



# Leger Lines

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## President's Message

Hello to all my fellow MUs,

I hope your summer has been filled with great weather, great music, and a plethora of gigs. I know I have been extremely busy playing and lining up the Orlando reunion. This reunion will be a tremendous opportunity for all to go and take advantage of a great hotel at a great price and to make a vacation of it in Florida. The info sheet is in this issue of LL. Please make your reservations early. The quicker you get them in, the easier it will be for me to get more rooms, if needed. So, please sign up early and enjoy Mickey Mouse town with your fellow members.

It's very important to keep our chaplain, Jim Thumpston, aware of any members who are sick and distressed. Jim has been taking care of our get well cards but he really needs to know when someone first goes down. Communication is the key and he can't perform this task without information. It should also be noted that Jim's lovely wife, Dolores, is home recuperating from surgery as this goes to publication, so please remember her in your prayers.

The Board of Directors will be meeting in January in Orlando, Florida. If you have any pertinent information and/or suggestions, please get these items to us by December 1, 2003, so that we can discuss them and take action where appropriate.

Thanks to Earl Bengé and his crew for giving out another \$1,000 scholarship. This money keeps the NMA on the map and acts favorably in possible recruitment into our Navy music program.

As you all have seen by the last LL, Bill Allen is doing an outstanding job putting together a quality newsletter. He needs your pictures and articles on a continuing basis. Please remember the deadlines for articles to be published in the Leger Lines.

Spring	February 15	Fall	August 15
Summer	May 15	Winter	November 15

You can contact Bill by e-mail at [tiggerwka@aol.com](mailto:tiggerwka@aol.com)

Make your plans for next year's reunion early. I'd love to see everyone there for a great time.

*Bob Leketa*



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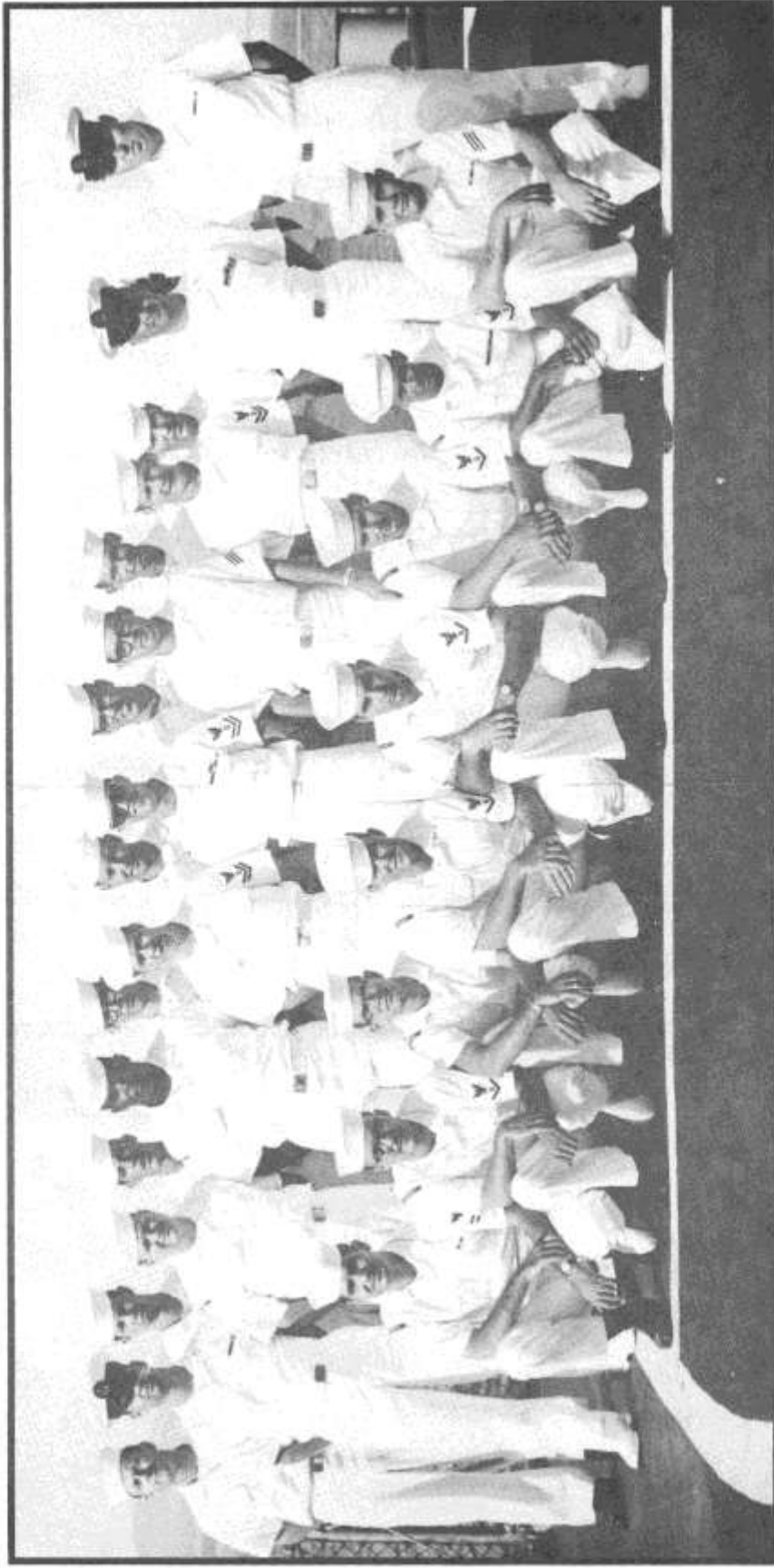
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## Comsixth Fleet Band—Summer 1966—On the USS Springfield



