

# 229th NAVY BIRTHDAY CONCERT

The 2004 Navy Birthday concert is scheduled for **Saturday, October 16 at 8 p.m.** at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. To receive up to four **FREE** tickets, send a self-addressed, stamped **business** envelope to\*:

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**U.S. Navy Band**  
**PMB #472**  
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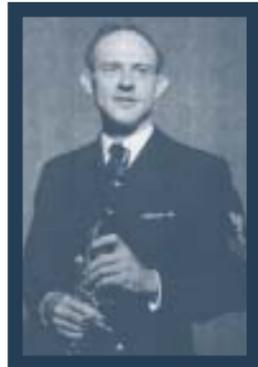
## In Memoriam



Julius S. Orosz

Capt. Ralph M. Gambone and the men and women of The United States Navy Band extend condolences to family and friends of retired shipmates Master Chief Musician Russell A. Landgrabe and Chief Musician Julius S. Orosz. Both were graduates of the Cleveland Institute of Music and served first in the U.S. Army before joining the Navy Band. After serving in Iceland during WWII, Chief Oroz joined the Band in 1948 and retired in 1973 as first bassoonist with 25 years of service.

Master Chief Landgrabe served in the U.S. Army Band in Washington, D.C., for three and a half years and came aboard the Navy Band in 1959. Within 10 months, he was appointed principal clarinetist and retired in 1986 as concertmaster. Known for his professionalism and humor, his whimsical creation, Art Fay, was a familiar and frequent guest on local radio and was published throughout the country. *The Washington Star* reviewed their Woodwind Trio (along with oboe, shipmate Edmond de Mattia): "This is an exceptionally fine organization ranking with the best of small ensembles heard here, whatever the source; and the musical life of Washington will be enriched to the extent that they can weave their particular kind of magic with woodwind sonorities."



Russell A. Landgrabe

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## ERNEST BORGNINE RETURNS TO NARRATE THE 229TH NAVY BIRTHDAY CONCERT

Ernest Borgnine, distinguished Academy Award winning actor and former Sailor, returns as guest narrator for the 229th Navy Birthday Concert sponsored by the Chief of Naval Operations,



Ernest Borgnine narrates the 227th Navy Birthday concert at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., Saturday, October 19, 2002.



Adm. Vern Clark. Capt. Ralph M. Gambone will lead the men and women of The United States Navy Band in this celebration at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, October 16, 2004, at 8 p.m. The program will pay special tribute to the 60th Anniversary of the Invasion of Normandy.

Mr. Borgnine served in the U.S. Navy from 1935 to 1945, attaining the rank of Gunner's Mate First Class. He reported for duty as Lt. Cmdr. Quinton McHale, "skipper" aboard PT 73 in *McHale's Navy*, the beloved television series that ran from 1962 to 1966. Between these accomplishments, he won an Academy Award for his role in the 1955 dramatic film, *Marty*. His distinguished career has included diverse roles on Broadway, in over a hundred

movies and numerous television shows. He has been seen recently as the Commissioner's father in *The District* and will be featured in an upcoming Hallmark Hall of Fame presentation, *The Trail to Hope Rose*. In addition to three honorary doctorates, the Navy community has recognized Mr. Borgnine as well. He holds the title of "Honorary Flight Leader"

for the Blue Angels and received the "Lone Sailor" award by the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation.

Capt. Gambone encourages all to join in the festivities. Highlights include the "Commodores" jazz ensemble playing a collection of music from World War II that will feature one of Navy Band's newest chiefs, Yolanda Pelzer Harvin. The "Sea Chanters" chorus will bring you music of Broadway, and Musician First Class W. Reid Williams will sing the contemporary hit, "You Raise Me Up," made popular by Josh Groban. The Navy Band will take you to the coast of Normandy on June 6, 1944, in the powerful musical portrait of that invasion, "Lonely Beach." Survivors of the historic landing will share their stories in a special commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of D-Day.

Don't miss the 229th Navy Birthday Concert. Be sure to read the back page of this edition for information about ordering tickets to this memorable event. *ff*

## Navy Band performs at Ocean City for Fourth of July Celebration



(SEE FOURTH OF JULY HIGHLIGHTS, INSIDE)

## 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.

### SEPTEMBER NAVY BAND

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, TBD**  
 Westfield High School  
 4700 Stonecroft Blvd.  
 Chantilly, Va.

