not make. It doesn't reflect the hard work by founder and coach MU1 Blake Cramer, for example, who saw the Sox through the 19-game stretch. Nor does it show the outstanding effort by team co-captain MU2 Jarrod Williams.

This year's show wouldn't have been possible without the support of the tuba section, which seemed to be amply represented. MU2's Todd Nix, Ben Grant and Jarrod Williams all pitched in to give the first **MUSox** its early momentum.

Principal Tubist Williams isn't surprised at all. When asked if the instrument makes the ball player, his response was simply "of course, was there ever any doubt." I wonder if Babe Ruth or Cal Ripken, Jr. played the tuba?

The excitement proved contagious, as the tubists were joined by euphonium players MUC Ken Shrum and MU2 Karl Schultz, trumpet players MUC Jim Bean, MU2 John Babcock, and Electric Brigadier MU2 Jody Stiles, as well as percussionist MU2 Richie Smith. Even retired MUCM Don Carter participated. (Could there be an alumni team in the making?)

In the final stats, though, it was all tubas. MU2 Grant led with an overall batting average of .709, with 39 hits and four home runs. MU2 Nix followed, with an impressive .661 average, 39 hits and two home runs. The team batting average was .503.

This year the team hosted several Family Nights to help bolster support. Says Cramer, "we're still looking for additional committed players and cheering sections." If any of you USNA Band Patrons out there enjoy a good game and would like to expand your support of the band, please come on out and cheer this dedicated group on to victory. For game schedules, you can call the Band Office at (410) 293-3282 and speak with Petty Officer Cramer or Williams. The 1999 season begins in April.



Back: R. Smith; B. Grant; T. Nix; J. Williams; K. Shrum  
Front: J. Stiles; J. Bean; B. Cramer; K. Schultz

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## COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Dear Patron:



LCDR J.M. Alverson

To get right to the point, words cannot adequately describe the feeling of genuine pride I have in serving as the 24th Leader of your United States Naval Academy Band. Combine this with the opportunity to conduct some of the finest musicians in our country, and I assure you I don't think I could be more fortunate. CDR Ralph Gambone turned over to me not only a superb musical organization, but also one that is very smooth running. The transition hopefully has been as

seamless as possible, and everyone here has made me feel very much a part of the band as well as the community.

I believe we have an excellent line up for our winter and spring concert and recital series with many exciting selections on each program. I also want to let you know that Naval Academy Band is to be featured in concert at the National Trumpet Competition on March 20, 1999 at George Mason University. Guest artists performing with the band will be Mr. Steve Hendrickson, principal trumpet with the National Symphony Orchestra, and Mr. Vinnie DiMartino, a recognized trumpet clinician currently teaching at The University of Kentucky.

Before each of our concerts and recitals I enjoy meeting and talking with our audiences. It's a great opportunity for us to get to know each other, share a few words, and for you to let me know if you have a certain favorite selection or two. Who knows, we might be able to program that special piece just for you during our summer series.

I look forward to speaking with as many of you as possible, and I promise you a great evening of musical entertainment that is sure to please. During one of my first concerts, I made a statement that went something like this, "It is my goal for our audiences to leave our concerts with smiles on their faces and humming, singing, or whistling a melody they've just heard." If that goal can be achieved, then I'll consider it a successful performance.

Again, I look forward to meeting all of you at some time during the course of my tour here. I know we'll all have a great time together.

Sincerely,

J. M. Alverson  
Director

## Biography

### MUSICIAN SECOND CLASS SERGIO DACOL

Musician Second Class Sergio Dacol, our most recent "Sailor of the Quarter," AND "Annapolis Area Sailor of the Quarter," attended high school at Liceo Juan Ramon Jimenez in Colombia and studied at the National Conservatory of Music in Bogota, Colombia. In 1988 he received a full scholarship to Southern Methodist University and was awarded a Bachelor of Music in Bassoon Performance in 1992. His extensive orchestral experience includes performances with the Dallas Wind Symphony, the National Band of Colombia, the National Symphony Orchestra of Colombia and the Dallas Symphony Orchestra.



Petty Officer Dacol enlisted in the Navy in April of 1993 and after graduating first in his class from the School of Music in Little Creek, Virginia, he reported for duty as bassoonist in the Pacific Fleet Band in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. In 1997 Sergio was selected as bassoonist for The United States Naval Academy Band. In addition to his performances with the concert band, he performs with the Woodwind Quintet, ceremonial and marching units. He also works as Assistant Supply Petty Officer and as MWR Petty Officer. Petty Officer Dacol's military awards include the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Petty Officer Dacol resides in Annapolis, Maryland with his wife Sandra and sons Charles and Eric.

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# Program Notes

## SYMPHONY IN BRASS

Handel's Overture to the Royal Fireworks, antiphonal works of Gabrieli, excerpts from Pictures at an Exhibition, and Ewazen's Symphony in Brass. Monte Maxwell, USNA chapel organist, will join to perform Marcel Dupre's Poeme Heroique and Eternal Father.

January 22

## THE CHESAPEAKE STATES

The Concert Band, conducted by LCDR Alverson in a program of pieces by Bay Area composers, or inspired by the beauty of our Chesapeake Bay.

