

SEA CHANTERS 45TH ANNIVERSARY

The "Sea Chanters" chorus celebrates its 45th anniversary with a concert on Saturday, June 16 at 7 p.m., featuring special guest conductors Don Neuen and former member Commander John Michael Alverson. The performance is at the Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Rd., Alexandria, Va.

For **FREE** tickets (limit 4 per request)*, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope starting May 18 to:
 45th Anniversary Tickets
 U.S. Navy Band
 617 Warrington Ave., S.E.
 Washington Navy Yard, D.C. 20374-5054

*NOTE: Tickets are distributed on a first-come, first served basis.



fanfare

MAY/JUNE 2001 ★ VOLUME 22 ★ NUMBER 3

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.

U.S. NAVY BAND & SPECIALTY UNITS 2001 SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE WASHINGTON, D.C.

U.S. CAPITOL (West Steps)	NAVY MEMORIAL 701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.	SYLVAN THEATRE Washington Monument grounds 15th St. & Independence Ave., S.W.
Mondays, June 4 – August 27 at 8 p.m.	Tuesdays, June 5 – August 28 at 8 p.m.	Thursdays, June 7 – August 30 at 8 p.m.
June	June	June
4, Commodores	5, Commodores	7, Commodores
11, Navy Band	12, Navy Band	14, Country Current
18, Navy Band	19, Navy Band	21, Navy Band
25, Cruisers	26, Commodores	28, Cruisers
July	July	July
2, No concert	3, Commodores	5, No concert
9, Commodores	10, Commodores	12, Commodores
16, Commodores	17, Commodores	19, Commodores
23, Navy Band	24, Navy Band & specialty groups	26, Navy Band
30, Cruisers	31, Navy Band & specialty groups	August
August	August	2, Sea Chanters
6, Navy Band	7, U.S. Coast Guard Band	9, Cruisers
13, Sea Chanters	14, Navy Band & specialty groups	16, Sea Chanters
20, Navy Band	21, Navy Band & specialty groups	23, Commodores
27, Navy Band	28, Navy Band & specialty groups	30, Country Current

SPECIAL CONCERTS

Memorial Day Concert, Navy Memorial, Monday, May 28 at 8 p.m.

Independence Day Celebration, Sylvan Theatre, Wednesday, July 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Labor Day Concert, Navy Memorial, Monday, September 3 at 8 p.m.



Cmdr. Ralph G. Gambone conducts the Navy Band and Sea Chanters at International Naval Review 2000 festivities in Central Park, New York City.

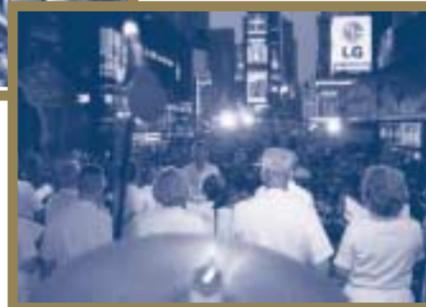
perpetuate the musical tradition of the "sea chantey"—working songs sung by sailors of the "tall ships."

Things have changed from those early days, but the Sea Chanters remain a vital part of the Navy Band and Navy tradition. From the beginning, the Sea Chanters have



Sea Chanters chorus, 1956
 Chief Musician Julius Whiting (original conductor)

represented the finest in Navy pride and professionalism to audiences worldwide. Today's ensemble features a 17-voice mixed chorus and three-piece rhythm section and is equally comfortable with a



Chief Musician Keith Hinton conducts the Sea Chanters at INR2000 festivities in Times Square, NYC.

Bach chorale, a lively Broadway show tune or a swinging jazz arrangement. Through the years the group has performed for presidents,

foreign dignitaries and with many celebrities on national television including Perry Como, Mike Douglas, Bob Hope, Kenny Rogers, Ed Sullivan, and Jonathan Winters.

