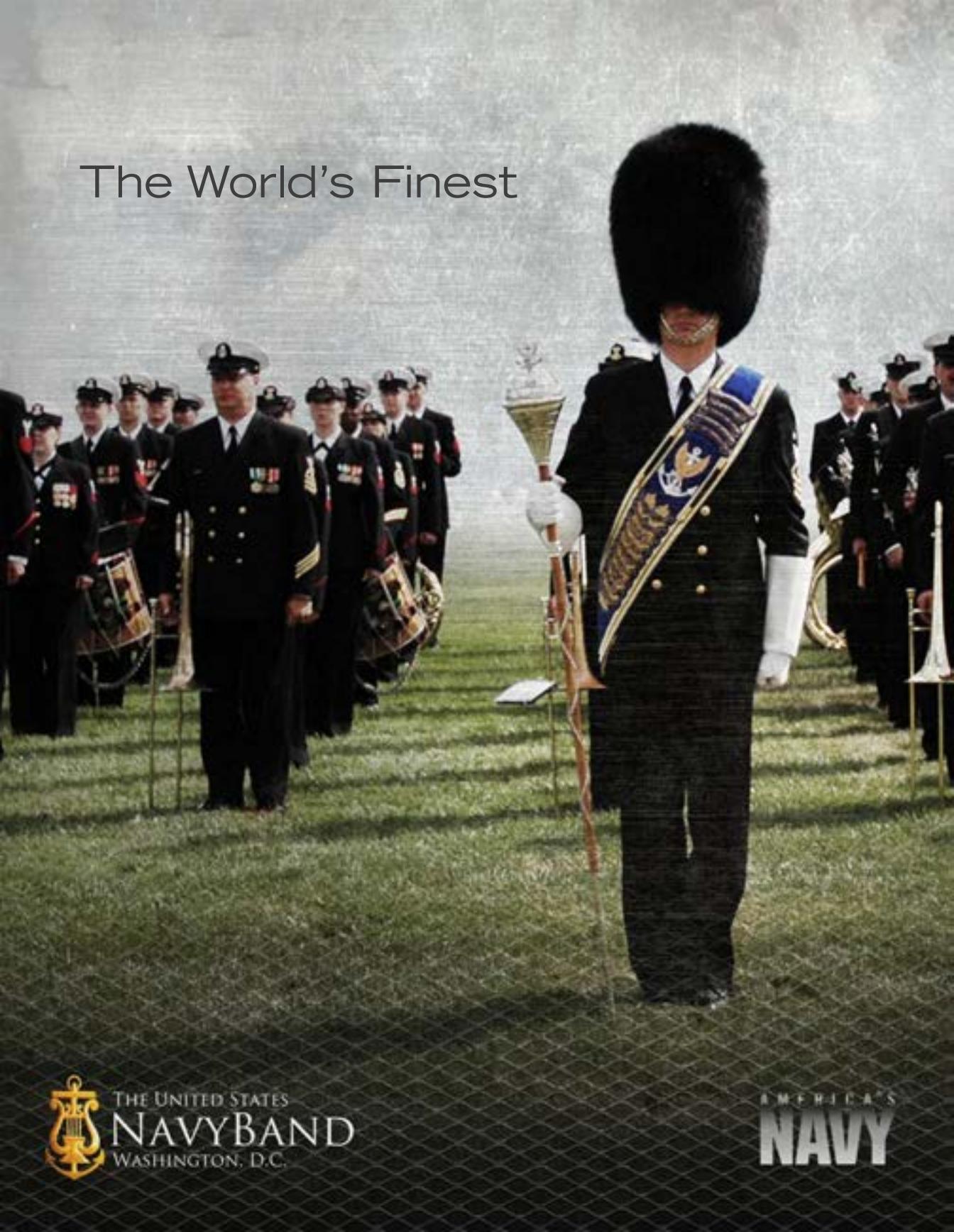


The World's Finest



THE UNITED STATES
NAVY BAND
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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America was founded on the principles of courage, equality and fairness. And for well over 200 years, America's Navy has been instrumental in presenting these ideals to the world – through the selfless service of upstanding men and women; through their responsible use of incredibly powerful capabilities; and through the pride, purpose and professionalism that comes through in all they do.

Two hundred years ago, a small coastal nation, experiencing the growing pains of its recent independence, found itself at war with its former colonial master – the most powerful nation in the world.

The United States, independent for less than 30 years, went to war with Great Britain again in 1812 to preserve its economy, its way of life and its independence – and the U.S. Navy emerged as the key to victory.

