

# Leger Lines

## President's Message

Happy Holidays to all of you.

During the fall/winter of each year, the NMA officers get busy working on the next reunion. This year is no exception. We are scheduled to meet April 21-25, 2005, at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

With each reunion, we try to make changes to keep up with the requests of our members who attend. Therefore, the golf outing on Friday is now cancelled, and in its place there will be a concert band rehearsal from 0900 to 1300. If there are members who wish to have a golf outing, please contact me by e-mail at [NMAmail@aol.com](mailto:NMAmail@aol.com) and I will coordinate with one of our area's 37 golf courses to get tee times.

The pieces are in place for a grand banquet in 2005. The invitation letters have been sent out to all of the past Commanding Officers of the School of Music to be our guests. There are a total of nine past skippers and our incoming Commanding Officer has also been invited. Many of our members went through the chord factory under the leadership of these gentlemen. Don't miss an opportunity to attend and share some of your sea stories with them.

The NMA website is finally being updated. We have had a very difficult time finding a computer wizard to take over this job, but we have one now. Please check out the site and bring any suggestions with you to the annual membership meeting on Saturday, April 24, 2005.

This year's pre-registration form is in this Leger Lines issue. If you know you are coming, please fill out the form and mail it to Cecil. All members are responsible for their own hotel reservations. That information is also provided on the form.

Stay safe through the holiday season and hopefully you all are getting many gigs in your stockings this year.



*Bob Leketa*

## A Note from the Treasurer

The response to the dues invoices was great. Half were paid in the first week; however, it has slowed to a trickle, now. Let's keep it moving.

*Cecil Strango*

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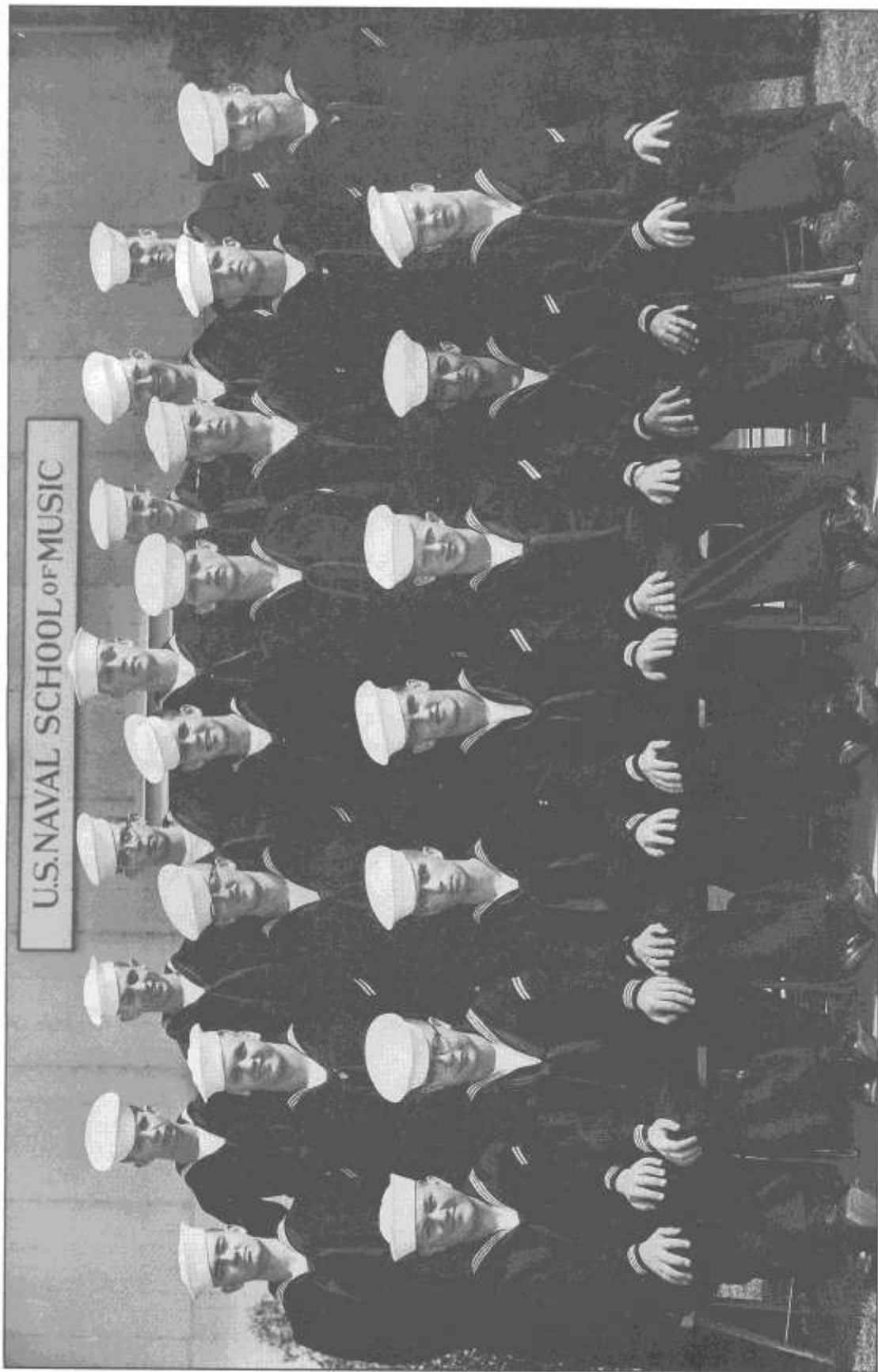
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## CINCPAC FLEET BAND, 1971



