

SPOTLIGHT (FROM INSIDE)

your instrument...At over 80 pounds, the concert double action harp is a challenge to move as well as play. The 47 strings are like the white keys on a piano. In order to play accidentals (the black keys of a piano), there are seven foot pedals (one for each note A-B-C-D-E-F-G) that determine whether a note is flat, natural or sharp (high, middle, or low pedal position). This pedal system accounts for many of the harps over 2,000 moving parts. Although the most recognizable harp technique is the glissando, harpists can use their fingernails to imitate hail, a tinny sound or a whistle. Even the pedals can create a special buzzing effect.

away from work...I enjoy shopping, exercising and sewing anything from clothes and quilts to items for our home. Being a new mom, I love spending time with my family. I'm astounded that my little boy recognizes the symphonies from his beloved "Baby Beethoven" video, so we play them frequently.

future goals...Within the Navy Band, I look forward to continuing to play with many superb musicians. Outside of work, I want to enjoy my family and spend as much time as I can with them.

**U.S. NAVY BAND & SPECIALTY UNITS
2004 SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

The U.S. Navy Band and specialty groups present the following **FREE** concerts. For more information call (202) 433-2525.

U.S. CAPITOL

(West Side)

MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS

JULY 12 - AUGUST 30 AT 8 P.M.

July	12,	Country Current (Monday)
	15,	Commodores (Thursday)
	19,	Commodores (Monday)
	22,	Country Current (Thursday)
	26,	Navy Band (Monday)
	29,	Cruisers (Thursday)
August	2,	Cruisers (Monday)
	5,	Sea Chanters (Thursday)
	9,	Navy Band (Monday)
	12,	Commodores (Thursday)
	16,	Navy Band (Monday)
	19,	Commodores (Thursday)
	23,	Country Current (Monday)
	26,	Country Current (Thursday)
	30,	Commodores (Monday)

NAVY MEMORIAL

701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.

TUESDAYS, JULY 6 - AUGUST 31 AT 8 P.M.

July	6,	Country Current
	13,	Commodores
	20,	Navy Band, Sea Chanters & Cruisers
	27,	Navy Band, Sea Chanters & Cruisers
August	3,	U.S. Coast Guard Band
	10,	Navy Band, Sea Chanters & Cruisers
	17,	Navy Band, Sea Chanters & Cruisers
	24,	Navy Band, Sea Chanters & Cruisers
	31,	Navy Band, Sea Chanters & Cruisers

**SPECIAL CONCERTS
"Labor Day Concert"**

**Navy Memorial
Monday, September 6 at 8 p.m.
Country Current**

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WITNESS TO HISTORY

The United States Navy Band, under the direction of Captain Ralph M. Gambone, honored a president and a generation in ceremonies and events that once again put members of the Navy Band in the national spotlight. With the passing of President Reagan, the Navy Band participated in his State Funeral Procession as well as his transfer from the U.S. Capitol to the Washington National Cathedral where the Navy Band "Sea Chanters" chorus performed with the Armed Forces Chorus at the State Funeral. On Saturday, May 29, 2004, the Navy Band paid tribute to the "Greatest Generation" at the dedication of the National World War II Memorial. In addition, Navy Band specialty groups performed at events throughout the dedication festivities. The heroic actions of President Reagan and those of the "Greatest Generation" determined America's future. It is impossible to convey the



impact of their actions in words alone. It is in this spirit that the fanfare staff offers the following pictorial review.



MUCM Jeffrey C. Myers of Lykens, Pa., leads the Ceremonial Band, augmented



to 99 pieces, in the State Funeral Procession down Constitution Ave. in Washington, D.C., Wednesday, June 9, 2004. Despite the heat and humidity, the Ceremonial Band performed with precision and distinction.



The Ceremonial Band, under the direction of Capt. Ralph M. Gambone, plays "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" (the Navy Hymn) as military pallbearers carry President Reagan's flag-draped casket down the steps on the west side of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., Friday, June 11, 2004. Former first lady Nancy Reagan looks on before going to the National Cathedral for the State Funeral Service.



(SEE FEATURES/CONCERT HIGHLIGHTS, INSIDE)

The United States Navy Band • Washington, D.C.
Captain Ralph M. Gambone, USN • Officer in Charge/Leader

Performance Calendar

The U.S. Navy Band and specialty groups present the following **FREE** concerts. Tickets or reservations are not required unless noted (*). For more information call (202) 433-2525.