Row One: L Sapienza, B Shirk, S Hanusek, B Sinclair, D Godwin, H Denker, R Fitzpatrick, B Anthony  
Row Two: Chief Jacobus (Asst Leader), E MacMahon (1st Class Petty Officer in charge), S Brown, T Swafford, B Fry, D Frier, J Hickey PA, Unknown,  
Chief Owers PA, Chief Van Hoose (Leader)  
Row Three: Shanes PA, Zipe PA, K Davenport, Unknown PA, J Post, V Wiester, K Havanko, L Delorier, C Skinner (hiding)  
(Note: Those identified with PA following the name were with the Six Fleet's Public Affairs office)

(L Sapienza, who contributed the picture, thinks everyone who was in the band at the time is in the picture.)

**FIRST (only?) Bratwurst Day in the Far East  
Commander Fleet Activities Band - Yokosuka, Japan—1960**



*(The following script courtesy of Ben McHorney)*

Sheboygan, Wisconsin, is the site of the original Bratwurst Festival. Trumpet player Dave Wolfert (standing, far right), a publicity hound and native of Sheboygan, arranged to have the delicacy packed in dry ice and flown in for the occasion so that he could get his picture in the Sheboygan news and impress his sweetheart. Standing L to R: MUCM H Weber, J Avery, C Younger, S Harding, B McHorney, G Thompson, T Moore, J Fluck, D Wolfert

Kneeling: J Duffy, J Hughes, A Charlesworth.

*(Photo courtesy of Tom Moore)*

### EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Bob Leketa mentioned in his letter that Dolores Thumpston is recovering from surgery at home. Since his letter was written, Jim Thumpston has also been hospitalized. Dolores says that he has been moved from the hospital in Orlando to the VA nursing facility for rehabilitation. Please keep both Dolores and Jim in your prayers.

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I have received several wonderful pictures of you and your buddies. Please keep the pictures coming and I will get to as many as I can each quarter. This is your Leger Lines and I would like to put in it the things that please you. Believe me, you don't want me to run out of material to print and begin to try my hand at 'entertaining' you by writing!