Front Row L to R (Kneeling): J Cabralda, J Dean, C Brennan Standing next to Brennan is J Ingram, Bandmaster

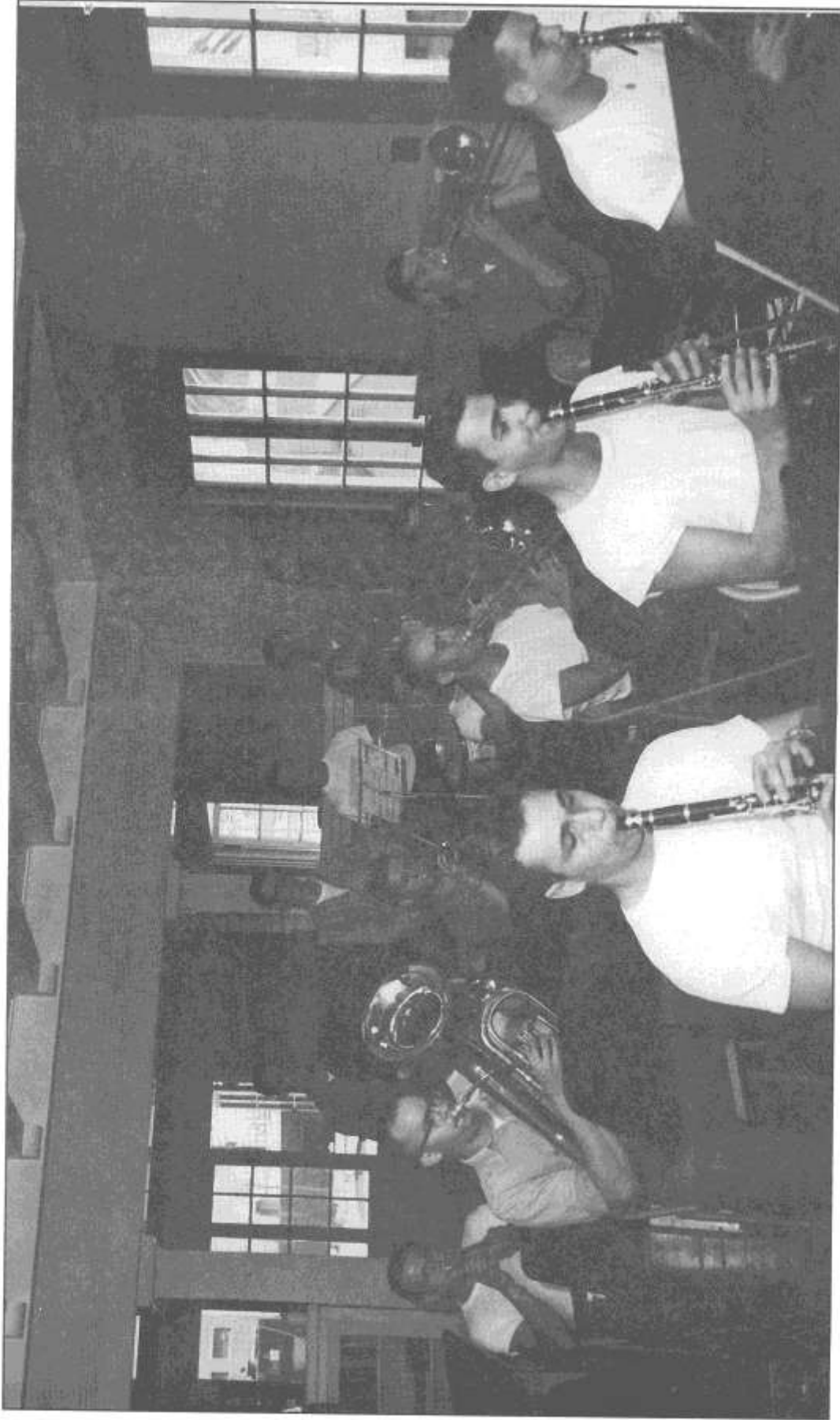
Standing L to R: B Fetcher, B Moral, G Bixler, J Browing, D Tolentino, E Pascua, V Santos, J Barnes, J Nelson, Chief "Ollie" Shirley, H Lloyd, J Zaragosa, C Beasley, D Wilson, G Adams, G Ward (Photo courtesy of Don Wilson)