The 45th Anniversary Concert to be held at 7 p.m. on June 16, 2001 at the Virginia Theological Seminary in

Alexandria, Va. will feature a world premiere commissioned by the Navy Band entitled *Keeping the Ocean Free* by Roger Bourland. Other classic works from Brahms, Faure, Holst, and Mozart will be featured along with a rousing *Big Band Sing*

arranged by Kirby Shaw. You won't want to miss this special concert, so check the back page of this issue for ticket information. *ff*

MAY

NAVY BAND

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 8 P.M.
 Chesapeake Center
 for the Creative Arts
 194 Hammonds Ln.
 Brooklyn Park, Md.

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 7:30 P.M.

Bowie State University
 Samuel L. Myers Auditorium
 14000 Jericho Park Rd.
 Bowie, Md.

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 8 P.M.*

Maryland Hall for the Performing Arts
 801 Chase St.
 Annapolis, Md.
 *For **FREE** ticket information call (410) 263-5544.

MONDAY, MAY 28, 8 P.M.

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

SEA CHANTERS

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 5 P.M.

Maryland Maritime Heritage Festival
 Susan Campbell Park
 Annapolis City Dock
 Annapolis, Md.

FRIDAY, MAY 11, NOON

Harford County Courthouse
 Main & Office Sts.
 Bel Air, Md.

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 7 P.M.+

National Memorial Day Concert
 U.S. Capitol (West Lawn)
 Washington, D.C.
 +With the National Symphony Orchestra

COMMODORES

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 7 P.M.

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

COUNTRY CURRENT

bluegrass quartet

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 4 P.M.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 7:30 P.M.

Gaslight Theater
 721 Wells St.
 Sistersville, W.Va.

CRUISERS

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 10 A.M.

Public Service Recognition Week
 The Mall
 Jefferson Dr./3rd & 4th Sts., S.W.
 Washington, D.C.

JUNE

SEA CHANTERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 7 P.M.*

45th Anniversary Concert
 Virginia Theological Seminary
 3737 Seminary Rd.
 Alexandria, Va.
 *For **FREE** ticket information see back page.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 7 P.M.

Lancaster Bible College
 Good Shepherd Chapel
 901 Eden Rd.
 Lancaster, Pa.

COMMODORES

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 6 P.M.+

Cavalier Heights Visitors Center
 (Rte. 340)
 Harpers Ferry National Historical Park
 Harpers Ferry, W.Va.
 +For information call (304) 876-6066.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 7:30 P.M.

Friendship Heights Village Center
 4433 S. Park Ave.
 Chevy Chase, Md.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 4 P.M.*

Hilton Harrisburg & Towers
 2nd & Market Sts.
 Harrisburg, Pa.
 *For **FREE** ticket information contact

Central Pennsylvania Friends
 of Jazz at (717) 540-1010.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 5 P.M.

Town Hall
 3712 Mitchell St.
 Kensington, Md.

COUNTRY CURRENT

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 6 P.M.

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 6:30 P.M.

Miller Park
 West Chester, Pa.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 7:30 P.M.

Springettsbury Township
 Athletic Complex
 1501 Mt. Zion Rd.
 York, Pa.

COUNTRY CURRENT

bluegrass quartet

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, JUNE 22-23, TBD*

Music in the Mountains
 Summersville Music Park
 Rte. 41 North
 Summersville, W.Va.
 *An admission fee will be charged to attend this festival.

*An admission fee will be charged to attend this festival.

CRUISERS

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 7:30 P.M.

Mason District Park
 6621 Columbia Pike
 Annandale, Va.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 7 P.M.

Town Hall
 5 Garrett Ave.
 La Plata, Md.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 5 P.M.

Downs Park
 8311 John Downs Loop
 Pasadena, Md.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 7:30 P.M.

Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum
 4155 Mears Ave.
 Chesapeake Beach, Md.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, NOON

Jubilee Day
 Downtown area
 Mechanicsburg, Pa.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 7:30 P.M.

Rose Tree Park
 Rte. 1 at 252
 Media, Pa.

LOOKING AHEAD TO JULY

NAVY BAND & SPECIALTY GROUPS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 6:30 P.M.

