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The Annapolis City Dock underwent a major renovation this winter. The Naval Academy Band's Brass Quintet rededicated it in a ceremony May 2nd. We look forward to seeing you there every Tuesday evening this summer!

(photos by MUI Travis Stiehmel & MUI Skinner)



# Serenade

Summer 2008

The U.S. Naval Academy

Band



## NAVAL ACADEMY BAND WELCOMES SAILORS HOME FROM IRAQ



The Naval Academy Band greeted sailors at a welcoming ceremony on May 14<sup>th</sup> at Baltimore-Washington International Airport. Many friends and family members were in attendance at this very emotional ceremony, and Rear Admiral Guillory was on hand to welcome the sailors as well. One attendee commented that the band provided the “icing on the cake” for this very special ceremony.

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**COMMANDER'S COLUMN**

It's that time of year again! The Naval Academy is buzzing with the sounds of Midshipmen anxious to take the commissioning oath, put on the Ensign bars, and wave goodbye to the Naval Academy in the rear view mirror as they head out to their first active duty stations. While Commissioning Week is full of fun (Herndon Climb, Dedication Parade, Color Parade, etc...) and the parents get a glimpse of life on the Yard, your Naval Academy Band is not only fulfilling performance obligations during this momentous time for the Midshipmen and their families, but also preparing for a summer of music that is bound to excite the public audiences at the Annapolis City Dock and the surrounding communities. This year we look forward to providing yet another (how many years have we been at this?) summer of concert programs for everyone to enjoy. The band has welcomed several new members throughout this past year and we are extremely fortunate to introduce a wealth of new talent to you during the summer concert series. This year, "Electric Brigade" will be performing the July 4<sup>th</sup> concert while the "Next Wave" jazz ensemble will be performing concerts in Naples, FL. The Ceremonial Band will be playing the overture for the fireworks celebration at the Inner Harbor in Baltimore. So, there will be a variety of venues for you to be able to catch the patriotic spirit as the band provides a wider audience with music for the Independence Day festivities. Hopefully, familiar faces that are no longer in the band will again be seen at our annual band Alumni Concert on the City Dock July 29<sup>th</sup>. And, of course, don't forget about the Concert Band's annual finale at the City Dock which will christen the end of the first season of concerts on the new stage. The city of Annapolis has provided its citizens and visitors with a beautiful new park area complete with a better stage for everyone to enjoy your Naval Academy Band in concert. See you at the Dock and around...



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Sincerely,  
Brian O. Walden  
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**NEW FACES IN THE BAND**

Welcome aboard (l to r) MU1 Emily Madsen, MU1 Jessica Hatfield, and MU1 Chris Buchanan



**FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS**

MU1 Marc Boensel



**YOUR NAVAL ACADEMY BAND AROUND TOWN**



Ceremonial band welcomes troops home from the Middle East at the IA Welcome Ceremony.



MU1 David DeArmond, trumpet, performs in recital in



Electric Brigade performs at Northeast High School.



MU1s Zach Holister and Clint Woltering, trombone, perform in

(photos by MU1 Paul Skinner, and Fleet & Family Readiness Program Marketing, NSA Annapolis)

## BAND MEMBER CELEBRATES 60 WITH A 10-MILE FUN RUN

By MU1 Lynda Dembowski

Many people from all walks of life celebrate birthdays with cakes, candles, friends gathered around, and a day of pampering. Many people reach a certain age in life and think about slowing down, taking it easy. But not Master Chief Musician Richard Chappell! He decided months ago to celebrate his upcoming 60<sup>th</sup> birthday by inviting his fellow bandsmen to participate with him in a challenging but fun 10-mile run.

While a run of that distance is not for the faint of heart, several shipmates took up the challenge and showed up bright and early on Monday, May 5, at the foot of the Naval Academy Bridge to run with the sexagenarian. Chappell embarked on his birthday run with Master Chiefs James Rodak, and David Hanner, Chief Bruce Smith, and Petty Officers Tom Pitta, and Chris Buchanan.

When asked why he decided to take on this challenge on his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, Chappell remarked that he has been proactive in becoming more physically fit, and needed a “challenge.” He put together a personal training plan to help him reach his goal of 10 miles in 10-12 weeks. The MUCM trio of Chappell, Rodak, and Hanner were seen quite frequently over those weeks lapping around the Academy grounds during lunchtime in preparation for the big event. Master Chief Rodak, a member of the Annapolis Striders running club, used the 10-mile celebration run as practice for his goal of completing an upcoming marathon. While enjoying his post-victory pizza, Chappell exclaimed that his goal for his 61<sup>st</sup> birthday was indeed a half-marathon.

Master Chief Richard F. Chappell has served in the Navy Music Program for over 26 years, and has been a member of the French horn section of the Naval Academy Band since October 1985. In addition to his musical duties with the Concert Band, ceremonial and marching units, he serves as Supply Division Chief. Happy 60<sup>th</sup>!



(photo by MUCS Ronda Ory-Lettie)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO

Musician First Class Matt Shea for his selection as USNA Band's Sailor of the 1st Quarter, 2008.



MU1 Matt Shea

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