May 1958

Front Row L to R: J Brewer, J Voigt, R Woodward, J Fick, ?, C Bobonis, ?  
Second Row L to R: J Wray, ?, J Koob, D Myers, ?, ?, H Weiss, D Kirby, R Caldwell  
Third Row L to R: R Brown, B Deck, D Wilson, J Phillips (became leader of Navy Band, Washington, DC), R Smith, S Gopman, C Yates (courtesy of D Wilson)

## CRUDES PAC BAND 106, 1959



**Back Row:** E Shaffer, L Kinzy, D Lambert, K Oliver

**TRUMPETS:** M Conley, D Forshee, L Sullivan, D Wilson, LPO J Africa, R Fendrick, B Utte

**REEDS:** L Raglan, B Daily, J McConville Missing from photo: T Jensen *(photo courtesy of D Wilson)*

*"Official Photograph U S Navy"*



March 1962 CNAVANTRA Band at Sunset Parade Max Ring, Bandmaster  
 "Chief Waltrip, in front of Bass Drummer, is memorizing 'Trumpet Blues and Cantabile' while the rest of us are playing 'National Emblem'." (Thanks, D Wilson)

**O L McMILLAN SCHOLARSHIP**

The Scholarship Committee met on November 21, 2004, and awarded two scholarships. (We experienced some delay in awarding the scholarships because of four hurricanes visiting our state.)

Scholarship winners were:

Darci Trousdale \$1,000.

Concordia University  
 Irvine, CA

Colette Mokry \$1,000.

Florida State University  
 Tallahassee, FL

Earl Bengé

**TAPS**

Dr. Fred Fennell

George L. Litzenberg

Rosario "Rosie" R. Pino

James Citino



Dear Members of NMA;

I have been asked by my boss at FLEET Forces Command to brief him on the origins of the ATLANTIC Fleet Band. I am looking for information on when this band was first stood up and given its name.

