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# Serenade

Summer  
1999

U.S. Naval Academy

Band



"The Navy's Oldest and Finest"



MU1 Robert A. Stibbe

## MU1 Robert A. Stibbe Sailor of the Year

By MU2 Kari Astrid Haugeto

A rock guitarist may not be the first thing that comes to mind when you think of a Navy role model, but this year's Sailor of the Year board would beg to differ. It named MU1 Robert A. Stibbe as the Annapolis Area Complex Senior Sailor of the Year.

"MU1 Stibbe impressed us with his global knowledge of the Navy's role in world events and how the Naval Academy's mission and his part in it relates to the Navy's mission as a whole," says MUCM Gary Wolfe. "Having sat on the Annapolis Area Sailor of the Year Board, I can tell you that we interviewed the absolute brightest and most experienced Sailors in the complex."

LCDR Mike Alverson, Director of The U.S. Naval Academy Band, has been impressed by MU1 Stibbe's resourcefulness. "It's a given that his musicianship is of the highest caliber, but when you consider the many personnel challenges he faced in the past year and how well he coordinated each situation, his true dedication and professionalism came shining through."

Petty Officer Stibbe joined the Navy in March of 1982. After recruit training and Musician "A" School, he reported to Navy Band San Diego as a guitar instrumentalist.

"I'm not surprised to hear that Bob was selected for Annapolis Area Complex Senior Sailor of the Year," says CDR Ralph Gambone, Officer in Charge/Leader of The United States Navy Band, Washington, DC, who worked with Stibbe in San Diego and later at Naval Academy Band. "He is very talented, very energetic and very dedicated."

In 1984, Stibbe reported to the SEVENTH Fleet Band, a sea duty band home ported in Yokosuka, Japan, performing throughout the Far East, South Pacific and Australia. He returned to Navy Band San Diego in 1987, where he stayed until 1990, when he transferred to the Allied Forces Southern Europe Band based in Naples, Italy. He toured Europe with their rock group, "The Ambassadors," acting not only as guitarist and vocalist, but as the unit leader.

Before joining The United States Naval Academy Band, he was stationed with Navy Band New Orleans, where he led and performed in "High Tide," its touring contemporary group. Currently MU1 Stibbe heads "Electric Brigade" the Navy's premiere Rock and Top 40 ensemble.

"Bob is a great leader and musician," says MUCM Jim Cunningham, Stibbe's predecessor as guitarist and leader of "Electric Brigade." "I know he's overcome many obstacles this year and proven to be very resourceful and skilled. We're proud to have him in our organization."

George Maghee, Assistant Principal at Glen Burnie High School, recently hosted "Electric Brigade" for a Navy Recruiting sponsored assembly program. He says his students were thrilled by the band. "They really made a connection with the kids. It was the most sensational show we've ever had here at the school. The "Electric Brigade" is a talented group of musicians," he added.

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## COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Dear Patron:



LCDR J.M. Alverson

What a great winter and spring season we had! And you were a major part of those successes! Without our audiences, it's just another rehearsal. As you know and can appreciate, the band seems to really perk up when they're playing before a responsive crowd. So, many thanks to you all!

We look forward to this summer with great anticipation. Not only do we have a super summer series

lined up, but by the first of September we should be in our completely renovated spaces in the 2nd wing of Bancroft Hall. It's going to be a treat rehearsing in a "brand new" facility! We'll have more on those new spaces in our next issue.

But back to our concerts. We kick off the summer season at 7:00 p.m. on June 6 at Allen Pond Park in Bowie, MD featuring some old favorites as well as some new additions to the Band's repertoire I think you'll really enjoy. Then it's some well earned leave for our personnel for a couple of weeks, and back to rehearse for the 4th of July on the Naval Academy grounds and our "Summer Serenade" series beginning at 7:30 p.m. on July 6. We also have a very special out of area performance coming up. Our clarinet quartet, The Cane Mutiny, has been invited to perform for the Texas Bandmasters Association convention in San Antonio, Texas.

