

Official Newsletter of the Navy Musicians Association

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## NMA REUNION 2007

**Place:** Holiday Inn Executive Center  
5655 Greenwich Rd.  
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

**Dates:** Wednesday April 25 to Sunday April 29, 2007

**Room Cost** \$89.00 per night  
*(This price is good 3 days prior to and 3 days after the reunion dates)*

**Reservations** 1-800-567-3856 *(ask for NMA reunion)*  
Local - 757-499-4400

The NMA is going back to Virginia Beach. The site selected is the Holiday Inn Executive Center. Take advantage of this opportunity to have a wonderful family vacation in conjunction with the NMA reunion by booking your rooms three days prior to and three days after the reunion for the same \$89 price.

You can call and make your reservations now. We only have 75 rooms per night secured for our use, so the earlier you make your reservations, the better chance we have of getting additional rooms and nights if we need them.

Your reservation forms are in this *Leger Lines*. Fill out the forms and send your check or money order to Cecil Strange, NMA; P O Box 2294; Plant City, Florida 33564-2294. Remember, the reservation form is only for the NMA—you must make your room reservations by calling the hotel at the number at the top of this memo.

Please pre-register. It certainly makes things less complicated.

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Dues have been coming in slowly and only half of the members have paid as of 4 February 2007. If you are one of the unpaid members, please take care of this soon.**

**Looking forward to seeing all of you in Virginia Beach this April.**

**Cecil**

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### NMA Reunion Schedule for 2007

**Tuesday April 24, 2007**

1300—1600 Early arrival personnel check in at registration desk  
 1300— Combo in lounge (numbers permitting)  
 1900— Early Arrivals band (numbers permitting)

**Wednesday April 25, 2007**

0900—1630 Registration desk open  
 0900—1130 NMA Reunion band rehearsals  
 1300—1630 Concert Band rehearsals  
 1800— NMA Reunion band rehearsals  
*(Note: Combo will be performing after 1300 in the lounge)*

**Thursday April 26, 2007**

0900—1630 Registration desk open  
 0900—1130 NMA Reunion band rehearsals  
 1300—1630 Concert Band rehearsal  
 1800— Dance Band rehearsal  
*(Note: Combo will be performing after 1300 in the lounge)*

**Friday April 27, 2007**

0900—1630 Registration desk open  
 0900—1300 Concert Band rehearsal  
 1330 - Spouses depart for afternoon tea at "The Painted Lady"  
 1400— Set up ballroom for Friday night bash  
 1830— Friday night NMA reunion bands perform in Ballroom  
*(Note: Combo will be performing after 1300 in the lounge)*

**Saturday April 28, 2007**

0830—1000 Breakfast breakout in the Ballroom  
 1000—1200 NMA General Membership Meeting  
 1200— Set up Bands for Banquet  
 1800— Cocktails  
 1930—2300 NMA Banquet  
*(Note: Combo will be performing after 2200 in the lounge)*

**Sunday April 29, 2007**

1200— Check out



12th ND Band in 1951 ( while it was still a 17-piece band)

? , ? , ? , ? , B Stevenson, Rodenberry (Chief), ?

Prosutti, C Chrisman, ? , ? , H Hines, ? ,

Bulta, Gummer, ?

Front row L to R:

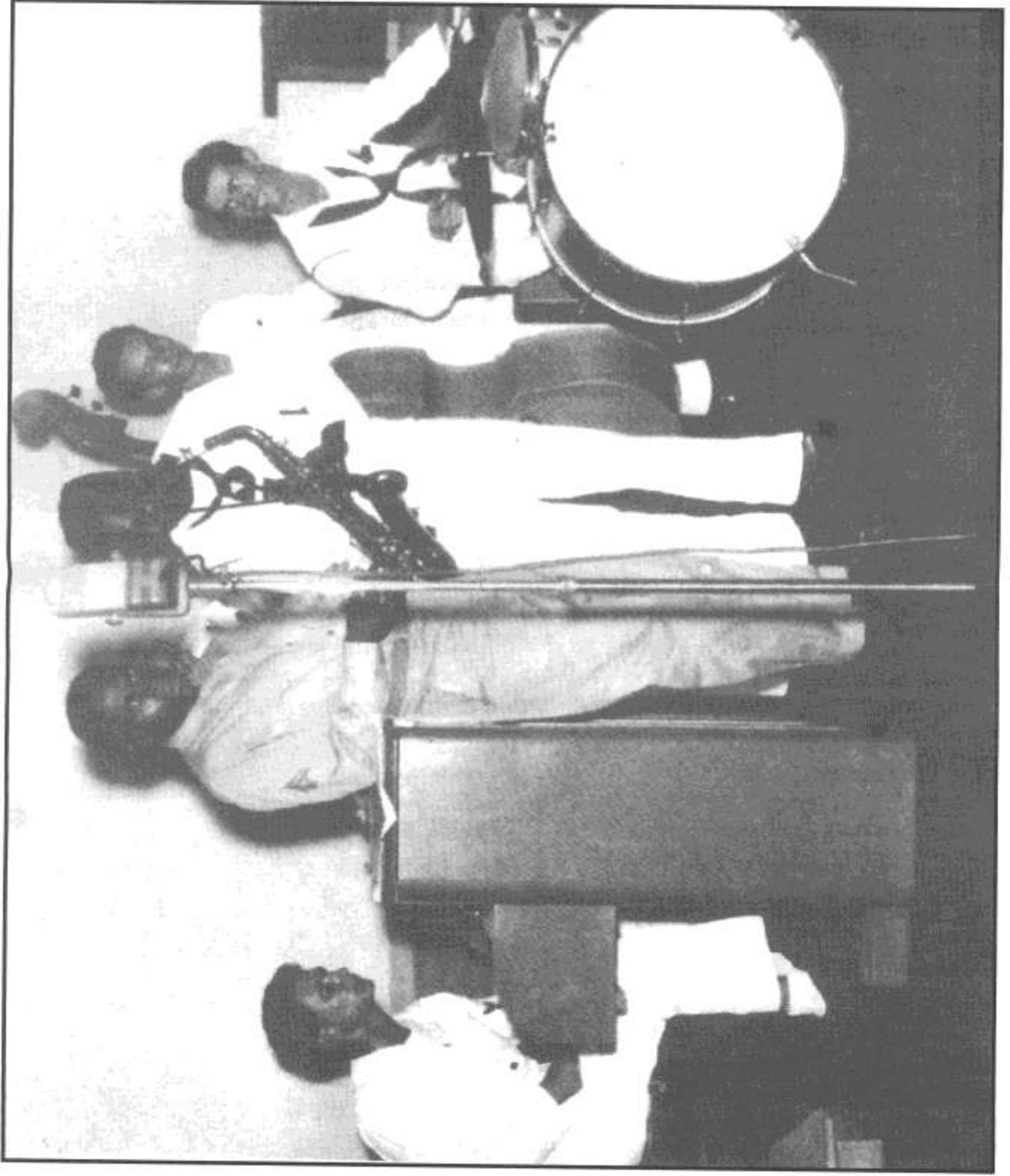
Middle row L to R:

Back row L to R:

*(Photo courtesy of C Chrisman)*



**NAVAL BASE, GUAM (1979)**  
**L to R: Dave Langett, Terry Chesson, Harry Horton, and Terry didn't remember who the "Blues Brother" was.**  
**Note the mud on the shoes.**  
*(Photo courtesy of T Chesson)*



“The Melody Masters” featuring John Coltrane (with shades) while stationed in Hawaii, July 13, 1946.

*(Photo courtesy of B Leketa)*



#### Social Security Benefits

If you turned age 65 prior to the year 1999, you may be able to receive credit on extra earnings from the Social Security Administration (SSA). To find out if you qualify, review the SSA fact sheet (SSA Publication No 05-10017). The fact sheet spells out the SSA policy regarding military wage credits in various years since 1940.

To receive credit, retirees or widows in receipt of Social Security benefits should take a copy of the service member's DD-214 or other separation or retirement order that documents the periods of active service to the Social Security office.