### SEA CHANTERS

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 6:30 P.M.**  
 William Kain County Park  
 Lake Redmond  
 Jacobus, Pa.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2 P.M.

"CHAMBER RECITAL"  
 Glenview Mansion  
 603 Edmonston Drive  
 Rockville, Md.

### COMMODORES

**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.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, NOON

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

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 7:30 P.M.

Sweet Briar College  
 Babcock Fine Arts Center  
 Murchison Lane Auditorium  
 Sweet Briar, Va.

### COUNTRY CURRENT

#### "LABOR DAY CONCERT"

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 8 P.M.**  
 U.S. Navy Memorial  
 701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
 Washington, D.C.

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 4 P.M.

Freedom Park  
 86 Union St.  
 Medford, N.J.

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, NOON

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

### CHAMBER GROUPS

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2 P.M.

"CHAMBER RECITAL"  
 Glenview Mansion  
 603 Edmonston Drive  
 Rockville, Md.

### OCTOBER NAVY BAND

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 8 P.M.

College of Southern Maryland  
 Fine Arts Center  
 8730 Mitchell Road (off Route 301)  
 La Plata, Md.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 7:30 P.M.

Bishop Ireton High School  
 201 Cambridge Road  
 Alexandria, Va.

### LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER

### CHAMBER GROUPS

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2 P.M.

"Chamber Recital"  
 Glenview Mansion  
 603 Edmonston Drive  
 Rockville, Md.

### COUNTRY

#### CURRENT 2004 FALL TOUR

The "Country Current" country-bluegrass group departs October 19 on a 13-day tour through Pennsylvania, New York and Vermont. The following is a list of tour performances.

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 7:30 P.M.

Hickory High School Auditorium  
 Hermitage, Pa.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 8 P.M.

Oil City Senior High School  
 Oil City, Pa.

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 7:30 P.M.

Johnstown High School  
 Cochran Auditorium  
 Johnstown, Pa.

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 7:30 P.M.

Rockefeller Arts Center  
 King Concert Hall  
 Fredonia, N.Y.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, TBD

TBD  
 Batavia, N.Y.

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 7:30 P.M.

East Middle School  
 Emerson Auditorium  
 Auburn, N.Y.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 7:30 P.M.

Watertown High School Auditorium  
 Watertown, N.Y.

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 7 P.M.

Vergennes Union High School  
 Auditorium  
 Addison, Vt.

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 7:30 P.M.

O'Neill High School  
 Walton, N.Y.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 7:30 P.M.

Honesdale High School Auditorium  
 Honesdale, Pa.

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 3 P.M.

F.M. Kirby Center for the  
 Performing Arts  
 Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 7:30 P.M.

Clearfield Area Middle School  
 Clearfield, Pa.

### COMMODORES 2004 FALL TOUR

The "Commodores" jazz ensemble departs October 27 on a 17-day tour through Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Jersey. The following is a partial list of tour performances. The remainder will appear in the November-December issue.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, TBD

Central Bucks East High School  
 Auditorium  
 Doylestown, Pa.

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 7:30 P.M.

Pocono Mountain Senior High School  
 Auditorium  
 Swiftwater, Pa.

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 7:30 P.M.

Lackawanna College  
 Mellow Theater  
 Scranton, Pa.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 7 P.M.

Shenandoah High School  
 Clifton Park, N.Y.

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2 P.M.

The Paramount Theatre  
 Rutland, Vt.

## CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

By the time you receive this fanfare edition the Labor Day weekend will almost be here signaling the end of summer. Also, your Navy Band will travel to Oslo, Norway, to participate in its first Norwegian Military Tattoo. We are all very excited for the opportunity to represent our Navy and our country at this prestigious international event.

This year's Navy Birthday concert will be held at DAR Constitution Hall on October 16, 2004. We are absolutely delighted to once again have Mr. Ernest Borgnine as our guest narrator. As many of you may remember, Mr. Borgnine participated in our 2002 Navy Birthday celebrations and was a big hit with our audience.

This year's presentation commemorates the 60th anniversary of D-Day. We will highlight the Navy's involvement in this historic battle by featuring veterans who fought in that battle along with video, music and narration. The concert will also include members of the Concert Band, Sea Chanters and Commodores. Some of the highlights include the Commodores performing "Hit Parade of 1944," the Sea Chanters singing selections from the musical *Oklahoma* and a stirring performance of "Lonely Beach" by contemporary band composer Mr. James Barnes. This piece, which we performed on the Navy Birthday concert five years ago, recreates the D-Day battle by placing trumpets and percussionists around the hall for an incredible, realistic effect. More particulars about the concert are in this edition. Please clear your schedules and plan on being with us on Saturday, October 16 to help us pay tribute to all who fought in this historic battle.

