

MILPERSMAN 1306-976

ENLISTED MUSICIAN (MU) ASSIGNMENTS TO NAVY PREMIER BANDS - U.S. NAVY BAND, WASHINGTON, DC AND NAVAL ACADEMY BAND, ANNAPOLIS, MD

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1. **Background.** This article addresses enlisted musician (MU) assignment policies for the **U.S. Navy Band, Washington, DC** and **Naval Academy Band, Annapolis, MD**. The Navy's premier bands are non-rotated special duty assignments.

2. **Policy**

a. Chief of Naval Personnel (CHNAVPERS) will assign only the most highly qualified MUs to duty with the U.S. Navy Band and Naval Academy Band to maintain the unique musical and professional standards required of these premier presidential support and Service Academy organizations.

b. CHNAVPERS will give primary consideration to MUs already serving on active duty whenever filling vacancies in either band.

c. MUs serving with these activities will not normally be reassigned, unless needs of the Service dictate otherwise. Members who fail to retain premier-band assignment eligibility, and those desiring to terminate special-duty status may request reassignment to Fleet Band activities. Requests for reassignment will be considered on a case basis, dependent on individual members' status and fleet manning levels. Members are not eligible for reassignment until completion of a minimum, 36-month tour of duty.

3. **Eligibility.** Active duty MUs in pay grades E-6 and below are eligible to audition.

4. **Requirements**. Members assigned to these activities must possess the required level of professional and personal performance standards for assignment.

5. **Procedures**

a. All applicants for assignment must schedule and complete a personal audition and interview at the applicable activity, unless waived by the respective leader.

b. Applicants must submit a NAVPERS 1306/92 Special Program Screening (sections A, D1, D2, and command endorsement) to Director, Fleet Band Activities prior to scheduling an audition.

c. The Commanding Officer/Leader, U.S. Navy Band and Director, Naval Academy Band have the authority to accept applicants for assignment to their respective bands (within authorized allowances), unless needs of the service dictate otherwise.

d. Sailors meeting the requirements for assignment will be notified via Director, Fleet Band Activities. Orders will be processed by the member's respective detailer in coordination with the member's current command.