

MILPERSMAN 1306-928

NAVY MUSIC PROGRAM (MU)

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1. Background

a. The Navy musician rating (MU) is comprised of personnel who possess musical skills in varying styles, to include martial, classical, jazz, rock, and country/western.

b. Tour lengths will be per rating sea/shore rotation.

2. Policy. Director, Fleet Band Activities has approval authority for all assessment auditions required for assignment to MU "A" school and eventual placement in a fleet/area band.

3. Eligibility. Members seeking lateral conversion to the MU rating must first be granted approval to audition from their current chain of command and their respective enlisted community manager at Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS), Enlisted Community Management (BUPERS-32) prior to taking an audition. Individuals who successfully pass the required instrumental audition are eligible for assignment to MU "A" school.

4. Requirements/Qualifications

a. Members must audition and be certified as musically qualified by U.S. Navy Band Washington, DC (USNB), Fleet Band Activities (FBA) prior to submitting requests for lateral conversion/assignment to MU "A" school.

b. Members auditioning for this program must demonstrate competent performance ability on one primary instrument or voice, as indicated below:

Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC)	Primary Instrument	Secondary Instrument
3801	Flute/Piccolo	(none)
3802	Oboe	(see note)
3803	Clarinet	(none)
3804	Bassoon	(see note)
3805	Saxophone	(none)
3806	Trumpet	(none)
3807	French Horn	(none)
3808	Euphonium (Baritone)	(none)
3809	Trombone	(none)
3811	Tuba	(none)
3812	Guitar	(see note)
3813	Percussion (Drums)	(none)
3814	Piano/keyboard	(see note)
3815	Electric/String Bass	(see note)
3825	Vocalist/Entertain er	(see note)

Note: Guitar, keyboard, electric/string bass, bassoon, oboe instrumentalists, and vocalists receive basic skills instruction in Percussion Techniques during "A" school and perform on auxiliary percussion instruments for ceremonial band, parade band, and similar performance requirements (i.e., bass drum, cymbals, Latin-percussion instruments).

c. Due to the high visibility of Navy bands, Navy musicians must have outstanding appearance and military bearing.

d. Required obligated service for this program is 36 months.

5. Procedures

a. Active duty members must obtain permission from their current chain of command via NAVPERS 1306/92 Special Program Screening. Exhibit 1 of MILPERSMAN 1306-900 is not required. Based on NEC manning levels; Director, Fleet Band Activities, in conjunction with BUPERS-32, determine if there is a current or projected vacancy.

b. If manning levels permit, an audition will be scheduled at an official Navy band site. This audition constitutes the official assessment of the member's overall musical performance ability. Auditions may be administered by any of the 11 official Navy bands located throughout the continental United States (CONUS), and overseas. Contact USNB (FBA) for assistance or location of audition sites.

c. Individual commands may issue "cost" temporary additional duty (TEMADD) orders, but funded travel is not required. Special liberty, leave, or no-cost TEMADD orders may be required by the member to properly affect the audition. Following the audition, members will return to their parent command.

d. Results of the audition will be forwarded to the member by Director, Fleet Band Activities.

e. Successful applicants are guaranteed assignment to MU "A" school upon release from current community.