Finally, thanks to you, our patrons, for your support over this past summer. I received numerous e-mails regarding the outstanding performances of all of our groups. We appreciate your kind words and are thankful that you are enjoying our music. It is indeed our pleasure to perform for you!



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



## NOTABLE QUOTES

*"My wife asked me to go with her to Chambersburg this evening to see a concert by the Navy [Band] Cruisers. It really wasn't something that I would have wanted to do, but I said 'Sure I'll go' because I knew it was something that she wanted."*

*This band was FANTASTIC!! They played all the songs I knew...and they did it with such style and enthusiasm. My wife and I will be looking for them next summer and we'll be bringing friends along with us. I hope to make this an annual event."*

PATRON  
at the Cruisers performance  
in Chambersburg, Pa.

*"The boardwalk was crowded with ecstatic concert goers. Their performance was not only well executed but inspiring and everyone there felt a tremendous sense of pride. What a joy, and what a gift in this troubling time."*

PATRON  
at the Country Current performance  
in Bethany Beach, Del.

*"I have been inspired and impressed by the talent of all of the Navy musicians I have seen this summer. The energy and enthusiasm of the Cruisers made my heart and soul sing. I appreciate the effort and know as a musician how hard it is to get such a tight sound. You all are a credit to the United States."*

PATRON  
at the Cruisers performance  
in York, Pa.

## FEATURES/CONCERT HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED...

# DON'T RAIN ON MY PARADE

The Alumni Concert on August 2 may have been "rained out," but the weather could not dampen the spirits of over 100 former Navy Band members who



Lt. Cmdr. Anthony Mitchell addresses the Band (above). MUCS Betty McGhee is joined by two former members. (left)



who came to "sit in" with the rehearsal. Capt.

had gathered from around the country for music and memories.

Festivities got underway with a banquet on Sunday, August 1. Retired Master Chief Musician Don Stratton, the Navy Band Alumni Association President, welcomed all to the event, rich in food and fellowship. Capt. Ralph M. Gambone, Officer in Charge and Leader of the United States Navy Band, addressed the gathering, and Leonard Sjogren (former oboist and now a minister) offered grace. Mementos and souvenirs prompted many a "sea story."

With the Washington Navy Yard Sail Loft still under renovation, our returning sailors navigated across the river to our temporary quarters at Naval District Washington Anacostia Annex on Monday, August 2, where a "pot luck" breakfast awaited those

(FROM FOURTH OF JULY HIGHLIGHTS, FRONT PAGE)

The United States Navy Band performed for the Fourth of July Celebrations in Ocean City, Md. The "Cruisers" rock ensemble opened the evening with a 45-minute set before Capt. Ralph M. Gambone conducted the Navy Band, "Sea Chanters" chorus and "Cruisers" in the festive music that concluded with a grand fireworks display. There was something for everyone: traditional

marches, Broadway melodies, a tribute to Sammy Davis, Jr., hits from



Courtney Williams read the names of those who had died since the last reunion: Barry Craig, Fred Cibor, Lloyd Geisler, Dave Hall, Charlie Hartman, Dick Kizinski, Bud Kowalski, Russ Landgrabe, Ralph Lutz, Harry R. Noble, Julius Orosz, Leonard Smith, Fred Solner and Ervin Swenson. Lighter favorites included the "William Tell Overture," "Wedding Dance" and "España Rhapsody" as well as patriotic favorites. Soon to retire Senior Chief Musician John R. Bury sang the poignant "Sea Is My Second Home" and "Man of la Mancha."