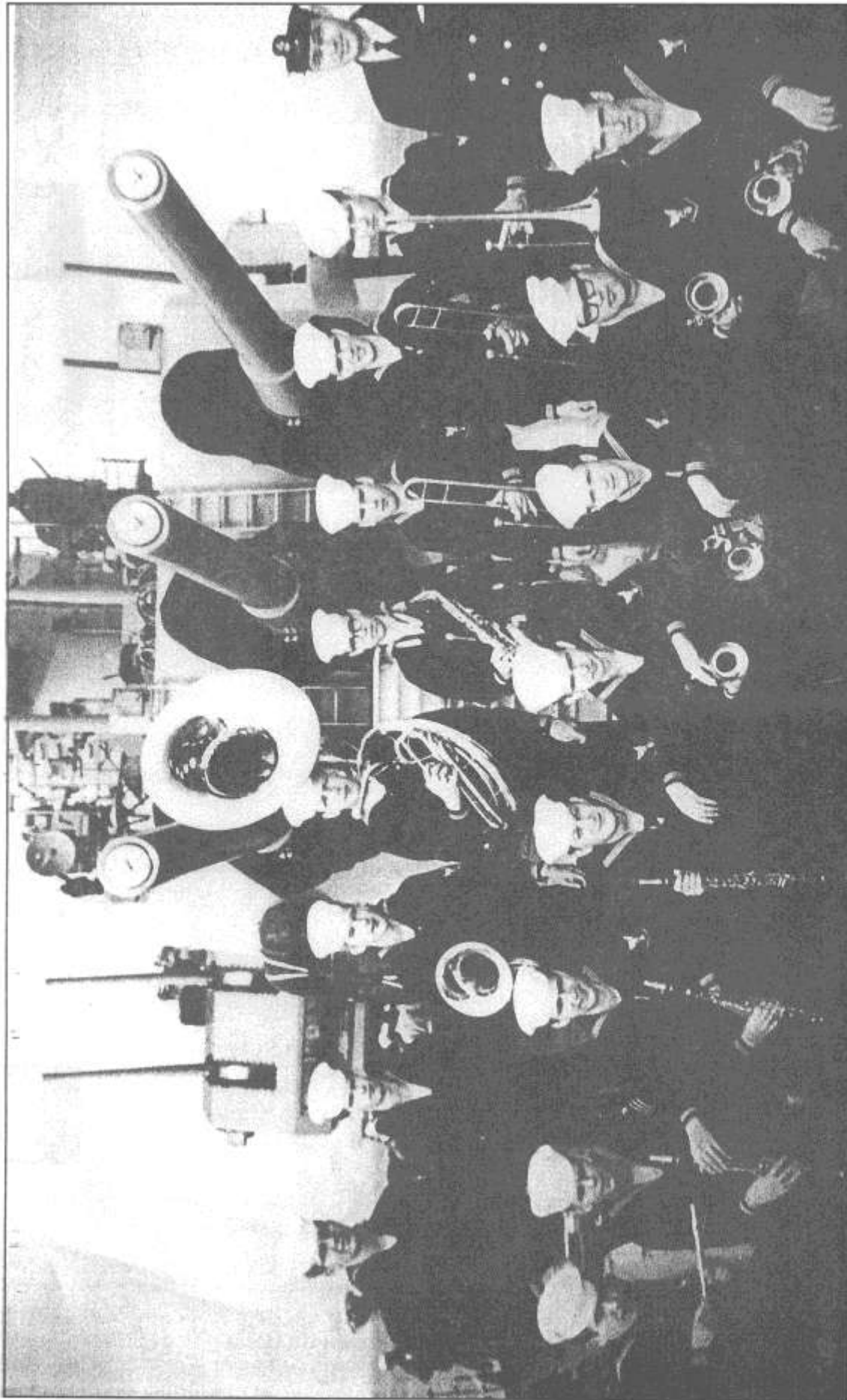
Also, if anyone would like to provide any historical facts about the band as it evolved from the beginning to today I would greatly appreciate that, too. I will have my staff put the information together and share it with anyone interested.