The special credit usually will not mean a significant increase in Social Security benefits for most retirees—a few dollars a month is all anyone should reasonably expect. A few dollars a month is better than nothing. [Military Officers of America Assn.]

*(courtesy of B A Waltrip)*

The O L McMillan Scholarship is to be awarded this year and Scott Friend, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, has outlined the qualifications needed for candidates to apply and has also reworked the application to be submitted for scholarship consideration. The packet also includes a judges' sheet and a rubric for judging which I did not include in *Leger Lines* but which is available from Scott if you're interested. (below and on next page)

## O.L. McMillan Scholarship Fund Navy Musicians Association Scholarship Award

### INFORMATION

The O. L. McMillan Scholarship Award was created at the 1997 annual meeting of the Navy Musician Association membership at Norfolk, Virginia. The intent of this cash award is to give financial assistance to a relative or an individual (biological or adoptive) sponsored by a NMA member in good standing.

The recipient will be a musically talented individual under 26 years of age who is pursuing a music in education degree and be enrolled in an institution of higher learning, i.e. high school or college. This scholarship is intended for college level students. Graduated High School Seniors are encouraged to apply. Students under instruction with a private instructor working at advanced musical skills may also apply. \*\* This performance award is open to all students on the following: Brass, Woodwind, Piano, Jazz- Rhythm Section, Percussion, Strings and Voice. The coordinator will entertain exceptions. The Association Board of Directors appointed a Scholarship Fund Coordinator and the appointee is: **Scott L. Friend of Southbury, Connecticut**, who will intern select judges from the Navy Musicians Association.

### CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION

Completed application to the Scholarship Committee **prior to April 1st**

Letter of introduction from sponsor received **prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Letter of reference from instructor or person who will verify the applicant's ability and is familiar with the work chosen by the applicant. Must be received **prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Letter describing financial need to accompany entrant's application

#### Application and letter should be mailed to:

NMA Scholarship Fund Coordinator

45 Elaine Dr.

Southbury, CT. 06488

203 -- 264-4180

Email: [FriendTrpt@aol.com](mailto:FriendTrpt@aol.com)

#### SELECTION / submission requirements:

Audition tapes should include: a traditional work from their accepted state solo selection list. Exceptions are invited.

- Selection may be performed with or without accompaniment.
- The selection should be no more than 10 minutes in length.  
Audition material may be presented on either audio Cassette or CD. *No Enhancements, Video or DVD permitted!*
- *A clean reproduced print copy of the solo should accompany the audition tape for the judge's evaluation.*
- All applicants will be assigned a number when their audition package arrives and judges will adjudicate in the blind.

**Navy Musicians Association  
McMillan Scholarship Application**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ (home)

Name of Navy Musicians Association Member Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

College or University attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Bursars Office: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

College Degree Major: \* \_\_\_\_\_ Year in school: \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Must be enrolled in a Music education program*

Major Instrument or Voice Part: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of years Studied \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe briefly your financial need for this scholarship and what can *you* contribute to the field of Music Education. Use additional space if necessary.

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**Deadline for submission is April 1<sup>st</sup>!**

### SPOUSES' AFTERNOON TEA

Since we have had wonderful success for the last few years with the ladies' event, I have set up a ladies' Afternoon Tea on Friday, 27 April 2007 at "The Painted Lady" on 112 East Seventeenth Street, Norfolk, VA 23517 starting at 1430.

Instead of setting up transportation, I'm looking for ladies who live in the area or who will have a vehicle at the reunion to help out with transportation to be organized in the hotel lobby at 1330 on that Friday. Please e-mail me if you are able to help with the transportation at [mleketa@aol.com](mailto:mleketa@aol.com) or call at (757) 961-9729.

Also, please sign up on the pre-registration form so we can get a better number of ladies who will be attending.

Can't wait to see you all at the reunion!!

*Melanie Leketa*

### **From David Blakeley, Webmaster**

Those of you who have visited the website recently may have noticed some changes in appearance. I have been trying to make the site a little less "busy" and eliminate duplicate links that were present on every page in the old design. I also cleared up some technical problems that may have prevented members from getting to certain pages. Please let me know if you detect any problems that I missed.

