

UNITED STATES
NAVAL ACADEMY BAND



COMMANDER KELLY CARTWRIGHT, INTERIM
DIRECTOR

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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 Fischhoff 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

Brass Quintet

The National Music Festival, Chestertown, MD

June 7th, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Firedance

Anthony DiLorenzo

Chesapeake

David Sampson

I. Morning in Annapolis - Setting Sail

Killer Tango

Sonny Kompanek

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Gravity

Anthony Barfield

Colchester Fantasy

Eric Ewazen

- I. The Rose and Crown
- II. The Marquis of Granby
- III. The Dragoon
- IV. The Red Lion

Today's Performers

Musician 1st Class Marcus Flores, trumpet
Musician 1st Class Connor Holland, trumpet
Chief Musician Erika Loke, horn
Musician 1st Class Stephen Farrell, trombone
Musician 1st Class Michael Fleming, tuba

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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