The two day evolution concluded with a reception at the U.S. Navy Memorial where alumni had a final



Current and former Band members mingle prior to rehearsal.

opportunity to share their memories of yesterday and hopes for tomorrow with family, friends and the new generation of Navy Band men and women. Congratulations to the Strattons and the Alumni Committee for their dedication and efforts to bring this reunion to fruition. *ff*

Frank Sinatra and friends, and, of course, patriotic music to mark the 228th Birthday of The United States of America that included "America, the Beautiful" and "God Bless the U.S.A.!" *ff*

**THE UNITED STATES NAVY BAND HAS OPENINGS FOR HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED INSTRUMENTALISTS AND VOCALISTS.**

## SEA CHANTERS CHORUS

Soprano  
Sep 3

Mezzo Soprano  
Sep 3

Bass/Bass-Baritone  
Sep 3

Keyboard instrumentalist/  
Accompaniast  
Sep 10

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

## CONGRATULATIONS TO...



The Navy Band's new **Chief Musicians Michael P. Bayes, Peter A. Czekaj, Luellyn K. Dollard, William P. Gray, Yolanda Pelzer Harvin, David E. Kolo, John P. Schroeder, and Jamie W. Way**...and to **Chief Musician Michael B. Roberts**, tenor vocalist with the Sea Chanters, on his selection as "Chief of the Quarter"...and to **Musician First Class R. Joseph "Seph" Coats**, string bassist with the Navy Band, on his selection as "Sailor of the Quarter" for the period January - March 2004.

## WELCOME ABOARD TO...

**Musicians First Class Anthony J. Halloin**, tuba instrumentalist with the Navy Band, and **Jennifer J. Krupa**, trombone instrumentalist with the "Commodores" jazz ensemble.

## CONGRATULATIONS AND FAREWELL TO...

**Senior Chief Musician John R. Bury**, baritone vocalist with the Sea Chanters, who received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal on the occasion of his retirement after 26 years of service

## SPOTLIGHT ON...

**Senior Chief Musician Guy G. Gauthreaux II** came to The United States Navy Band in 1987 as a percussionist. Throughout his 17-year career, he has shared his talent and expertise by serving as percussion section leader, drum major and unit leader of the Concert Band. Currently he serves as timpanist with the Concert Band, enlisted head of the Command Training Team and chief-in-charge of percussion. His contributions greatly enhance the success of the organization.

**background...** I was born and raised in Thibodaux, La. After attending 12 years of Catholic school, I enrolled as an undergraduate student at Northeast Louisiana University and received a bachelor's degree in music education in 1978. I earned a master's degree in percussion from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., in 1979, and a doctorate in percussion from Louisiana State University in 1989. Prior to joining the Navy Band in 1987, I spent two years as a high school band director in northern Louisiana and five years as the Assistant Band Director and Assistant Professor of Percussion at Northwestern State University of Louisiana in Natchitoches, La. Since joining the Navy Band, I have taught percussion at Shenandoah University, The Catholic University of America and George Mason University. My wife, Debbie, and I have four children. The oldest is married, while the three younger boys are all in college!

**heroes...** I saw Debbie, the love of my life, for the first time on a Sunday afternoon in August 1974. We have been married for 28 years. She is a caring mother, a faithful and supportive wife and my best friend. For putting up with me through graduate school and 15 national tours with the Band, I think she should be nominated for sainthood!

**Stan Finck** was my first percussion teacher. In addition to music and the percussion world, he taught me about foosball and life. He died of complications from multiple sclerosis several years ago. In his will, he left instructions to organize a memorial recital instead of a funeral. It was to be an "upbeat affair" with no sad commentaries about his death. We performed his favorite percussion pieces that night. It was a memorable recital for a remarkable person.

**goals...** I have just recorded and released my second solo snare drum CD, Rudiments, Rudiments, Rudiments! I am working on the details of an arrangement for solo snare drum and band that will feature well-known works from classical, film and patriotic repertoire.

**special moments in your career...** After 17 years, it is difficult to single out a particular moment. My first career highlight in the Navy Band was playing "Kokomo" with the Beach Boys and "God Bless the U.S.A." with Lee Greenwood at the Lincoln Memorial for President Bush's Inaugural festivities in 1988. Playing muffled ruffles on the tarmac at Dover AFB while the caskets of the victims of the USS Cole attack passed just a few feet away from me was probably the single most moving experience of my career. President Reagan's state funeral is another piece of history I'll always remember.

**music preferences...** I like to listen to New York Philharmonic recordings of works by Tchaikovsky and Berlioz, as well as classic rock groups like Chicago and America and occasionally pop groups like No Doubt.

**hobbies...** I love novels and have finished seven in the past few weeks. Cooking has become another very enjoyable (and delicious) pastime for me. As you might guess, I specialize in Cajun dishes (gumbo, red beans and rice, jambalaya, etc.) and can cook almost anything on my gas grill. As for the music apart from the Band, I spend my spare time freelancing, teaching, composing, recording and publishing.



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