New members or those who haven't really explored the site may not be aware of all of the information available. For example, on the "Military Band Links" page are links to all of our premier Service bands, all of the Navy bands, and a few foreign bands as well. I just ran across an amazing website belonging to the Harrowgate (U.K.) brass band. This site has links to bands and musical organizations all over the world. I added a link to this site from ours. The "Navy Musician Links" page has a varied set of links to sites belonging to present and former Navy musicians as well as sites about some of those musicians.

I'll provide more examples of what's available on the website in upcoming *Leger Lines* issues. In the meantime, as always, please feel free to e-mail me at any time with questions about the site or requests for new features. The website address is [admin@navymusicians.org](mailto:admin@navymusicians.org).

Meanwhile, see you in Virginia Beach!

Current official information concerning the Navy Music Program is available in Program Notes, a quarterly publication by the U S Navy Music Program of the U S Navy Personnel Command in Millington, TN 38055-6400. Information is available online at <http://www.bupers.navy.mil/navymusic>.

### **TAPS**

Henry E Elder II  
Donald W Fugate

### **Bari Sax Players**

The NMA will have a bari sax (Jupiter) with a low "A" available for you sax guys. Bring your mouthpieces and diaphragms.

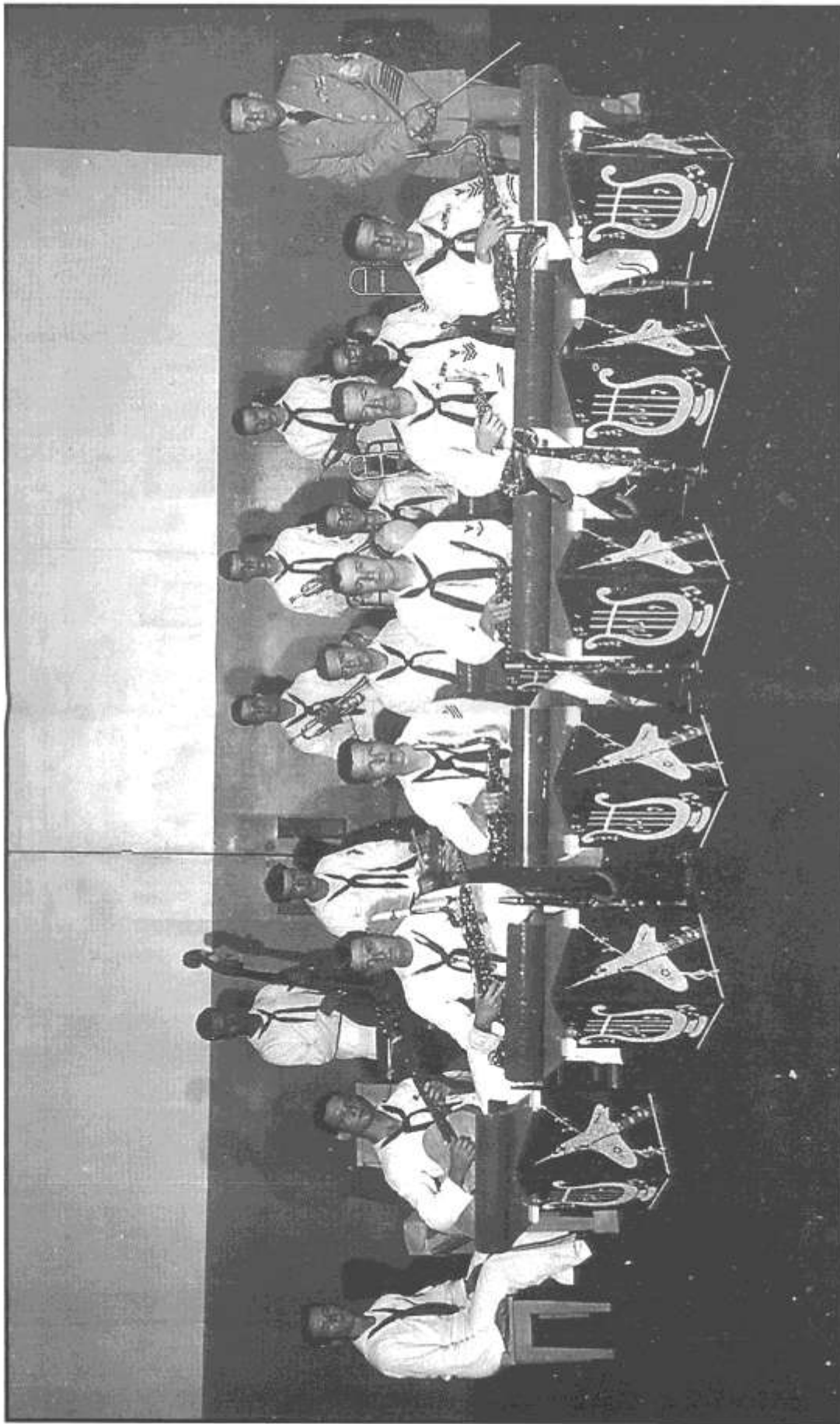
### **Travel Assistance Committee**

Travel funds are available to enable needy NMA members to attend annual reunions. Let's reach out to our shipmates and make them aware of this rare and worthwhile benefit.

If you know of someone who wants to join us but cannot afford transportation and lodging costs, you are strongly encouraged to contact me at 407-671-7447.

