



The United States Navy Band
CRUISERS

As the U.S. Navy's premier contemporary entertainment ensemble, the Cruisers feature seven of the Navy's most dynamic performers. The newest specialty unit of the United States Navy Band, the Cruisers are under the leadership of drummer, **Chief Musician Leon Alexander**. The group takes its name from the Navy's versatile, flexible, multi-missioned ship – the Cruiser – and the members live up to their namesake by presenting a variety of music including classic rock, rhythm and blues, oldies from the 50s and 60s, Motown favorites, as well as today's top 40 hits. The sheer energy of their concerts never fails to overwhelm their audiences, who often feel compelled to clap, sing, or even dance along with the group.

They have delighted audiences worldwide. They traveled to Oslo in 2004 for the Norwegian Military Tattoo. In addition, they performed in Keflavik, Iceland, in October 1999 for the Naval Air Station's Navy Birthday Ball. Closer to home, they are in constant demand by the most senior government and military officials. Smaller combinations of the group often perform at the Chief of Naval Operations' quarters for official receptions. Their show-stopping appearances on Navy Birthday Concerts, Holiday Concerts, National Tours, and Summer Concert Series performances never fail to "bring the house down."

In their short existence, the Cruisers have established themselves as an integral component of the Navy Band by continuing the Band's tradition of excellence in their own dynamic style.

Order of Photos

1. "Cruisers" contemporary music ensemble
2. Chief Musician Leon E. Alexander, Director and Drummer
3. Musician 1st Class Cory A. Parker, Vocalist
4. Musician 1st Class Shana L. Sullivan, Vocalist





L.E. ALEXANDER
CHIEF OF UNIT LEADER





