

The Beacon

The United States Coast Guard Band
Summer 2019



EVENTS SCHEDULE

SPANISH LEGACY

Sunday, May 5, 2:00 p.m., Leamy Concert Hall

The Coast Guard Band welcomes back former director, Captain Kenneth Megan, USCG, (Ret.) for a spirited program of music celebrating Spanish, Cuban, Mexican, and Italian tradition. Oboe soloist MU1 Leah Bedard will perform Oscar Navarro's enchanting concerto *Legacy*. Captain Megan will guest conduct George Gershwin's *Cuban Overture* and Alfred Reed's *El Camino Real*.

COAST GUARD BAND WOODWIND QUINTET IN GUILFORD, CONNECTICUT

Tuesday, June 11, 9:30 a.m., Nathanael B. Greene Community Center, 32 Church Street, Guilford, Connecticut
Join the Coast Guard Band Woodwind Quintet for an enjoyable morning of woodwind chamber music.

GUARDIANS BIG BAND IN WILLIMANTIC & GROTON, CONNECTICUT

Saturday, June 15, 6:00 p.m., Shaboo Stage, 645 Main Street, Willimantic, Connecticut
Sunday, June 16, 4:00 p.m., Fort Griswold State Park, 57 Fort Street, Groton, Connecticut
Under the musical leadership of MUC Sean Nelson, the Guardians Big Band will bring its swinging style to Shaboo Stage and Fort Griswold for two afternoons of Jazz.

PERFORMANCE IN WOODSTOCK, CONNECTICUT

Saturday, June 29, 6:00 p.m., Woodstock Academy Center for the Arts, 150 Route 169, Woodstock, Connecticut
Join the Band for a spirited concert of American classics. Trumpet soloist MU1 Chris Lane and soprano soloist MU1 Megan Weikleenget are featured.

AMERICA, OF THEE I SING!

Sunday, June 30, 2:00 p.m., Leamy Concert Hall
Come celebrate Independence Day early at the Coast Guard Academy! LCDR Williamson conducts the Coast Guard Band in a concert of American favorites featuring trumpet soloist MU1 Chris Lane and soprano soloist MU1 Megan Weikleenget. Highlights include John Williams's *The Cowboys Overture*, Sousa marches, and Ian Frenkel's patriotic medley for band and soprano, *America, of Thee I Sing*.

PERFORMANCE IN WILLIMANTIC, CONNECTICUT

Wednesday, July 3, 6:30 p.m., Shaboo Stage, 645 Main Street, Willimantic, Connecticut
The Band continues its series of Independence Day concerts as LCDR Williamson conducts an outdoor performance on the Shaboo Stage in Willimantic, Connecticut.

PERFORMANCE IN HAMPTON FALLS, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Thursday, July 4, 6:00 p.m., Hampton Falls Town Common, 82 Lafayette Rd., Hampton Falls, New Hampshire
Celebrate your Fourth of July holiday with the Band as LCDR Williamson conducts a program of patriotic American music.

PERFORMANCE IN MANCHESTER, CONNECTICUT

Wednesday, August 21, 7:00 p.m., Manchester Bicentennial Band Shell, Manchester, Connecticut
Join the Coast Guard Band for a summer evening performance at the Manchester Bicentennial Band Shell.

READY THE CANNONS!

Sunday, September 1, 1:00 p.m., Fort Trumbull State Park, New London, Connecticut
Join the Band for its annual Labor Day performance of band classics and orchestral transcriptions, including Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*, complete with cannons!

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DIXIELAND JAZZ BAND SCHEDULE

The Coast Guard Dixieland Jazz Band will be performing shows featuring traditional Dixieland Jazz music throughout the season. Please check our website for updates and additions to this portion of our schedule!

NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT

Sunday, May 26, 1:00 p.m., Fort Trumbull State Park, New London, Connecticut (Rain date: Monday, May 27, 1:00 p.m.)

SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Sunday, June 9, 2:00 p.m., Springfield Armory National Historic Site, 1 Armory Square, Springfield, Massachusetts

NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT

Friday, June 21, 4:00 p.m., Make Music Festival, New London Waterfront Park, Downtown New London, Connecticut

STONINGTON, CONNECTICUT

Saturday, June 22, 12:00 p.m., Stonington Festival, Stonington, Connecticut

MYSTIC, CONNECTICUT

Tuesday, July 2, 7:00 p.m., Mystic River Park, 28 Cottrell Street, Mystic, Connecticut

ESSEX, CONNECTICUT

Thursday, August 15, 5:30 p.m., Connecticut River Museum, 67 Main Street, Essex, Connecticut

BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT

Thursday, August 22, 6:30 p.m., Summer Jazz Concert Series, Town of Branford Green, 1019 Main Street, Branford, Connecticut

OLD SAYBROOK, CONNECTICUT

Sunday, August 25, 4:00 p.m., Old Saybrook Historical Society, 350 Main Street, Old Saybrook, Connecticut

MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES

The Coast Guard Band will spend Memorial Day supporting the National Memorial Day Observation Ceremony at Arlington Cemetery on Monday, May 27. This event will be nationally televised, so you can join us as we honor those who have sacrificed so much for our great nation. Please check your local listings for more information.

