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U.S. NAVY BAND & SPECIALTY UNITS 2003 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, June 2 – August 25 at 8 p.m.

- June**
- 2, Country Current
- 9, Cruisers
- 16, Navy Band
- 23, Navy Band
- 30, Navy Band
- July**
- 7, Country Current
- 14, Commodores
- 21, Country Current
- 28, Navy Band & Sea Chanters
- August**
- 4, Navy Band
- 11, Navy Band
- 18, Navy Band
- 25, Navy Band

NAVY MEMORIAL 701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.

Tuesdays, June 3 – August 26 at 8 p.m.

- June**
- 3, Commodores
- 10, U.S. Marine Band
- 17, Navy Band & Country Current
- 24, Navy Band
- July**
- 1, Navy Band
- 8, Country Current
- 15, Commodores
- 22, Country Current
- 29, Navy Band, Sea Chanters & Cruisers
- August**
- 5, U.S. Coast Guard Band
- 12, Navy Band, Sea Chanters & Cruisers
- 19, Navy Band, Sea Chanters & Cruisers
- 26, Navy Band

SPECIAL CONCERTS

**Memorial Day Concert, Navy Memorial, Monday, May 26 at 8 p.m.
Navy Band**

**Independence Day Celebration, Sylvan Theatre (Washington Monument grounds)
15th St. & Independence Ave., S.W., Friday, July 4 at 4:30 p.m.
Navy Band & Specialty Groups**

**Labor Day Concert, Navy Memorial, Monday, September 1 at 8 p.m.
Navy Band & Sea Chanters**

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After 78 years in Buildings 105-112 on the Washington Navy Yard, The United States Navy Band has moved to three different locations on the Naval District Washington Anacostia Annex – our temporary quarters for the next 18 months while the Sail Loft undergoes major renovations.

This long-anticipated evolution finally got underway on April 9, 2003, when the movers arrived to affect the



Movers push one of many filing cabinets up the loading ramp toward its final destination in the band's temporary spaces on the Anacostia Annex.

transfer to our “swing spaces.” The Navy Band has set up a rehearsal hall in the old gymnasium (Bldg. 72). The “Sea Chanters” chorus, “Commodores” jazz ensemble, “Country Current” country-bluegrass group, and “Cruisers” rock ensemble rehearse in portable trailers adjacent to the gym. For work requiring telephones or computers,

they will join Navy Band staff personnel in offices located on the third deck of the Naval Media Center (Bldg. 168).

Over the last several months, we have had the challenge of deciding what should be moved, stored or eliminated. After more than three quarters of a century, we had many items bound for the huge dumpster that resided in Lower 112 for months prior to the move. Every effort was made to recycle reusable junk, and those things too good to throw away were sent to the Defense Reutilization Management Organization (DRMO). Historical items and equipment that would

see **MOVE**, inside



The professional moving company moved hundreds and hundreds of boxes.

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.

MAY

NAVY BAND

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 7 P.M.

Patuxent High School
12485 Rousby Hall Rd.
Lusby, Md.

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 7 P.M.

John F. Kennedy High School
1901 Randolph Rd.
Silver Spring, Md.

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 8 P.M.*

Maryland Hall for the
Creative Arts
801 Chase St.
Annapolis, Md.

*For FREE ticket information
call (410) 263-5544.

MONDAY, MAY 26, 8 P.M.

“Memorial Day Concert”
Navy Memorial
701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

SEA CHANTERS

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 7:30 P.M.

St. Andrews Episcopal Church
Rte. 4
California, Md.

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 7:30 P.M.

Century High School
355 Ronsdale Rd.
Sykesville, Md.

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2 P.M.

White Horse Park
Ocean Pines, Md.

COMMODORES

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 7:45 P.M.

Fallston High School
2301 Carrs Mill Rd.
Fallston, Md.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, NOON

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

FRIDAY, MAY 23, NOON

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

COUNTRY

CURRENT

bluegrass quartet

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 5 P.M.