Independence Day Celebration
 Sylvan Theatre
 Washington Monument grounds
 15th St. & Independence Ave., S.W.
 Washington, D.C.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



In my last Fanfare column I talked about the Navy Band and Sea Chanters' upcoming Northeast national tours and commented on how I hoped the winter weather would be kind to us. The Sea Chanters performed their 19-day tour without a weather incident. However, the Navy Band was unable to perform three concerts on its 29-day tour due to the nor'easter that dumped up to three feet of snow in the New England area! Bad weather aside, both units had very successful tours enjoyed by large, enthusiastic audiences and we succeeded in providing positive visibility for the Navy.

As the summer approaches, your Navy Band is involved in numerous events across the country. In May the Sea Chanters head for Hawaii to participate in the premiere of the new Disney movie, "Pearl Harbor." In June, a portion of the band will be supporting the "Great American Race" for the first time in five years. Under the direction of Lieutenant Isaac Daniel and featuring Commodores vocalist, Musician First Class Yolanda Pelzer, the band will perform marches and patriotic music in conjunction with the antique car "race" from Atlanta, Ga. to Pasadena, Calif. This event offers a great opportunity to bring the Navy to the heartland and support Navy Recruiting efforts at the same time.

The Country Current bluegrass quartet continues to wow audiences all over the country, while the Commodores impress jazz aficionados at numerous jazz clinics. The Cruisers are gaining the reputation as one of the finest classic rock bands around and have been a huge hit at recent military balls and functions. In addition, units of the Navy Band will be performing once again at the Sylvan Theatre on the Washington Monument grounds every Thursday evening during the summer. The Navy Band, Sea Chanters, Country Current, Cruisers and MU1 Pelzer will also be featured at the Sylvan Theater on the 4th of July along with country music star Mr. Neil McCoy. Should be great fun for the whole family.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the leadership and members of our ceremonial band for the outstanding work they have done over the past months. They consistently perform high-pressure engagements under the most difficult and demanding conditions and always represent the band and the Navy in the very finest manner. BZ to you all!

Thank you and please come out and support your Navy Band during the coming months.

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

NOTABLE QUOTES

"Congratulations to everyone associated with the Sea Chanters on arriving at this significant milestone [45 years]. Your accomplishments have been impressive."

"I was inspired with the choir's outstanding professionalism, dedication, along with its sincere commitment to striving for the highest level of artistry."

Dale Warland
Founder and Music Director
The Dale Warland Singers

"This is a virtuoso vocal group and their program was fast-paced and varied, every note of the way. Sea Chanter members can handle close, tricky harmonies when singing as a group and shine in the spotlight as solo singers."

The Daily Gazette
(Schenectady, N.Y.)

FEATURES/CONCERT HIGHLIGHTS

LOOKING BACK... FORMER LEADERS continued

Commander Philip H. Field became the eighth leader of the U.S. Navy Band in April 1989 after a successful career in the Navy Music Program as an arranger, saxophone instrumentalist and officer. Field, a native of Norwalk, Conn., studied with Napoleon Cerminara of the New York Philharmonic and Quinto Maganini, director of the Norwalk Symphony Orchestra before joining the Navy as a clarinet instrumentalist in 1956. After graduating from the Navy School of Music, then in Washington, D.C., he performed with Navy bands in Yokosuka, Japan, Norfolk, Va., and Boston. He directed unit bands on the USS *Oriskany* and USS *Kearsarge* and then returned to the

Harbor, Hawaii.

Field served as Administrative Officer, Operations Officer and Assistant Leader of the Navy Band, and later Training Officer and Executive Officer of the School of Music. In 1980, he was Leader of the Atlantic Fleet Band before returning to the School of Music as Commanding Officer where he attained the rank of Commander. Field was selected to attend the Navy Music Program sponsored postgraduate program in conducting at Northwestern University where he studied with John Paynter. He also holds a bachelor's degree in music from St. Leo College, Norfolk, Va.

The Navy Band was busy supporting Operation Desert Storm



Cmdr. Philip H. Field
1989-1992

one of Navy Band's members wrote a hit song in support of the men fighting in that conflict. Senior Chief Musician Michael Stein wrote a song entitled, *We Are With You*, that was performed and recorded by Country Current and broadcast over thousands of radio stations nationwide. The group also performed it on ABC's "Good Morning America" television show.