ON THE ROAD

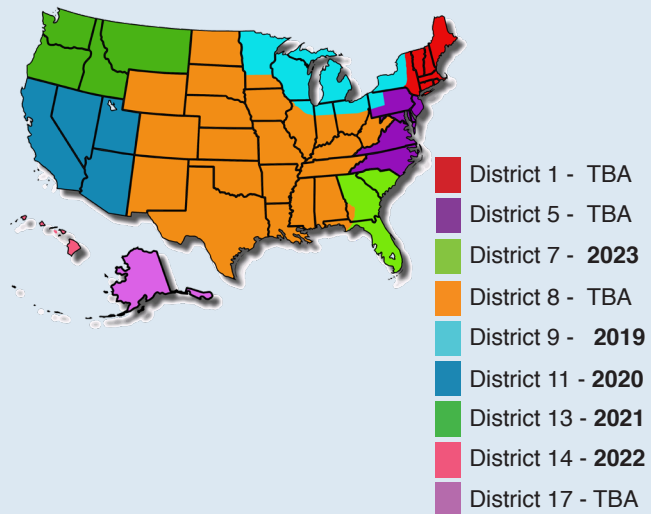
2019 NATIONAL CONCERT TOUR

This year's tour takes us to the Great Lakes region and across Coast Guard District 9.

All concerts are free and open to the public. We hope to see you soon!

- 29 JUL–Buffalo, NY–Montante Cultural Center
- 30 JUL–Cleveland, OH–Maltz Performing Arts Center
- 31 JUL–Okemos, MI–Okemos High School
- 1 AUG–Muskegon, MI–Frauenthal Theater
- 2 AUG–Grand Haven, MI–Coast Guard Festival Waterfront Stage
- 3 AUG–Grand Haven, MI–Coast Guard Festival Grand Parade
- 4 AUG–Bay Harbor, MI–Great Lakes Center for the Performing Arts
- 6 AUG–Cheboygan, MI–Cheboygan Opera House
- 7 AUG–Marquette, MI–Forest Roberts Theatre
- 8 AUG–Wausau, WI–Wausau West High School
- 9 AUG–Brussels, WI–Southern Door Community Auditorium
- 10 AUG–Milwaukee, WI–Marcus Center for the Performing Arts
- 11 AUG–Wheaton, IL–Cantigny Park

Visit our website for more information www.uscg.mil/band.



If you would like to host a Coast Guard Band Concert in your community in a future year, please send an email to MUCS Kelly Watkins at CGA-DG-BandTours@uscg.mil.

AWARDS

MUCS Richard Denton received the **Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal** for volunteering more than 430 hours filing taxes for low-income community members as part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program operated by the Thames Valley Council for Community Action (TVCCA). In a ten-year period, MUCS Denton prepared 410 tax returns, which refunded approximately \$900,000 to local residents.

MUCS Kelly Watkins was recognized for her outstanding achievements with the **Coast Guard Commendation Medal** for managing logistics for high-profile national engagements as Tour Logistics Coordinator and for her prominent role as a trumpeter in the United States Coast Guard Brass Quintet.

MUCS James Jackson's superior performance was noted with the **Coast Guard Achievement Medal**. His service as Crew Chief enabled the 55-member Band to perform concerts on the road nationwide. Fostering a spirit of camaraderie, his leadership style increased members' pride in the organization and allowed team members the opportunity to assume leadership roles that increased professional development.

MUC Adam Crowe was recognized with the **Coast Guard Achievement Medal** for his superior performance as tuba soloist in Jess Turner's concerto *Heavy Weather*, which the Band also recorded for international release. Additionally, MUC Crowe solely managed the Band's website, directly communicating the most up-to-date concert information to site visitors.

MUC Barrett Seals was honored with the **Coast Guard Achievement Medal** for his role as audition coordinator that entailed managing 11 auditions for openings within the Band. His meticulous administrative and managerial skills included coordinating advertisements in professional music journals and online media, corresponding with interested applicants, managing in-house volunteers to run the auditions that often occurred over several days, and setting up committees to listen to the auditions.

MUC Robert Holtorff's outstanding achievements were honored with the **Coast Guard Commendation Medal**. His expert service as the Band's Audio Engineer was highlighted, as was the four months he spent performing double duty as both audio and sound engineer. MUC Holtorff displayed dedication to craft in hundreds of extra man hours spent learning and using new recording software.

MUC Steven Petersen received the **Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal** for spending 300 hours filing taxes for low-income community members as part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program operated by the Thames Valley Council for Community Action (TVCCA). MUC Petersen prepared 285 tax returns over seven years, which refunded approximately \$650,000 to local residents.

Bravo Zulu!

NEW MEMBERS

Musician First Class Robert Durie, originally from Parkland, FL, joins the Band as its bass clarinetist. Before joining the Coast Guard Band, Robert was living and teaching in Austin while earning an Artist Diploma at The University of Texas. In addition to attending The University of Texas, Robert has earned degrees in music performance from Florida State University and The University of Maryland. When not playing, Robert enjoys participating in triathlons and is an avid college football fan.

"I have taken several premier military band auditions, and am



ecstatic to be the designated bass clarinetist of the Coast Guard Band. I've always greatly enjoyed playing the auxiliary instruments of the clarinet family, and now I make my living doing what I love most!"

Musician First Class Steven Zhang, originally from Vernon Hills, IL, is the newest member of the Band's B-flat clarinet section. Prior to joining the Band, MUC Zhang was finishing his undergraduate degree in music performance at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. As a winner of Northwestern University's concerto competition, Steven performed John Corigliano's *Concerto for Clarinet and Orchestra* with the Northwestern University Symphony in April and will be receiving his degree in June. When not playing, Steven enjoys watching the Arizona Cardinals and playing ultimate frisbee.

"I hadn't expected to be performing in a professional ensemble so early in my career. I am incredibly excited to be playing with this fantastic group!"



Welcome to the Band!

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