Born of necessity and forged in battle, the U.S. Navy, in its infancy, took on the world's mightiest fleet and proved to be a force of innovation, technology, esprit and expert seamanship. The U.S. Navy kept the sea and America free during

the War of 1812 – and continues to do so today.

During this "Second War of Independence," when Francis Scott Key was inspired to write the "Star Spangled Banner," the Navy proved that it was essential to our nation's defense and prosperity by protecting national commerce, enforcing trade laws, and ensuring freedom of the seas. The Bicentennial Commemoration of the War of 1812 and the Star Spangled Banner honors this legacy and reminds Americans that freedom of the seas and the free flow of commerce remain as important to our nation today as they were 200 years ago.



2012–2015

"Our Flag Was Still There"



PANAMA CANAL 1903 The band of the presidential yacht USS Mayflower (PY-1), and a forerunner of the Navy Band, accompanies President Theodore Roosevelt to the Panama Canal.



The premier musical organization of America's Navy

The United States Navy Band is the premier musical organization of the U.S. Navy. Comprised of six primary performing groups as well as a host of smaller ensembles, "The World's Finest" is capable of playing any style of music in any setting.

Since its inception in 1925, the Navy Band has been entertaining audiences and supporting the Navy with some of the best musicians in the country. From national concert tours to presidential inaugurals to memorial services at Arlington National Cemetery, the Navy Band proudly represents the men and women of the largest, most versatile, most capable naval force on the planet today: America's Navy.

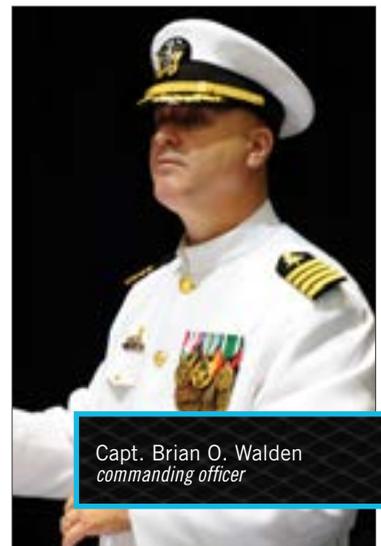
One hundred seventy enlisted musicians, recruited from the finest music schools and professional musical organizations, perform over 270 public concerts and 1,300 ceremonies each year. In addition to their demanding performance and rehearsal schedules, band members are responsible for the

daily administration of the organization, including operations, public affairs, a large music library, information systems and supply. As the Navy's musical ambassadors, band members maintain the highest standards of appearance, military bearing and physical fitness.

The Navy Band is dedicated to the education of younger musicians. The Music in the Schools program features band members presenting clinics, master classes and recitals at local schools. Every spring, the Concert Band hosts their annual High School Concerto Competition. Finally, the band's International Saxophone Symposium, entering its 34th consecutive year, proudly boasts one of the largest audiences in the U.S. for an event of its kind.

The United States Navy Band, nationally and internationally, stands for musical and military excellence. Whether performing at Carnegie Hall, the White House or a rural civic auditorium; sharing the stage with Itzhak Perlman,

Branford Marsalis or Vince Gill; or appearing on television programs like the Today Show, Meet the Press, and Good Morning America and in films like Clear and Present Danger, the United States Navy Band is constantly reaffirming why they are "The World's Finest."



Capt. Brian O. Walden
commanding officer



ALASKA 1923 The Navy Band accompanies President Warren Harding on a goodwill tour of the Alaskan territory.



CONCERT BAND

The United States Navy Concert Band, the premier wind ensemble of the U.S. Navy, presents a wide array of marches, patriotic selections, orchestral transcriptions and modern wind ensemble repertoire.

“Our Navy’s band is magnificent. Its repertoire is varied and its style in all it plays is direct and just.”

-Chicago Daily News

Collaboration with celebrities has become a hallmark for the Concert Band. The band was featured with

Arthur Godfrey of NBC radio fame in 1927. Gene Kelly was guest star for the first episode of “The Navy Hour” radio program in 1945, which the band produced for an astounding 23 years. In 2002, the band was filmed performing “America the Beautiful;” the performance was broadcast by the NFL prior to each game during opening week.

The Concert Band has been featured internationally at military tattoos and festivals in Oslo, Stockholm and Quebec City. In 1996, the band was honored to participate in the 300th Anniversary of the Russian Fleet in St. Petersburg and in The Baltic International Festival of the Fleets in Kaliningrad, Russia.



Recognized as one of the finest wind ensembles in the world, the Concert Band is in constant demand by organizations such as the American Bandmasters Association and The Midwest Clinic.