Cmdr. Field became the Head, Navy Music Program in May 1992 and retired after 37 years of service in September 1993. He is an accomplished composer and arranger, with over 30 published works for marching, concert, and jazz bands to his credit. He currently resides in Virginia Beach, Va., and is married to the former Mikiko Sato of Miyagi-Ken, Japan. *ff*



Cmdr. Philip H. Field conducts the Navy Band at the Sail Loft on the Washington Navy Yard in Washington, D.C.

School of Music as an instructor during Cmdr. Field's tenure. Upon advancement to Warrant Officer, he was appointed Director of the Pacific Fleet Band in Pearl

Robert G. Newman, Director of Productions, dies at 53

The Navy Band was saddened with the news that Chief Musician Robert G. Newman, former director of productions for the Navy Band, passed away on February 7, 2001. He resided in Bowie, Md.

Newman, a native of Tyrone, Pa. enlisted in the Navy in 1965 and after completing the basic course at the Armed Forces School of Music in Little Creek, Va., began performing as a Navy trumpeter with the Navy Band at the Naval Air Station in Norfolk, Va., and as an instrumentalist and vocalist with the band attached to the Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Flotilla #4 prior to leaving the service in 1969.

Newman attended Penn State University in State College, Pa. and performed with various bands in that area before returning to the Navy in 1972. Subsequent assignments as an instrumentalist include Navy bands in New York City; Newport, R.I.; Gaeta, Italy; and Orlando, Fla. In several of these assignments, he also served as a vocalist, bandleader, and audio and recording technician.

In 1983, he reported to The United States Navy Band where he served as an audio technician for the Navy Band and "Commodores" jazz ensemble. In addition, he also served as the director of productions. He retired in September 1989.

He is survived by his wife, Senior Chief Musician Elisabeth Enagonio who is a French hornist in the Navy Band. In addition, he is survived by his sons, Thomas and David.



COMMODORES

FRIDAY, JULY 6, 7 P.M.
The Pavilion
Town Center
Gaithersburg, Md.

SUNDAY, JULY 8, 7:30 P.M.
Mason District Park
6621 Columbia Pike
Annandale, Va.

SUNDAY, JULY 15, 7 P.M.
Perry Hall Middle School
4300 Ebenezer Rd.
Baltimore, Md.

COUNTRY CURRENT
SATURDAY, JULY 7, 7 P.M.
Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park
16519 Lappans Rd.
Williamsport, Md.

COUNTRY CURRENT bluegrass quartet

SUNDAY, JULY 8, 7 P.M.
Devers Hall
Cooper & Mapes Sts.
Ft. Meade, Md.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, JULY 13 & 14, TBD*
Mississippi Bluegrass Reunion
Lamar County Fairgrounds
Purvis, Miss.

*An admission fee will be charged to attend this festival.

Openings

The United States Navy Band announces auditions for the following vacancies:

CONCERT/CEREMONIAL BAND

Trumpet	By Appointment
French Horn	By Appointment
Saxophone	By Appointment

SEA CHANTERS CHORUS

Tenor	By Appointment
Soprano	By Appointment
Alto (2)	By Appointment
Bass	By Appointment

CRUISERS ROCK ENSEMBLE

Tenor or Alto Saxophone	May 9, 2001
(with background vocals)	
Female Vocalist	May 9, 2001
Drum Set	May 14, 2001
(with background vocals)	
Keyboard Instrumentalist	May 16, 2001
(with background vocals)	

STAFF

Facilities Engineer	By Appointment
---------------------	----------------

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

The Navy Band's new **Master Chief Musicians, Robert C. Snider and Victor Rohr...** and new **Senior Chief Musicians, Francis M. Callaghan, Michael A. McDonald, Russell J. Rathier and Joseph V. Tacchetti.**

SPOTLIGHT ON...