**Navy Musicians Association  
Profit & Loss  
January through June 2003**

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Membership Dues	\$13,418.94
Merchandise	2,654.00
Miscellaneous Income	36.06
O L McMillan Fund	275.00
Reunion Banquet Fees	7,705.00
Reunion Regis. Fees	2,920.00
Reunion Williamsburg Trip	495.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$27,504.00</b>
Cost of Goods Sold	
Cost of Merchandise	3,859.00
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>3,859.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$23,645.00</b>
Expense	
Bank Service Charges	42.80
Board Meeting Exp	165.46
Leger Lines Expense	1,125.22
Licenses and Permits	61.25
Miscellaneous	5.14
Office Supplies	55.14
Postage & Delivery	699.66
Printing & Reproduction	17.95
Rent	600.00
Repairs	
Computer Repairs	144.00
Total Repairs	144.00
Reunion Expenses	13,342.18
Scholarships	500.00
Supplies	
Computer	861.53
Office	318.57
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>1,180.10</b>
Telephone	130.00
Travel & Ent	
Travel	151.00
Total Travel & Ent	151.00
Williamsburg Trip	990.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>19,209.90</b>
Net Ordinary Income	4,435.10
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	

*continued*

**Profit & Loss (continued)**

Interest Income	63.01
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>63.01</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>63.01</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>4,498.11</b>



Reports submitted by:

*Treasurer Cecil Strange*

**Navy Musicians Association  
Balance Sheet  
As of June 30, 2003**

**ASSETS**

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	\$ 5,006.68
O L McMillan-Bank of Amer	3,672.60
Saving-Bank of Amer	11,507.31
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>20,186.59</b>
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	-284.25
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>-284.25</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>19,902.34</b>
Fixed Assets	
Computer	1,398.99
Keyboards	3,450.00
Music Stands	3,071.84
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>7,920.83</b>

**TOTAL ASSETS** **27,823.17**

**LIABILITY & EQUITY**

Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	20,014.78
Retained Earnings	3,310.28
Net Income	4,498.11
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>27,823.17</b>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** **\$27,823.17**