As you may know, I like to greet and speak to our audiences one to one before each performance. We are so fortunate to have such loyal patrons who have supported the Band through the years. So during our next concert, if I haven't yet had the chance to speak to you personally, please try get my attention and allow me to introduce myself to you. This not only gives me an opportunity to thank you, but also to find out what you would like to hear the Band perform. I look forward to seeing you all at some time during the summer!

Sincerely,

J. M. Alverson  
Director



## CAPTAIN'

## S CUP

## TOURNAMENT

This year the band is participating in a series of sporting events designed to build teamwork and unit morale. Each team is given a score based not only on its performance, but also on the number of personnel who attend the event to support the teams. The participating units include the Band, Seabees, Small Craft, YP's, Marines, Medical, Admin., and the Commandant's Staff. After the 8-ball, darts, 5k run, racquetball, and softball contests, The United States Naval Academy Band is in second place! Upcoming events include volleyball, 500 meter swim, horseshoes, tug of war, golf, ping pong, 3 on 3 basketball, and bowling. Congratulations to all those participating.

MU2 Mike Acosta, softball

MU2 John Babcock, softball

MUC Jim Bean, softball

MUCS Kathy Callahan, 8-ball, 5k run

MU1 Blake Cramer, 8-ball, darts, 5k run, racquetball, softball

MU2 Sergio Dacol, 8-ball, darts

MUCS Jeff Diehl, 5k run

MU1 Marcia Diehl, 5k run

MUC Dave Hanner, 5k run

MU2 Kari Haugeto, 5k run, 8-ball

MUC Joel Lewis, 8-ball

MU2 Todd Nix, softball, 5k run

MU2 Nick Pastelak, 8-ball

MU2 Ken Pfabe, 5k run

MU2 Tom Pitta, 5k run

MU2 Jon Reycraft, 5k run, racquetball, darts, softball

MUCS Butch Rodak, 8-ball, softball

MU2 Pat Sarracco, 5k run

MUCS Ken Shrum, 5k run, softball

MU2 Karl Shultz, 5k run, softball

MU1 Bruce Smith, 5k run

MU2 Ritchie Smith, softball

MU2 Jody Stiles, racquetball,

MU2 Tony Valerio, softball

MU2 Jarrod Williams, 5k run, softball, 8-ball

MU1 Ben Grant, racquetball, darts, softball

## GO TEAM, GO !!!

If you or a friend would like to receive "Serenade", please fill out the enclosed coupon and mail it to us. We will be happy to include you on our patron list.

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# Ports O' Call

## JULY

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Concert Band, 7:30 P.M., USNA Farragut Field, Annapolis, MD, (410) 293-1262

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Concert Band, 7:30 P.M., Rawlinsville Camp, Holtwood, PA, (410) 574-0187

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Electric Brigade, 7:00 P.M., Wheaton Regional Park, Wheaton, MD, (301) 217-6861

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Brass Quintet, 7:00 P.M., Sudlersville Park, Sudlersville, MD, (410) 758-2520  
Electric Brigade, 7:00 P.M., War Memorial Park, Martinsburg, WV, (304) 264-2842

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Electric Brigade, 6:00 P.M., Calvert Taylor House, Berlin, MD, (410) 641-2770

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Electric Brigade, 7:00 P.M., Attic Park, Greenbelt, MD, (301) 397-2212

## AUGUST

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Electric Brigade, 7:00 P.M., Innerharbor Amphitheater, Baltimore, MD, (800) HARBOR-1

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Electric Brigade, 7:00 P.M., Watkins Park, Upper Marlboro, MD, (301) 249-9220

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Electric Brigade, 6:00 P.M., Downs Park, Pasadena, MD, (410) 222-6230

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Concert Band, 6:00 P.M., Linthicum Park, Linthicum, MD, (410) 293-1262  
Electric Brigade, 7:00 P.M., Al Starr Field, Stasburg, PA, (717) 687-9916

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Electric Brigade, 8:00 P.M., Caroline Summerfest, Denton, MD, (410) 479-3721

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Electric Brigade, 12:30 P.M., Naval Station Annapolis, Annapolis, MD, (410) 293-2641

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Concert Band, 7:00 P.M., Wm A. Humbert Amphitheater, Bel Air, MD, (202) 898-0707  
Electric Brigade 7:00 P.M., Allen Pond Park, Bowie, MD, (301) 262-6200

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Concert Band, 7:00 P.M., Ocean Pines Comm. Ctr., Ocean Pines, MD, (410) 641-7717



## noteworthy events

Congratulations on well deserved promotions!



