UNITED STATES
NAVAL ACADEMY BAND



COMMANDER KELLY CARTWRIGHT
INTERIM DIRECTOR

Commander Kelly Cartwright, Interim Director



Cmdr. Kelly Cartwright, from Carmichaels, Pennsylvania, enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1998 as an oboe instrumentalist. As an enlisted member, her duty stations included Navy Band Southwest in San Diego, California, U.S. Pacific Fleet Band in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa Band in Naples, Italy where she was promoted to chief petty officer in 2007.

Commissioned in 2009 as a limited duty band officer, she reported to U.S. Fleet Forces Band in Norfolk, Virginia, as assistant director. In 2012, she assumed the position as the final director of Navy Band Mid-South in Millington, Tennessee, which was disestablished in 2014. She was subsequently assigned as the asset department head at the Navy Office of Community Outreach in Millington. Following a tour as the U.S. Pacific Fleet bandmaster from 2016 to 2019, she returned to Millington to serve as the deputy director and rating assignment officer at U.S. Navy Fleet Band Activities. From 2021 to 2024, she served as the director of the U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa Band in Naples, Italy. She is currently serving as Chief Staff Officer at Fleet Band Activities in Washington, DC, and interim director of the U.S. Naval Academy Band in Annapolis, MD.

Master Chief Musician Todd Nix, Senior Enlisted Leader



Master Chief Musician Todd Nix is a native of Grants Pass, Oregon and a 1988 graduate of Grants Pass High School. He received a Bachelor of Music from the University of Oregon, and completed a Master of Music in Tuba Performance at Indiana University, where he was a graduate assistant. His principal teachers include Harvey Phillips, Daniel Perantoni, Richard Frazier, and Floyd Cooley.

Prior to joining the Navy, Nix performed frequently in Oregon with the Eugene Symphony Orchestra and Eugene Opera Company, and served as Adjunct Professor of Music at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana. He has been recognized nationally for his ensemble work at both the Fischoff National Chamber Music Festival and the NY Brass Conference and was awarded second place in the Mock Orchestral Audition Competition held at the International Tuba-Euphonium Conference in 1995.

In 1997 Nix auditioned and was assigned for duty with the United States Naval Academy Band. He performs as tuba instrumentalist with the marching band and ceremonial units and serves as the Naval Academy Band's Senior Enlisted Leader.

The United States Naval Academy Band

Wind Ensemble

Maryland Hall

Annapolis, MD

November 11th, 2026 at 7:00 pm

An American Celebration Jacob Evarts (b. 2003)

2026 Naval Academy Band Call for Scores Competition Winner
Guest Conductor, Master Chief Musician Devona Schiller

The Star Spangled Banner Francis Scott Key (1779-1843)

Musician 1st Class Lourdes Rodriguez, vocalist

American Overture for Band Joseph Wilcox Jenkins (1928-2014)

Concertino Cecile Chaminade (1857-1944)
arr. C. Wilson

Musician 1st Class Mark Huskey, flute

Americans We Henry Fillmore (1881-1956)

9 to 5 Dolly Parton (1946-2026)
arr. B. Call

Musician 1st Class Lourdes Rodriguez, vocalist

Color Me America Dolly Parton (1946-2026)
arr. S. Silbert

Musician 1st Class Lourdes Rodriguez, vocalist

Have a Little Faith in Me John Hiatt (b. 1952)
arr. B. Call

Musician 1st Class Lourdes Rodriguez, vocalist

The Spirit of the U.S.N. Alton Augustus Adams Sr. (1889-1987)

Amazing Grace John Newton (1725-1807)
arr. G. Harriman

God Bless America Irving Berlin (1888-1989)
arr. C. Buchanan/B. Kidd
Musician 1st Class Lourdes Rodriguez, vocalist

Armed Forces on Parade arr. R Hayman/C. Buchanan

PERSONNEL

FLUTE/PICCOLO
MUCM Devona Schiller - Baltimore, MD
MU1 Mark Huskey - Winchester, TN

OBOE
*MUC Joshua Arvizu - DeRidder, LA

CLARINET
MUCM Lynda Dembowski -Waynesboro, VA
MUCS Sheila Cullen- Marietta, GA
MUC William Kelly - Portage, WI
*MU1 Jason Russo - Providence, RI
MU1 Joel Weszka - Churchville, MD

SAXOPHONE
MUCS Colin Renick - Belmont, MA
MU1 Daniel Meadows - Nesconset, NY
MU1 Eric Vazquez - Denton, TX

BASSOON
MUC Micahla Hendrix - Minneapolis, MN

TRUMPET
MUC Daniel Arute - Dothan, AL
MUC Matt Harriman - Bexley, OH
MU1 Bryce Call - Brier, WA
MU1 Marcus Flores - Las Cruces, NM
MU1 Connor Holland - Fernandina Beach, FL
MU1 Aaron Stone - Plano, TX

HORN
MUC Erika Loke - Thousand Oaks, CA
*MUC Pamela Blakely - Rochester, NY
MU1 Chris Phelps - Melbourne, FL

TROMBONE
MUC Daniel Coffman - Oak Park, IL
MU1 Nicholas Hogg - Columbia, MD
MU1 Stephen Farrell - Niceville, FL

EUPHONIUM
MU1 Andrew Lyster - Fort Worth, TX

TUBA
MUCM Todd Nix - Grants Pass, OR
MUC Aden Beery - Greensboro, NC
MU1 Michael Fleming - Curwensville, PA

PERCUSSION
MUCS Matthew Manturuk - Troy, MI
MUC Brandon Schantz - Quakertown, PA
MU1 Tench Tillman - Stewartstown, PA
MU1 Tyler Tolles - Monterey, CA

PIANO
MUC Brandon May - Harrisburg, PA

STRING BASS/ELECTRIC BASS
MU1 Will Camps - Cleveland, NC

GUITAR
MU1 Konrad Malinowski - Norridge, IL

VOCALIST
MU1 Lourdes Rodriguez - Hyattsville, MD

**Special Guest from Navy Band, Washington D.C.*

The United States Naval Academy Band was formed in November of 1852 by order of the Secretary of the Navy. The band's primary mission is to provide musical support to the Superintendent, Commandant, and Brigade of Midshipmen. These dedicated professionals are known across the nation as "The Navy's Oldest and Finest Band!" Our members have studied at prominent music schools and conservatories nationwide and have extensive experience in performance and teaching.

At the Naval Academy, the USNA Band performs for parades, graduations, retirements, funerals and other traditional military ceremonies. In the community, the band presents concerts, provides music for civic events, and presents instructional clinics and performances for K-12 and university students.

The Naval Academy Band takes pride in representing the Naval Academy's tradition of excellence. Performing at the highest professional standard for the Navy, the Naval Academy, and the citizens of this great country has been our mission since 1852.

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