## 2003 REUNION PICTURES



**Nancy and Dan Clemens**



**Elmer Dill**



**G Huddleston**



**James Allen and Friends**



**Cohen and Ascercion**



# 2003 REUNION PICTURES



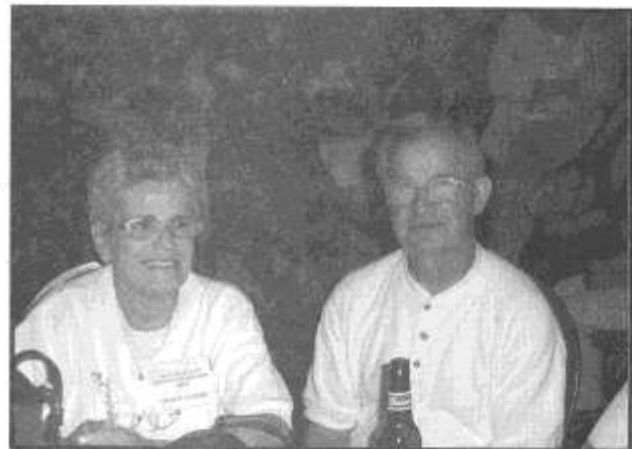
**C J Landry & Doyle Church**



**Hugh Ferguson and Hank Howard**



**Norm & Ester Hedges**



**Arlene & Howard Agster**



**Sam Calieo & Ann Walker**



**Bill Walker & Else Wood**



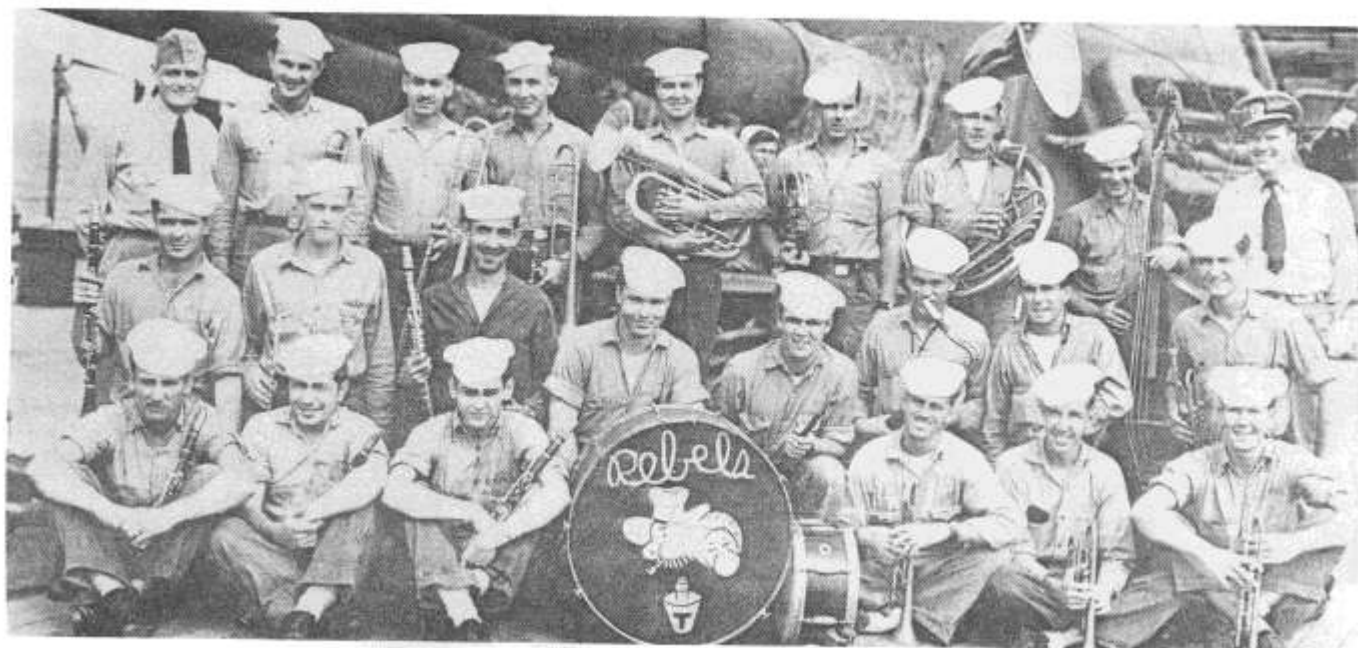
# THE GENE HUDDLESTON 2/4A DANCE BAND AT NAVY SCHOOL OF MUSIC—1952



Trumpets (from L to R): D Prospero, B Robson, D Chaffee, C Niehoff  
 Saxes (from L to R): G Stratton, Unknown, J Zych, J Spratt, B Bryant  
 Leader: Gene Huddleston  
 (Photo courtesy of *Charlie Niehoff*)

Trombones (from L to R): Unknown, A Bendett, J Brunner, Unknown  
 Rhythm Section: Drums R Ferrero, Bass Unknown, Piano A Alfred

**Band 57 Aboard the USS Tennessee in the South Pacific—1945**  
(Chief Ford's First Band)



Back Row (L to R): Chief Ford, Park, Oliver, Zeiders, Burlingham, Wing, Faust, Kestenbaum, Lt(jg) Harms  
Second Row (L to R): MacMurray, Jackson, Friday, Greenwell, Hayes, Scherger, Ferraro, Stafford  
Third Row (L to R): DeAscenzo, Meinhardt, Demarest, Eshelman, Ridgway, Buxton (Photo courtesy of Robert Greenwell)