WASHINGTON, D.C. 1927 The Navy Band welcomes Charles Lindbergh back to the U.S. after his solo flight across the Atlantic.



CEREMONIAL BAND

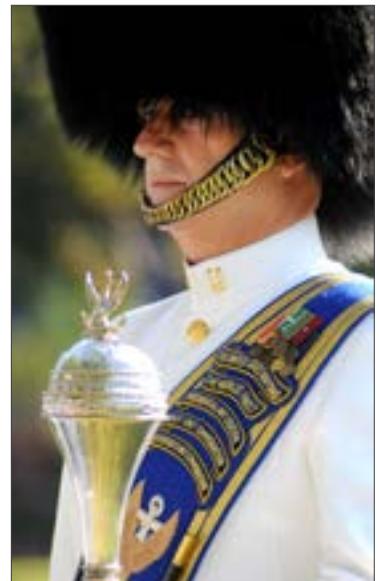
The U.S. Navy **Ceremonial Band** performs music at official military, government and other special events. The group's varied duties include arrival ceremonies at the White House and Pentagon, as well as changes of command, military retirement ceremonies and funerals at Arlington National Cemetery. The Ceremonial Band also supports the Navy's mission by providing music for community events around the National Capital region.

The Navy Ceremonial Band has participated in many significant national events including 21 presidential inaugurals, our nation's bicentennial celebration in New York Harbor, the re-dedication of the Statue of Liberty, and the

U.S. Constitution bicentennial commemoration. The Navy Band performed at the 1997 Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Dedication Ceremony, the 1996 Korean War Veterans Memorial celebration and also the World War II Memorial Dedication Ceremony. Additional prominent appearances include the 1991 Desert Storm "National Victory Celebration" Parades in Washington, D.C. and New York City and, in 2000, the 111th Rose Parade in Pasadena, Calif.

The Ceremonial Band participates in over 1,300 ceremonies every year.

Internationally, the Ceremonial Band has been invited to perform in Russia, Norway, Sweden and Canada.



PUERTO RICO 1931 The Navy Band accompanies President Herbert Hoover on a goodwill mission to Ponce, Puerto Rico, aboard USS Arizona (BB 39).



SEA CHANTERS

chorus

The Navy Band **Sea Chanters** is the United States Navy's official chorus. The ensemble performs a variety of music ranging from traditional choral music, including sea chanteys and patriotic fare, to opera, Broadway, and contemporary music.

The Sea Chanters chorus is frequently found at the center of our most important national events. They have played a vital role in comforting the nation in times of mourning, including appearances at memorials for the astronauts of the space shuttle Columbia and the presidential wreath laying ceremony at the United Airlines flight 93 crash site in Shanksville, Pa. The chorus participated in the funer-

als for former Presidents Ronald Reagan, Gerald Ford and Richard Nixon.

They have appeared at the Kennedy Center Honors and with the National Symphony Orchestra for the nationally telecast "National Memorial Day Concerts" at the U.S. Capitol. In addition the group has appeared on "Larry King Live" and "CBS This Morning" as well as at the premier of the movie "Pearl Harbor".

Throughout their history, the Sea Chanters have remained true to the Navy's watchwords of pride and professionalism, and they continue to flourish as a vibrant ensemble.



ONTARIO, CANADA 1937 The Navy Band is the first foreign band to appear at the Canadian National Exhibition, performing 17 days of concerts and helping to celebrate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.



COMMODORES

jazz ensemble

Jazz is America's music and the Commodores, the Navy's premier jazz ensemble, have been performing the very best of big band jazz for the Navy and the nation for over 40 years.



The Commodores are held in high regard nationwide by concert patrons and critics alike. The list of guest artists that have appeared with the Commodores reads like a who's who of jazz and popular music: Ray Charles, Branford Marsalis, Clark Terry, Grover Washington, Jr., Chris Potter, Jerry Bergonzi, Eddie Daniels, James Moody and many more. They have appeared on TV shows, played nearly all major jazz festivals and toured across the United States and abroad.

A versatile ensemble for the 21st century, the Commodores write much of their vast library of music. This vibrant, dynamic group is constantly striving for musical



excellence and the pursuit of new and exciting ways to communicate with their audiences.



WASHINGTON, D.C. 1945-1968 The "Navy Hour," the longest-running program in radio history, is broadcast from the Sail Loft, and features the Navy Band with guests like Lt. j.g. Gene Kelly and Lt. Robert Taylor.



COUNTRY CURRENT

country and bluegrass

The Navy's premiere country-bluegrass ensemble, **Country Current**, is renowned for its versatility and "eye-popping" musicianship, performing a blend of modern country music and cutting-edge bluegrass.

instruments. The band utilizes banjo, acoustic guitar, electric guitar, mandolin, fiddle, electric bass, upright bass, dobro, pedal steel guitar and drum set.