Apple Blossom Festival
Medical Center Pavilion
Amherst St. (Rtes. 50 & 37)
Winchester, Va.

CRUISERS

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 1 P.M.

“Military Appreciation Day”
Freedom Plaza
Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

JUNE

SEA CHANTERS

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 4 P.M.

Inner Harbor
The Gallery Amphitheater
Baltimore, Md.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 7 P.M.

William A. Humbert
Amphitheater
39 Hickory Ave.
Bel Air, Md.

COMMODORES

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 7 P.M.

Allen Pond Park
3400 Mitchellville Rd.
Bowie, Md.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, NOON

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 7:30 P.M.

Rock Creek Park
Carter Barron Amphitheater
16th & Colorado Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 7:30 P.M.

Lawn Theater
(S. Valley Park)
18850 Montgomery Village Ave.
Gaithersburg, Md.

COUNTRY

CURRENT

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 6:30 P.M.

Vienna Community Center
120 Cherry St., S.E.
Vienna, Va.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, NOON

Jubilee Day
Downtown area
Mechanicsburg, Pa.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 7:30 P.M.

Mason District Park
6621 Columbia Pike
Annandale, Va.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 4 P.M.

Inner Harbor
The Gallery Amphitheater
Baltimore, Md.

COUNTRY

CURRENT

bluegrass quartet

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 6:30 P.M.

Thomas Stone
National Historic Site
6655 Rose Hill Rd.
La Plata, Md.

CRUISERS

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 5 P.M.

Downs Park
8311 John Downs Loop
Pasadena, Md.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 6 P.M.

Lurman Woodland Theater
Catonsville High School
Corner of Rolling Rd.
& Bloomsbury Ave.
Catonsville, Md.

CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE



As I write this column the Navy Band is moving into its temporary spaces on Naval District Washington Anacostia Annex as renovation of the Sail Loft is scheduled to begin in a few weeks. The Staff and units of the Navy Band will be occupying spaces on the third deck of the Naval Media Center and building 72 (the old Gym). Two new trailers have also been installed adjacent to building 72 to accommodate our smaller groups. Although not ideal, we will have everything we need to make our 18-month stay functional. Of course, we all look forward to the time when we can move back into the completely renovated Sail Loft sometime in the fall of 2005. I would like to thank Rear Admiral Christopher Weaver, Commandant, Naval District Washington, and Captain James Kudla, Commanding Officer, Naval Media Center and their staffs for their assistance in making this move possible. Special thanks to Lieutenant Commander Melvin P. Kessler, Chief Musicians Stephanie Rowland and Tom Gingerich, and all the members of the Navy Band who assisted in the preparation and execution of this challenging move. I am very thankful for their hard work and unwavering dedication to duty.

Having just returned from our spring national concert tour to the West Coast I can tell you that patriotism is alive and well in America! Large, enthusiastic crowds from West Virginia to California greeted both the Concert Band and Sea Chanters at each performance. Country Current received similar responses during performances at numerous bluegrass festivals throughout the United States. The support for our troops was strong and emotional. Our patrons left no doubt about the deep respect and admiration they have for the men and women of our armed forces. I personally was overwhelmed by their obvious love for our country and our military. It was indeed an honor and privilege for us to represent our country and our Navy during this momentous time in our history. Some quotes from the numerous patron e-mails we received are included on this page.

I regret the late mailing of this edition of FANFARE but our move put everything on hold for a few weeks. Hope to see you at one of our performances throughout the national capital region this summer. There will be plenty of opportunities to see our musical units perform at a venue near you.

Thanks again for your continued support. We appreciate it!

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

NOTABLE QUOTES

Navy Band

"The Concert Band is a tribute to all that is good in this country and brought tears to my eyes when they honored our fallen men and women in Iraq with the playing of 'Amazing Grace.'"

PATRON
Twin Falls, Idaho

"Sea Chanters" chorus

"Great energy, great pace of changing tunes and a wonderful surprise on the high quality of the performance. That may have been the finest performance of singers I have ever heard."

PATRON
Winnetka, Calif.