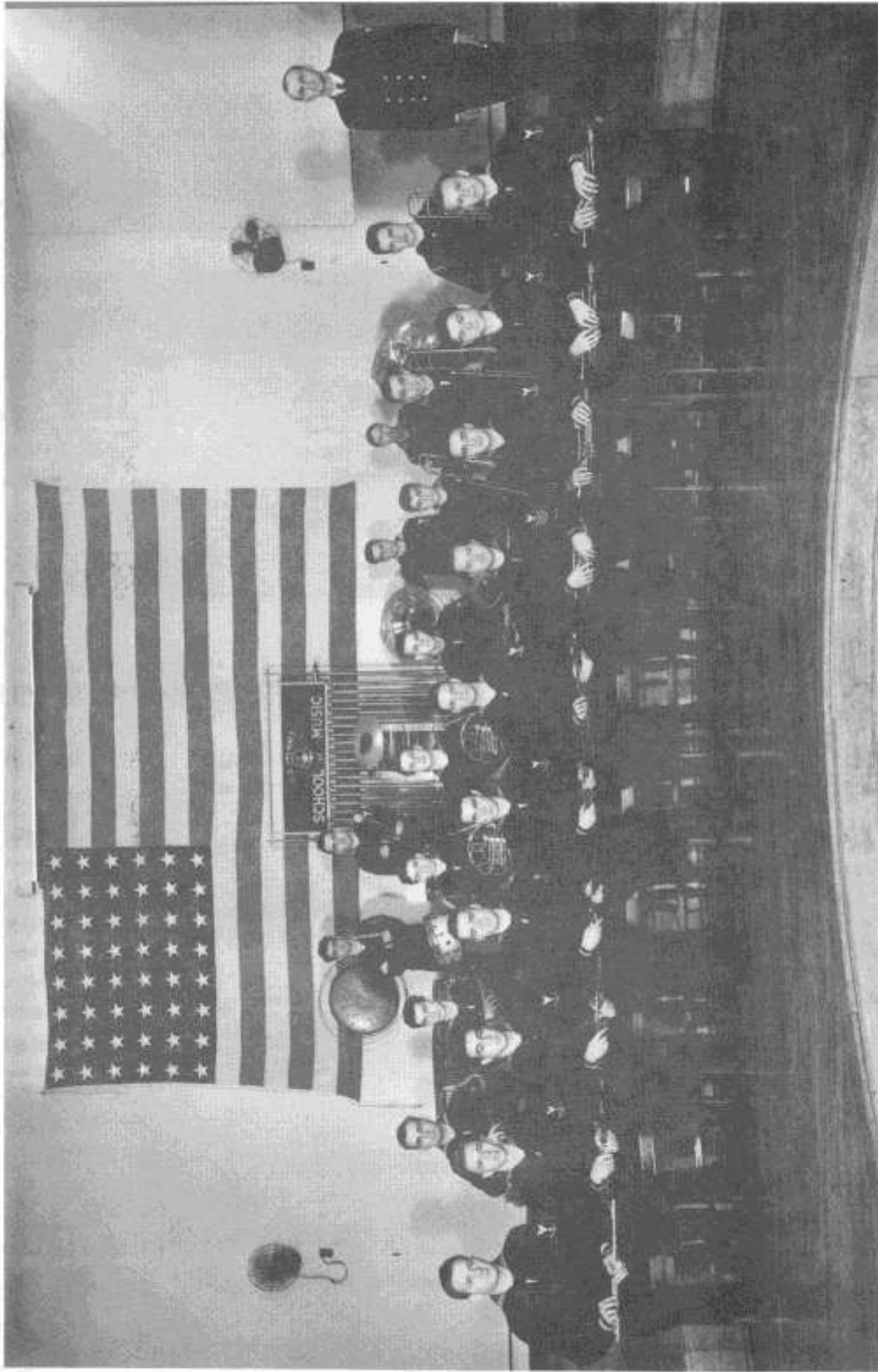
**Crossing the Equator Aboard the USS Tennessee (4 November 1945)**



Chief Ford, "Beanjuice" Jackson, "Burly" Burlingham, and "Wilbur" Hayes  
(Photo courtesy of Robert Greenwell)



UNITED STATES NAVY FLEET BAND NO. 51—4 SEPTEMBER 1944



**Front Row:** S Bloyer, O Friest, A Chiusano, F Greenwell, L Chait, E Mullinex, H Sokolof, T Strish, A Spiro, W Scollay  
**Second Row:** J Piersanti, S Law, R Smith, J Schmitt, W Syckes, S Hertel, A Madarassy, I Workman  
**Third Row:** B Sherman, F Labaty, H Hess, F Hickey  
**Standing:** James C Lundgren, Band Master  
 (Photo Courtesy of Wilton Syckes)

# NMA REUNION 2004



**WHEN:** July 7 through July 11, 2004

**WHERE:** Hyatt Orlando  
6375 Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway  
Kissimmee, FL 34747  
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