Formed in 1973 by legendary banjoist Bill Emerson, the band has a rich legacy of notable alumni including Wayne Taylor, Jerry Gilmore, and Frank Sollivan. They have been delighting fans for nearly 40 years with their musical virtuosity and humor.

A staple of the bluegrass scene, Country Current has shared the stage with music luminaries Rhonda Vincent, Dailey and Vincent, Mountain Heart, Little Roy Lewis, Third Time Out, The Lonesome River Band, Josh Williams, The Seldom Scene, J.D. Crowe, Doyle

Lawson, Ned Luberecki, Chris Jones, and many others. Country Current routinely performs at bluegrass festivals such as Darrington, Windgap, Gettysburg, Lake Havasu and Grass Valley. In 2011, Country Current became the first military band to perform at the South by Southwest music festival.

Country Current performs regularly for the president, vice-president, the secretary of the Navy, the chief of naval operations, the chairman and vice-chairman of the Joint Chiefs Of Staff and numerous other dignitaries. Reaching out to communities both locally and nationally, they regularly perform for veterans, elementary schools, and in support of our active-duty Sailors.

“*These guys can play. Believe me.*”

-Boots Randolph

This seven-member ensemble employs musicians from diverse backgrounds and in the tradition of country music, each member is a skilled performer on multiple



RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL 1960 Requested by President Dwight Eisenhower, the Navy Band travels to South America for a goodwill mission entitled "Operation Amigo."



CRUISERS

popular music group



As the U.S. Navy's premier popular music group, the Cruisers feature eight of the Navy's most dynamic performers. Their versatility provides them the capability to play multiple genres of music, ranging from rhythm and blues; pop; classic rock; adult contemporary; and jazz and standards, as well as original material. This elite group has engaged and excited audiences of all ages throughout the U.S. and abroad with world-class musicianship and high-energy, fun-filled performances.

In demand around the world, their highlights include performing at the Norwegian Military Tattoo in Oslo, as well as a special Navy birthday concert in Keflavik, Iceland.

Closer to home, they are in



constant demand by the most senior government and military officials. The group has performed for the vice president, secretary of the Navy, and the chief of naval operations.



WEST BERLIN, GERMANY 1961 The Sea Chanters and a small jazz combo perform a dozen special concerts for American military personnel, German civilian groups, hospital patients, and radio broadcast audiences as part of a Cold War mission sponsored by the U.S. Information Agency.



Music in the Schools

Since 1991, the United States Navy Band has brought concerts and demonstrations to hundreds of schools in the National Capital Region through the Music in the Schools program. Music in the Schools is designed to supplement music education curricula and

build bridges between the Navy and younger generations. The Navy Band considers Music in the Schools as an important part of its educational outreach to young audiences and musicians who might not actively seek out performances or other opportunities.



National tours

Each year, the Navy Band's various ensembles embark for weeks on concert tours throughout the country. These tours provide the opportunity to reach out to audiences in areas of the country that do not have opportunities to see the Navy's premier musical ensembles on a regular basis.

The band's national concert tours serve audiences with entertaining performances and help deliver the Navy and its story to parts of the country that might not otherwise have access to the Navy.

International Saxophone Symposium

The International Saxophone Symposium is the premier saxophone conference in North America and routinely draws the top performers and students from around the world. This two-day event features large ensemble saxophone concerto concerts, small recitals and everything in-between, including quartet recitals, masterclasses, clinics, exhibits and much more. In its 35 years, the International Saxophone Symposium has established itself as an important destination for students, performers and audiences alike.



ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA 1996 The Navy Band helps celebrate the 300th anniversary of the Russian Navy, building bridges between the U.S. and Russian militaries following the collapse of the Soviet Union.



Navy music program

The Navy music program includes 11 active duty fleet bands and two preferentially-staffed bands, all featuring professional musicians from around our nation. Each band operates within its own geographic area of responsibility,

representing America's Navy at home and around the world.

Navy musicians perform at elaborate productions, special ceremonies for foreign dignitaries, Navy celebrations, international parades, and much more.

Navy musicians set the standard for musical excellence, performing in various musical styles virtually anywhere in the world. For more information on the Navy music program, please visit www.navy.com/music



Every December, the Navy Band entertains thousands with their popular holiday concert in Washington, D.C.

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AUSTIN, TEXAS 2011 For the first time, a military band is invited to perform at the South by Southwest Music Festival in Austin, Texas. That group... the Navy's own Country Current.



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