For **Master Chief Musician M. Gretchen Ellrod**, Unit Leader of the "Sea Chanters" chorus, the Navy Band has meant growth and opportunity. Master Chief Ellrod's superb alto voice has been heard in many of the group's major productions and as a soloist on numerous occasions. As a manager, she held some of the band's most important positions. Soon to retire from active duty, we thought it would be interesting to reflect on one of the band's most successful women.

background... I grew up in State College, Pa., one of six kids. After graduating from Penn State University, I taught middle school music for three years in Catasauqua, Pa., before auditioning for the Sea Chanters chorus. My parents were extremely supportive of my career change, and to this day are two of the Navy Band's biggest fans. I've continued my vocal study, most recently with Thomas Houser of New Holland, Pa., and Ruth Drucker of the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, Md.

I met my husband, Jeff, at the Navy Band nearly 19 years ago, and we're blessed to have a delightful 12-year old, Keegan, who enjoys music as much as we do.

Sea Chanters history... I arrived at the Navy Band in 1981 as one of the original eight women added to the then all-male Sea Chanters. From the very beginning, the Navy Band offered opportunities to explore new avenues, both musical and administrative, in a highly supportive environment. This is a wonderful organization in which it is possible to create your own niche, and to thrive and grow while making a contribution and doing what you love to do. With Master Chief Musician John Haderly as my mentor, I began working collaterally in the Tour Operations department, advancing the Sea Chanters' first National Tour in 1988. Over the years I've served as the Sea Chanters' leading chief, the Navy Band's Enlisted Women's Advisor, the Specialty Groups department chief, and currently as the first female unit leader in the Navy Band.

These past 20 years have been an exciting time to be in the Navy Band. In the Sea Chanters, the addition of women allowed for an expansion of the repertoire and a broadening of their audience appeal. It's been a thrill to be a part of the growth of this top-notch professional vocal ensemble. In the early days as a mixed chorus, the Sea Chanters performed mostly short patriotic openers for military functions, dinners and meetings. Now their mission has expanded to include full-length concert programs, nationally broadcast television specials, three-week tours across the United States, and appearances at the most prestigious choral conventions. From a chorus created in 1956 to keep alive the songs of the sea, the Sea Chanters now perform effortlessly in nearly any style of music.

It's exciting, too, to watch the ever-expanding role that women play within the Navy Band. When I arrived in 1981, most of the women in the band were relatively new to the organization and junior members of the command. Now more women are rising to the ranks of the senior enlisted community and assuming highly visible leadership roles. It was a great privilege to serve as the Enlisted Women's Advisor, and to witness the growth of women in the command and their increasing contributions to the band's success.

current goals... Although I will miss performing with the Sea Chanters terribly, I am thrilled to begin my new life in retirement as a full time wife and mother! I look forward to dedicating my next few years as a room mother in Keegan's school (when I am not laying on the beach with Jeff)! I would also like to become active in my church in Florida, perhaps as a cantor or in an outreach program for the elderly.

memories... The most exciting moment of my career came when I was given the opportunity to stand in for Maureen McGovern on a National Memorial Day Concert with the National Symphony Orchestra. Ms. McGovern was unable to be at the U.S. Capitol for the dress rehearsal, and so I sang her numbers that night in front of thousands of people! What a great thrill! I was tickled to realize afterwards that many audience members thought that I really was Maureen McGovern, and they sought me out after the rehearsal to ask for autographs!

Other memorable times for me are the years I spent with the Sea Chanters' "Fair Winds" jazz quartet and "High Sea" women's trio. Small ensembles with one voice on each part are my favorite venue, and my career allowed me to indulge heavily in this passion! The close and lasting friendships I've made are also a part of the Navy Band I will carry with me as I set off for a new life in retirement.

hobbies... When I'm not working???? I love to bike ride with Jeff and Keegan, volunteer at school, play at the beach, and spend time at church.

Visit us on the web at www.navyband.navy.mil

Contact
Information

Public Affairs Office
The United States Navy Band
617 Warrington Ave., S.E.
Washington Navy Yard, D.C. 20374-5054

phone (202) 433-2525
www.navyband.navy.mil