You can reach me by e-mail at: melvin.kessler@navy.mil or by snail mail at:

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 ATLANTIC Fleet Band  
 370 8th Avenue  
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Any information you can provide will be greatly appreciated!

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**UNIT BAND 107** formed to go on a world cruise with midshipmen aboard the heavy cruiser USS Des Moines, 1956  
Front Row L to R: G Sciaqua, Kozut, Collier, Winfield, G Durham, E Dill, P Aviley, B Peri  
Back Row L to R: Pierkowski, B Price, D Carlson, E Buddle, H Hymes, ?, Bonds, K Quinn, and Chief R Christianson  
*(Photo courtesy of Elmer Dill)*

## NAVY MUSICIANS ASSOCIATION TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

### PURPOSE

The fund is established (by private donation) to assist needy active members of the Navy Musicians Association with reunion travel and/or lodging expenses.

### DEFINITIONS

The NAVY MUSICIANS ASSOCIATION shall be referred to as THE ASSOCIATION for the remainder of this document. NMA is the recognized acronym for the Navy Musicians Association.

The EXECUTIVE BOARD shall be referred to as the BOARD for the remainder of this document.

The ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE shall be referred to as the COMMITTEE for the remainder of this document.

### ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

A COMMITTEE with a minimum of three members (from NMA membership) shall be selected by the President of the NMA for the administration of the designated funds. The COMMITTEE shall act upon all applications for assistance and make recommendations to the BOARD. The COMMITTEE shall be responsible for periodically assessing the rules and status of the fund. They shall recommend to the BOARD any revisions, updates, and/or modifications of the rules and process. The COMMITTEE shall act to give guidance to the BOARD for any changes of policy.

### ELIGIBILITY

The applicant/grantee MUST be an active voting member of the NMA.

### PROCESS

- Any eligible member may make application directly by contacting the Secretary of the NMA.
- Any member may also contact the NMA Secretary on behalf of another member they feel needs assistance. (Note: The NMA Secretary will then contact the COMMITTEE to activate the application process.)

A letter stating financial need serves as the application and may be authored by the NMA member requesting assistance or for another NMA member on their behalf. All letters shall remain strictly confidential and no information will be discussed outside the confines of the COMMITTEE and the BOARD. The Letter/Application must be submitted to the COMMITTEE a minimum of 90 days prior to the start of the reunion.

Determinations of need will be made by the COMMITTEE for approval by the BOARD.

### Limits of Support

Hotel Expenses: may be awarded and will be paid directly by the Association. The room will be the most economical available in the convention hotel\*.

Transportation expenses: may be awarded. Round trip airfare can be purchased. Actual gasoline and oil expenses can be reimbursed based on actual receipts\*. Food expenses are not awarded.

### CONTACT

Wilbur Smith at 130 Moyses Road, Winter Park, FL 32792-6071 (Tele: 1-407-671-7447) OR any member of the Board of Directors will be able to assist a member of the NMA requesting the use of this expense fund.

(\* Spousal expenses may be approved in extreme cases.)

NMA Members,

This is just a brief note from your librarian and rehearsal conductor. I'm back!! And I hope that all my medical problems are behind me!

I've got tons of new charts from Kubis, Nestico, Wolpe, Shambles, Irwin and others and am also working on putting together the entire library of all '97 original Navy Specials for April. They are still great and I believe they are much more difficult now than when I was twenty years old and afraid of nothing (EXCEPT Huddleston standing in front of our unit band).

See you in April!!

Elmer Dill



From *Leger Lines* Editor

If anyone (other than Don Wilson—I'm still working on yours, Don) has sent in pictures and wished them returned and I have failed to return them, please drop me a line and I will get them right to you.

If you change your address, please let Cecil or me know of the new address/e-mail.

Join the NMA if you haven't.

Sign up for the April reunion, now. I have had a wonderful time for the past three years at the reunions and feel that you will, too.

A very Happy New Year to all of you.

*Bill*

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