



**United States Navy Band  
Commodores Jazz Ensemble  
Second/Jazz Alto Saxophone Audition – Feb. 19, 2019**

The U.S. Navy Band Commodores is the Navy's premier jazz ensemble, performing the very best of big band jazz for the Navy and the nation for 50 years. The Commodores' mission includes public concerts, national concert tours, ceremonial support, jazz education classes and clinics, and protocol performances for high-level military and civilian government officials.

Starting salary in the U.S. Navy Band is \$61,557-\$67,461, plus 30 days paid leave annually and full benefits for members and dependents. Members may also be eligible for an enlistment bonus (up to \$10,000) and/or the Student Loan Repayment Program (up to \$65,000). Those selected to the U.S. Navy Band are advanced to the paygrade of E-6 (musician first class) following recruit training under a contract for permanent duty only with the U.S. Navy Band. Applicants must be aged 18 to 39 and otherwise qualified for service in the U.S. Navy.

**Application Instructions**

The live audition will take place on Feb. 19, 2019 in Washington, D.C., and is by invitation only. In order to be considered for a live audition, you must submit the following materials electronically by **11:59 p.m. EST on Jan. 18, 2019:**

- (1) One-page resume
- (2) Letter of Endorsement (current DOD service members only)
- (3) Audio recordings containing the following selections:
  - “Dolphin Dance” (Herbie Hancock); head and two choruses of improvisation
  - Up-tempo tune of your choice
  - Ballad of your choice; one or two choruses of improvisation

Recordings should not exceed 12 minutes in total length. Candidates may use either a live rhythm section (preferred) or backing tracks (Aebersold/iRealBook). Recordings should feature candidates on melody and improvisation and may be trimmed for length, however no further audio editing is permitted.

For official submission instructions as well as eligibility information, please contact [navyband.auditions@navy.mil](mailto:navyband.auditions@navy.mil). You must e-mail the Navy Band prior to submitting your materials.