Hello, and thank you for your interest in the United States Naval Academy Drum & Bugle Corps (D&B)! Contained in this PDF you will find all of the materials you will need to make your plebe summer audition a successful one.

Your audition will be quite brief, and consist of some basic skills concepts using the included “Scales” (Variations 1 and 2), “Lockjaw”, and “Legos/Marcos” pages and then a short reading example taken from the included music (Thunderer and Anchors/Marines).

Should you have any questions, feel free to email me at “weir@usna.edu”. Thanks again, and good luck!

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AUDITION FAQ’S

• The D&B is an extracurricular activity at the U.S. Naval Academy. Our members are all students at the Academy.

• The audition will take place during the first few days of plebe summer. Every platoon will attend a brief outlining who and what the D&B is, and then every plebe will be given the chance to audition.

• You can audition on more than one instrument.

• We provide all of the sticks and mallets. There will be practice pads available at the audition to warmup on.

• “Scales” should be learned in all major and minor keys up to 5 flats and 5 sharps.

• “Legos/Marcos” is a four mallet exercise. If you have not learned four mallet technique, you should learn the exercise using the outermost two notes.

• You also have the option to “pre-audition” by sending us a YouTube link of you playing excerpts from the packet. You can also include excerpts of your high school/college show.
**LEGOS/MARCOS**

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Variations
1. Straight, no accents, one height
2. 9\(^\circ\) accents, 3\(^\circ\) non-accents
3. Each set crescendos, no accents
4. Each set decrescendos, no accents

**PLUG 'N PLAY**

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MALLETS

THUNDERER '13

Sousa, arr. Weir