Wilbur C Smith  
130 Moyses Road  
Winter Park, FL 32792-6071

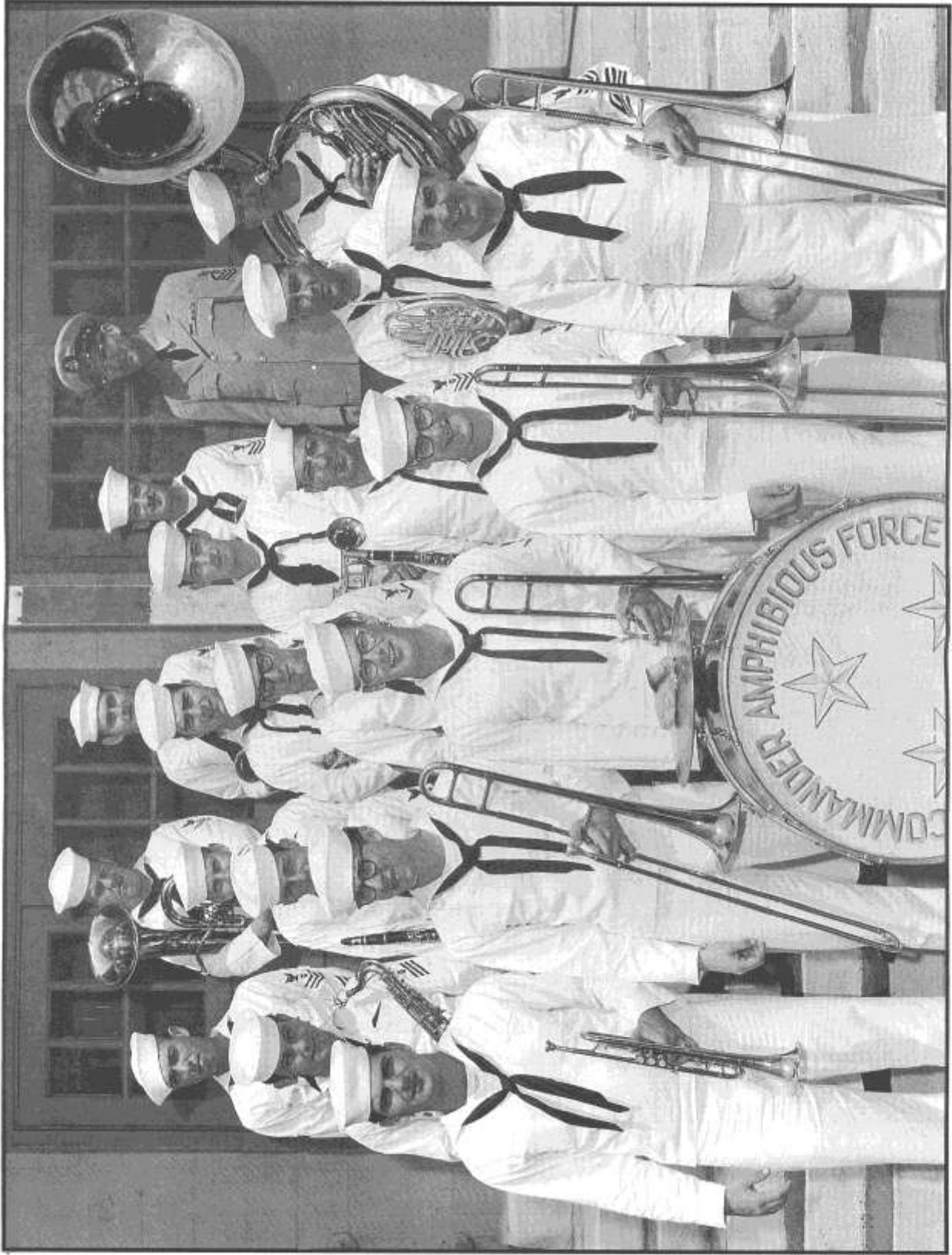




COMCARDIV 7 BAND (1958) USS Shangri La CVA 38

Bass: C Mora      Drums: W Kohler  
Trumpets L to R: R Bouchard, C Harris, T Nelson  
Trombones L to R: D McIntosh, F Godec, W Mark  
Saxes L to R: T Disney, L Maddox, J Exley, R Hinkle, C Chrisman

*(Photograph courtesy of C Chrisman)*



**AMPHIB BAND, Little Creek, VA (1958)**

- Front Row L to R:**
- Second Row L to R:**
- Third Row F to R:**
- Fourth Row L to R:**

?, McFadden, J Nickerson, D Johnson, "Pappy"

B Schroepfer, T Strautsaugh, J Lesniak, T Giancola, ?, ?

Burns, ?, Ledch, J Glaze

?, ?, The Chief

*(Photograph courtesy of Bob Schroepfer)*

**NMA REUNION RESERVATION FORM**  
**VIRGINIA BEACH, VA (APRIL 25-29, 2007)**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATES SERVED AS NAVY MUSICIAN \_\_\_\_\_ RATE AT END OF SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_

ANNUAL DUES (if not paid earlier)	\$ 25.00	X	1	=	_____
PREREGISTRATION (regular member)	30.00	X	1	=	_____
REGISTRATION (regular member on-site)	35.00	X	1	=	_____
PREREGISTRATION (spouse)	15.00	X	1	=	_____
REGISTRATION (spouse on-site)	20.00	X	1	=	_____
SPOUSE AFTERNOON TEA	22.50	X	1	=	_____
BANQUET (each attendee)	40.00	X	_____	=	_____
DONATION TO McMILLAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND				=	_____

INSTRUMENTS YOU WILL BRING TO PLAY \_\_\_\_\_

DANCE BAND \_\_\_\_\_ CONCERT BAND \_\_\_\_\_ TUB BAND \_\_\_\_\_ COMBO \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form with a check or money order (no cash!) to:

Cecil Strange, NMA  
 P O Box 2294  
 Plant City, FL 33564-2294

**PLEASE NOTE: THE ABOVE IS THE RESERVATION FORM FOR THE NMA CONVENTION. YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN ROOM RESERVATIONS AT THE HOTEL BY CALLING THE HOLIDAY INN EXECUTIVE CENTER; 5655 GREENWICH ROAD; VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA. TELEPHONE: 757-499-4400. (You can also reserve rooms by calling the toll-free number 800-567-3856) ROOMS ARE \$89 PER NIGHT.**

NMA APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Fill out the entire form (or write the information on paper) and mail with a check for \$25 to:

Cecil Strange, Treasurer of NMA  
P O Box 2294  
Plant City, FL 33564-2294

Dues are for 1 January—31 December 2007 and are \$25. Make checks payable to the NMA. (No cash, please)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ -E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Dates served as MU \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Instruments \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you

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