MUCS Ken Shrum  
MU1 Geoffrey Bayne  
MU1 Bruce Smith  
MU1 Mike Whittaker



Annapolis Area Complex and Naval Academy Band

Sailor of the Year

MU1 Robert A. Stibbe

Naval Academy Band Sailor of the Quarter

MU2 Kari Astrid Haugeto, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 1998  
MU2 John F. Babcock, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 1999

Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal

MU1 Robert A. Stibbe

Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal

MU2 Jarrod D. Williams  
MU2 S. Craig Young

Navy Good Conduct Medal

MU2 Karl F. Schultz, 1<sup>st</sup> Award  
MU2 Jarrod D. Williams, 1<sup>st</sup> Award  
MU2 Sergio Dacol, 2<sup>nd</sup> Award  
MU2 Marc F. Boensel, 3<sup>rd</sup> Award  
MU2 Joseph Stiles, 4<sup>th</sup> Award

Letters of Commendation

MU2 John Babcock  
MU2 Joel L. Borrelli-Boudreau  
MU2 Kari Astrid Haugeto  
MU2 Todd C. Nix

Fair Winds and Following Seas to:

MU2 John L. Fisher to U.S. Navy Band, Washington, DC  
MU2 Benjamin L. Grant to U.S. Navy Band, Washington, DC  
MU2 Erik Swanson to "CIVLANT"

Welcome aboard to:

MU1 Geoffrey Bayne from Navy Band Seattle  
MU1 Frank Dominguez from Atlantic Fleet Band, Norfolk, VA  
MU2 Thomas Pitta from "CIVLANT," Eldersburg, MD  
MU2 Benjamin S. Redwine from 214<sup>th</sup> Army Band, Atlanta, GA  
MU2 Jonathon Reycraft from "CIVLANT," Northpoint, NY  
MU2 Twig D. Sargent from "CIVLANT," Lake Jackson, TX

NEW TO THE USNA BAND FAMILY

MU1 Bruce Smith and his wife Liza were blessed with a son, Alec, at 6:30 A.M. on April 4, 1999. Alec weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and measured 22 inches long.



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# *The U.S. Naval Academy Band* *Summer Serenade* 1999

## **SUMMER SERENADE**

**Annapolis City Dock**

**JULY 6**  
**Concert Band**

**JULY 13**  
**Bingo!**  
**Children's Show**

**JULY 20**  
**Alumni Concert**

**JULY 27**  
**U.S. Navy Concert Band**  
**from Navy Band, Washington, DC**

**AUGUST 3**  
**Electric Brigade**

**AUGUST 10**  
**Concert Band**

**AUGUST 17**  
**FINALE**  
**6:30 PM Chamber Groups**  
**7:30 Main Event**

**All Naval Academy Band concerts begin at 7:30 P.M. (except where noted) and are free and open to the public. For concert information call (410) 293-0263.**

## **GUEST SERIES**

**Rip Miller Astro Turf Field**

**JULY 8**  
**Cruisers**  
**from The U.S. Navy Band**

**JULY 15**  
**Superintendent's Combo**  
**from The U.S. Naval Academy Band**

**JULY 22**  
**Sea Chanters**  
**from The U.S. Navy Band**

**JULY 29**  
**Army Blues**  
**from The U.S. Army Band**

**AUGUST 5**  
**Singing Sergeants**  
**from The U.S. Air Force Band**

**AUGUST 12**  
**Electric Brigade**  
**from The U.S. Naval Academy Band**