JULY

**NAVY BAND,
SEA CHANTERS &
CRUISERS**
SUNDAY, JULY 4, 8 P.M.
Concert & Fireworks on the Beach
Corner of N. Division St. & the Beach
Ocean City, Md.

SEA CHANTERS
SUNDAY, JULY 25, 6:30 P.M.
Bladensburg Waterfront Park
4601 Annapolis Road
Bladensburg, Md.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 7 P.M.
"Summer Sounds in the Park"
Wheaton Regional Park
2000 Shorefield Road
Wheaton, Md.

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 7:30 P.M.
Hemdon Town Green
777 Lynn St.
Hemdon, Va.

COMMODORES
THURSDAY, JULY 1, 7:30 P.M.
Bandstand (Boardwalk area)
Bethany Beach, Del.

SATURDAY, JULY 3, 7 P.M.
Sailing Emporium
21144 Green Lane
Rock Hall, Md.

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 4 P.M.
Inner Harbor
The Gallery Amphitheater
Baltimore, Md.

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 7 P.M.
Town Center
Harrison & Dover Sts.
Easton, Md.

SUNDAY, JULY 25, 4 P.M.
West Goshen Community Park
Fern Hill & N. Five Points Roads
West Chester, Pa.

**COUNTRY
CURRENT**
THURSDAY, JULY 1, 7 P.M.
Chambersburg Memorial Park
Bandshell
235 3rd St.
Chambersburg, Pa.

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 7 P.M.
Springettsbury Township Park
1501 Mount Zion Road
York, Pa.

CRUISERS
FRIDAY, JULY 2, 7:30 P.M.
Kingstowne Towne Center
5955 Kingstowne Blvd.
Kingstowne, Va.

SUNDAY, JULY 25, 7 P.M.
Fort Hunt Park
George Washington Parkway
& Fort Hunt Road
Alexandria, Va.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 8 P.M.
Bandstand (Boardwalk area)
Rehoboth Beach, Del.

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 7 P.M.
Freedoms Foundation
at Valley Forge
1601 Valley Forge Road
Valley Forge, Pa.

AUGUST

NAVY BAND
SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 7 P.M.
William A. Humbert Amphitheater
39 Hickory Ave.
Bel Air, Md.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 6:30 P.M.
Ft. McHenry Tattoo
Ft. McHenry National Monument &
Historic Shrine
Baltimore, Md.

**NAVY BAND &
SEA CHANTERS**
MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 8 P.M.
"Alumni Concert"
U.S. Navy Memorial
701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

SEA CHANTERS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 4 P.M.
Calvert Marine Museum
Solomons Island Road (Route 2)
Solomons, Md.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 7 P.M.
Ocean Pines Memorial Pavilion
White Horse Park
239 Ocean Parkway
Ocean Pines, Md.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 7:30 P.M.
Lake Accotink Park
7500 Accotink Park Road
Springfield, Va.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 7 P.M.
Freedoms Foundation
at Valley Forge
1601 Valley Forge Road
Valley Forge, Pa.

COMMODORES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 7:30 P.M.
Friendship Heights Village Center
4433 S. Park Ave.
Chevy Chase, Md.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 7:30 P.M.
Equity Office Pavilion
Reston Town Center (Discovery St.)
Reston, Va.

**COUNTRY
CURRENT**
MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 7:30 P.M.
Bandstand (Boardwalk area)
Bethany Beach, Del.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 7 P.M.
Hemdon Town Green
777 Lynn St.
Hemdon, Va.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 8 P.M.
Blackrock Center for the Arts
12901 Town Commons Drive
Germantown, Md.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 8 P.M.
Bandstand (Boardwalk area)
Rehoboth Beach, Del.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 7 P.M.
Rockburn Branch Park
6145 Montgomerly Road
Elkridge, Md.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 5 P.M.
"Bayside Concert Series"
Downs Park
8311 John Downs Loop
Pasadena, Md.

CRUISERS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 7 P.M.
Chambersburg Memorial Park
Bandshell
235 3rd St.
Chambersburg, Pa.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 6 P.M.
"Bayside Concert Series"
Downs Park
8311 John Downs Loop
Pasadena, Md.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 7 P.M.
Springettsbury Township Park
1501 Mount Zion Road
York, Pa.