January 29

## JUST IN TIME

We'll travel back in time to pay tribute the small jazz groups of the 1960's. Performing Art from Blakey and Pepper, colors from Horace Silver and Clifford Brown, and much, much more.

February 5

## A NIGHT IN OLD ITALY

Close your eyes and let the music conjure images of Roman architecture, gondolas on a Venetian canal, and the hustle of downtown Naples. You can almost *smell* dinner!

February 12

## THE ELECTRIC BRIGADE

The Navy's Premier Top 40 band in a program of today's *electrifying* hits!

February 19

## A GRIN AND A GIGGLE

( Light hearted pieces designed to put a smile on your face. )

February 26

## PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

The Percussion Ensemble performs a wide variety of music ranging from pre-revolutionary fife and drum music, Guatemalan marimba music, ragtime, jazz, and original compositions by contemporary composers.

March 19

## TRUMPETS TO THE FORE

A rousing evening of music featuring the Concert Band with a special nod to its trumpet section. From the sound of Spanish trumpets to the swinging Big Band sections, nothing gets your attention quite like a trumpet. The evening's special soloist is our principal player, MUC James Bean.

March 27

## BRASS BAND RECITAL

This ensemble recreates the original Naval Academy Band formed in 1852. Comprised of 11 brass players and 2 percussionists, this band was typical in size and instrumentation of town bands throughout the country at the time of the Civil War. The concert will focus on transcriptions and original brass band works of the middle to late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

April 16

## HIGH SCHOOL FESTIVAL

Professor Anthony Maiello is this year's guest conductor and clinician for our annual "sit-in concert." We are proud to host talented young musicians from the Anne Arundel County School system in a week of rehearsals, culminating with this concert. Enjoy the music of some of our area's finest young people.

April 30

## TUBAvitation

MU2 Todd C. Nix, tubist extraordinaire, extends his personal INVITATION to join in a thoroughly enjoyable evening of entertainment. Sharing the stage with MU2 Nix and USNA Band members are guest artists from Washington area premier military bands, narrator Keith Hitchcock, and the critically acclaimed, nationally renowned, and always exciting Canterbury Brass.



## noteworthy events

### Annapolis Area Complex and Naval Academy Band

#### Sailor of the Quarter

MU2 Sergio R. Dacol, 3<sup>RD</sup> Qtr. '98

#### Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal

MUCM James H. Cunningham

#### Navy Good Conduct Medal

MUCM Gary R. Wolfe, seventh award

MUC Alexandra R. Chappell, fourth award

MU1 Marcia L. Diehl, second award

MU2 John F. Babcock, second award

MU2 S. Craig Young, fourth award

#### Expert Pistol

MUC Bruce A. McDonald

MUC Kenneth E. Shrum

MU1 Robert A. Stibbe

MU2 John T. Parsons

#### Sharpshooter

MU1 Michael S. Jarjoura

MU2 Joel L. Borrelli

#### Transfers

MUC Bruce McDonald to SOM

MU2 John Parsons to Navy Band, Washington, DC

MU2 Ronald Vasquez to CIVLANT

MU2 John Duley from Navy Band, Jacksonville

MU2 Trent Turner from CIVLANT

#### NEW TO THE USNA BAND FAMILY

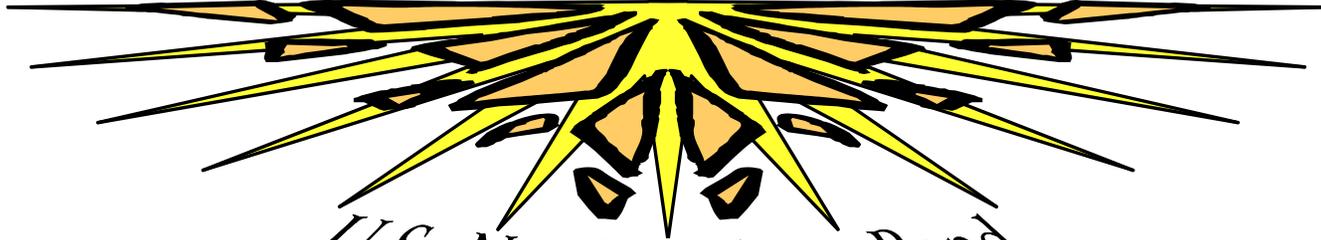
Madison Louise Ascione, daughter of MU2 Ray and Melissa Ascione, was born November 7th, weighing 7 lbs 13oz and 19 ½ in tall. Madison is the Granddaughter of CDR Raymond Ascione, USN, RET and the niece of MUCM Gerry and MUCM Gail Ascione.

MU1 Mike and MU2 Amy Jarjoura welcomed Zachery Michael Jarjoura into their family November 21<sup>st</sup>. Zachery was 6 lb 13 in and 19 in tall.

Band alumnus Ken Bell and his wife Cherie Lee sent word of the arrival of their son, Kenny, who arrived weighing just over 6lbs.

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**MAR 19**    **Trumpets To the Fore**

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**JAN 15**    **Symphony In Brass**  
*Main Chapel*  
**JAN 29**    **Just In Time**  
**FEB 26**    **Percussion Ensemble**  
**MAR**    **Brass Band**  
**27**    *Mahan Hall*  
**APR**    **TUBAvitation**  
**30**    **Mahan Hall**

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