



Dear Music Educator:

May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

The U.S. Coast Guard Band invites you and your high school musicians (Band, Orchestra, and/or Choir) to attend a special concert in Leamy Hall Auditorium on the grounds of the historic U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT. These age-tailored performances allow students to experience an educational and entertaining hour-long concert by a world-class 50-piece Concert Band. Coast Guard Band Assistant Director CWO Jeffrey Spenner leads the Band in celebrating our centennial anniversary as we explore our theme, “A Year in the Life of the CG Band” with emphasis on the Band’s mission, history, our role in American military music, and how it all happens. Past years have focused on geography, science, and visual art. Students will enjoy learning and listening to great music performed by world-class musicians in this interactive presentation.

**Friday, October 31st, 2025: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**(LIVESTREAM available through band website)**  
Leamy Hall, US Coast Guard Academy

To organize these concerts effectively, **we need to know the number of students and chaperones planning to attend, the number of buses scheduled to transport them, and your name, school address, phone number, email address and personal cell phone in the case of emergency on the day of the concert.** If you wish for your students to be among those in attendance, please use the following link to request a school concert: [2025 School Concert Form- High School](#).

This form is also available on our website, <https://www.uscg.mil/Community/Coast-Guard-Band/School-Concerts/>. Schools will be accepted on a “First come, first served basis”. A teacher information packet will be emailed in the fall to attending schools. We look forward to welcoming you and your students to Leamy Hall Auditorium next fall.

**Additional opportunity: Instrumental side-by-side clinic on stage with Coast Guard Band members--** *High School Band musicians from selected schools (first come, first served) can remain at the Coast Guard Academy after the morning concert for a side-by-side rehearsal and clinic lead by CWO Spenner, 11:45 a.m.- 12:45 p.m.* Students will warmup on a Bach Chorale (music provided by the CG Band) and also rehearse Sousa’s *El Capitan* alongside members of the Coast Guard Band on stage. Music for *El Capitan* can be found here: [El Capitan March \(marines.mil\)](#) To reserve your school, email your request to: [Laura.K.Pirruccello@uscg.mil](mailto:Laura.K.Pirruccello@uscg.mil).

Sincerely,

Laura Pirruccello  
Chief Musician, U.S. Coast Guard Band