All concert information is accurate at time of publication, though subject to change due to weather and other conditions. For concert updates call the 24-hour Navy Band Performance Calendar at (202) 433-2525, or visit us on the web at www.navyband.navy.mil.

CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

“Summertime and the living is easy.” These lyrics from George Gershwin’s opera *Porgy and Bess* do not apply to your Navy Band. Once again summer is upon us, and our operational tempo has increased to meet the demand of the many requests we receive from our sponsors, which is just the way we like it!

Summertime represents a great opportunity for our performing units to play for our public. This year the concert band will continue its performances at the Capitol Steps on most Monday nights and the U.S. Navy Memorial on Tuesday nights. Beginning July 20th the Sea Chanters and Cruisers will join the concert band on select Tuesday nights at the Navy Memorial for a special concert highlighting American music. The show will include the music of Broadway, Sinatra and friends, “Top of the Forties” and *Grease*, as well as marches and patriotic selections. Please check our summer schedule for details. In addition, the Sea Chanters, Country Current, Commodores and Cruisers will alternate performing at the Capitol Steps on select Thursday nights throughout the summer.

Recently, the Navy Band has appeared at some momentous events. In May, we performed at the celebration and dedication of the National World War II Memorial. With the passing of President Reagan in June, we participated in his State Funeral. It was our honor to be involved in both events. Please read more about our involvement in this issue.

In September, the band will travel to Oslo, Norway, where we will take part in the Norwegian Military Tattoo. This represents the first time a unit of the Navy Band has visited Norway, and we are all looking forward to representing our Navy and country at this prestigious international event.

Thank you for your continued support of the Navy Band, and I hope to see you at one of our performances this summer.



Ralph M. Gambone, Captain, USN
Officer in Charge/Leader



NOTABLE QUOTES

“At this place, at this Memorial, we acknowledge a debt of long-standing to an entire generation of Americans: those who died; those who fought and worked and grieved and went on. They saved our country, and thereby saved the liberty of mankind.”

President George W. Bush
at the dedication of the
National World War II Memorial

“What we dedicate today is not a memorial to war. Rather it is a tribute to the physical and moral courage that makes heroes out of farm and city boys, that inspires Americans of every generation to lay down their lives for people they’ll never meet.”

former Senator Bob Dole
at the dedication of the
National World War II Memorial

FEATURES/CONCERT HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED...



The “Country Current” bluegrass quintet and “Commodores” jazz ensemble perform on the National World War II Reunion’s Homecoming Stage on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., Thursday, May 27, 2004. The reunion drew an estimated 315,000 visitors over four days.



The Navy Band plays before an estimated crowd of 150,000 people at the dedication ceremony of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., Saturday, May 29, 2004. World-renowned opera singer Denyce Graves joined the Navy Band to sing the National Anthem and “God Bless America.”



Participation in these historic events reminds us of how blessed we are to serve in The United States Navy Band, and how honored we are to be witnesses to history.

NAVY BAND CONCERTO COMPETITION



Alicia Murai, winner of the 2004 Navy Band High School Concerto Competition, bows in appreciation after her performance.

Miss Alicia Murai, winner of the 2004 Navy Band High School Concerto Competition, performed with the Navy Band at its concert at North County High School in Ferndale Md. on May 8th. Chief Musician Andrew E. Carlson, coordinator for the competition, stated, “Ms. Murai

was chosen because of her technical prowess in addition to her beautiful tone and musical maturity.” Her performance of Gabriel Fauré’s “Fantasie” showcased this ability beautifully, as evidenced by the standing ovation she received.

Miss Murai is a junior at Loch Raven High School in Towson, Md. She has played the flute for seven years and currently studies with Ms. Sara Nichols. Her initial musical training was with her mother who started her on the violin at age four. She has participated in Maryland All State ensembles for four years and with the Baltimore County All Honors Band for five years. She also plays with the Greater Baltimore Youth Orchestra, and she is eagerly anticipating the orchestra’s upcoming tour to Russia. When asked whether she was more nervous for the

audition or the concert, Miss Murai stated, “the audition, definitely!”

