

MILPERSMAN 1306-976

ENLISTED MUSICIAN (MU) ASSIGNMENTS TO NAVY PREFERENTIALLY STAFFED 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 (USNB)** and the **U.S. Naval Academy Band, Annapolis, MD (USNAB)**. The Navy's preferentially staffed bands are non-rotated special duty assignments.

2. **Policy**

a. Chief of Naval Personnel (CHNAVPERS) will assign only the most highly qualified MU personnel to duty with the USNB and the USNAB to maintain the unique musical and professional standards required of these preferentially staffed presidential support and Service academy organizations.

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

c. MUs serving in USNB and USNAB will not normally be reassigned, unless needs of the Service dictate otherwise. Members who fail to retain assignment eligibility and those desiring to terminate special-duty status may request reassignment to fleet band activities (FBA). Requests for reassignment will be considered on a case-by-case basis, dependent on individual member's status and fleet manning levels. Members are not eligible for reassignment to FBA until completion of a minimum 36-month tour of duty with either USNB or USNAB.

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

4. **Requirements**

a. Members assigned to USNB and USNAB must possess the required levels of professional and personal performance standards for assignment.

b. Due to frequent contact with the public, foreign dignitaries, and senior government officials, members must maintain an outstanding personal appearance and impeccable military bearing.

c. Members assigned to USNB and USNAB must not have any tattoos which are visible in short-sleeves or skirts.

5. **Procedures**

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

b. Applicants must submit NAVPERS 1306/92 Special Program Screening (sections A, D1, D2 and command endorsement) to Director, Fleet Band Activities prior to scheduling an audition. NAVPERS 1306/92 may be accessed by using the following Web address: <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/reference/forms/NAVPERS/Pages/default.aspx>.

c. Commanding Officer, USNB and Director, USNAB 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 by the Director, FBA. Orders will be processed by the member's respective detailer in coordination with the member's current command.