"Country Current" bluegrass quartet

"...express my admiration for such a talented group of men. Over the years I have witnessed some of the top Bluegrass bands in the nation, and, I can say that I have not heard a group to top Country Current."

PATRON
Lake Havasu City, Ariz.

FEATURES/CONCERT HIGHLIGHTS

MOVE

From front page

not fit into the temporary spaces were stored in the Commodores rehearsal room that will be hermetically sealed during the renovations. Everything else was packed into boxes to be moved to the new facilities.

Currently, we are all meeting our new neighbors and getting acquainted with the other side of the Anacostia River. We are eagerly awaiting telephone service as our computers get up and



The two doublewide trailers that the specialty groups will use for rehearsals.

"the Yard."

The refurbished Sail Loft will be worth the wait and a worthy home of "The World's Finest" – The United States Navy Band. In the meanwhile, you can be

assured we will continue our full schedule of concerts around the nation's capital this summer and in the following year. Captain Gambone and all the members of the Navy Band look forward to seeing you at a concert this summer.

Please note: Even though we have physically moved from the Washington Navy Yard to the Anacostia Annex our mailing address and phone numbers will not change. The band's website address will also remain the same but our email address has changed to navyband.public.affairs@navy.mil.



The old gym on the Anacostia Annex is the Navy Band's new rehearsal space.

running. Staff personnel are unpacking files and getting systems underway as the performing units settle into their temporary spaces. Rehearsing in the gym brings back tour memories for many in the Navy Band. The specialty groups have been impressed with the size and quality of the trailers while looking forward to our renovated rehearsal areas back on



The Navy Band Support Staff will occupy spaces on the third deck of the Naval Media Center.

PERFORMANCE CALENDAR CONT.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, NOON
Navy Memorial
701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.
SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 7:30 P.M.
Delaware County
Summer Festival
Media, Pa.
SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 6:30 P.M.
West Whiteland Township Park
220 Miller Way
Exton, Pa.
SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 3 P.M.
Strawberry Festival
Community Park
Bigler, Pa.

LOOKING AHEAD TO JULY

COMMODORES
THURSDAY, JULY 3, 7 P.M.
Rock Hall Harbor
21144 Green Ln.
Rock Hall, Md.
SUNDAY, JULY 6, 7:30 P.M.
Mason District Park
6621 Columbia Pike
Annandale, Va.
FRIDAY, JULY 11, 7:30 P.M.
Bandstand (Boardwalk area)
Bethany Beach, Del.
COUNTRY CURRENT
SATURDAY, JULY 5, 7:30 P.M.
Fountain Square
Reston Town Center
Reston, Va.

Seeing red and gold...A common question the band is asked: Why do some of the members wear red rating badges and hash marks while others have on gold when performing in the winter concert or service dress blue uniform? Each hash mark represents four years of service. After 12 consecutive years of service with good conduct the hash marks and rating badges change from red to gold. And that's it in a nutshell.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

The Navy Band's new **Master Chief Musician Mark C. Cochran** and to **Master Chief Musician Robert E. Sullivan III** and **Chief Musician Andrew Carlson** on receiving the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and to **Chief Musicians Richard P. Bell**



Captain Ralph M. Gambone and Mrs. Janet Cochran affix Master Chief Musician Mark Cochran's new-collar devices at the frocking ceremony.

and **Russell V. Gross**, and **Musician First Class Natalie K. Mannix** on receiving the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

THE UNITED STATES NAVY BAND ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING VACANCIES:

CONCERT/CEREMONIAL BAND

French horn -----May 21

COMMODORES JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Section/jazz tenor trombone -----June 11

COUNTRY CURRENT COUNTRY-BLUEGRASS GROUP

Pedal Steel Guitar -----By Appointment

CRUISERS ROCK ENSEMBLE

Trumpet (background vocals) -----June 24

Keyboard (background vocals) -----By Appointment

For more information call: Senior Chief Musician Stuart McLean, Audition Supervisor at (202) 433-2840. Or email: navyband.auditions@navy.mil.

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