The Navy Band seeks to encourage



Alicia Murai stands with Capt. Ralph M. Gambone, MUC Andrew Carlson and the other Concerto Competition finalists after the concert.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 7 P.M.

Bandshell
Hagerstown City Park
Hagerstown, Md.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 7 P.M.

Town Center
Harrison & Dover Sts.
Easton, Md.

LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER

SEA CHANTERS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2 P.M.

“Chamber Recital”
Glenview Mansion
603 Edmonston Drive
Rockville, Md.

COMMODORES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, NOON

U.S. Navy Memorial
701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, NOON

U.S. Navy Memorial
701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, NOON

U.S. Navy Memorial
701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

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young musicians by inviting them to perform with the Navy Band at local concerts and on national tours. The highlight of this program is the Navy Band High School Concerto Competition. Now in its fourth year since its revival in 2001, the Concerto Competition seeks to highlight the talent of exceptionally gifted student musicians. Students submit recordings with their applications. A panel of Navy Band members choose the very best to come for a live audition. This year they selected 14 finalists. From this group, Miss Murai emerged as the winner. The other finalists performed with the Navy Band on Ferde Grofé’s *Mississippi Suite*.

Although she is an extraordinarily gifted flautist, Miss Murai also excels in science and mathematics. In 2004 she received the Rensselaer Medal awarded by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. She hopes to pursue a career in engineering or physics while continuing her involvement with music.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...



The Navy Band’s new Senior Chief Musicians Michael G. Cizek, Aaron L. Porter, Thomas W. Gingerich and Christopher W. Erbe and to Senior

Chief Musicians Kevin T. Dines and Russell J. Rathier and Chief Musician James W. Armstrong III on receiving the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and to Musicians First Class Kenneth H. Carr, Adam S. Ebert, Robert A. Holmes, Randall A. Johnson, Greta L. Loggins, Andrew C. Oppenheim, John P. Schroeder, Laura Grantier Snavelly, Timothy Stanley, Cynthia K. Wolverton and Courtney R. Williams on receiving the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

WELCOME ABOARD TO...

Musicians First Class Tim Stanley, trumpet instrumentalist with the “Commodores” jazz ensemble, Billie C. Thomas and Nathan M. Zgonc, trombonists with the Navy Band.

CONGRATULATIONS AND FAREWELL TO...

Lieutenant Isaac Daniel, Jr. who received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal on the occasion of his retirement after 22 years of service and to Master Chief Musician Jon T. Youngdahl, Public Affairs Director, who received the Meritorious Service Medal on the occasion of his retirement after 28 years of service and to Musician First Class John M. Blount III, trumpet instrumentalist with the Commodores, who received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal on the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of service.

SPOTLIGHT ON...

Musician First Class Emily Dickson, the Navy Band’s phenomenal harpist, has entertained audiences across the country, sharing her musical gifts with presidents, actors, fellow musicians and concert patrons. In addition to her performance duties, MU1 Dickson is a member of the Command Assessment Team, stands the Ceremonial Phone Watch and serves as a Physical Readiness Assistant. Her considerable talents and her willingness to contribute greatly enhance the Navy Band.

background...I’m originally from Kansas, but I grew up and lived most of my life in Denton, Texas, where I began piano lessons at age five. My father is a band director, so I grew up in a family with a deep appreciation for music. When I was 10, I noticed a harp at my piano teacher’s house, and I thought I might like to learn how to play it. At about the same time, Ellen Ritscher, my first harp teacher, moved into the area to teach at the University of North Texas (Denton). Since there was an available instrument and an available teacher, I took advantage of the opportunity. My harp studies with Ms. Ritscher continued through college at the University of North Texas, where I received my bachelor’s degree in music education.

duties and highlights...My primary duty is performing with the Concert Band, including as a featured soloist. Being the only harpist in the Navy also affords me wonderful opportunities to perform as soloist and as leader of the Navy Band’s Harp-Flute Duo in the chamber music concert series. I also perform at formal dinners and receptions at the White House, the Vice President’s residence, the Chief of Naval Operations’ residence and other centers of government. Attendees have included Presidents Bush and Clinton, Vice Presidents Cheney and Gore, Tom Brokaw, Stevie Wonder and Morgan Freeman, as well as cabinet members and members of Congress. Besides playing harp, I enjoy helping the percussion section as a textra set of hands.

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