



"SIDE BOYS" IS AN ACOUSTIC BRASS BAND ENSEMBLE WHICH PERFORMS A WIDE RANGE OF MUSICAL GENRES, SPANNING FROM TRADITIONAL NEW ORLEANS-STYLE JAZZ TO MODERN-DAY POPULAR MUSIC, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO COUNTRY, ROCK, JAZZ, AND BLUES. "SIDE BOYS" IS THE MOST VERSATILE ENSEMBLE WITHIN NAVY BAND GREAT LAKES. CAPABLE OF PERFORMING AT A VARIETY OF VENUES, FROM FESTIVALS TO OUTDOOR CONCERTS UTILIZING FULL SPEAKER SYSTEMS, TO SMALLER ACOUSTIC VENUES WITH POWER AND/OR SPACE CONSTRAINTS, "SIDE BOYS" IS READY TO SERVE BY PROVIDING A SHOW THAT IS SURE TO BE A CROWD-PLEASER FOR AUDIENCE MEMBERS OF ALL AGES!



AS THE "AMBASSADORS TO THE MIDWEST," NAVY BAND GREAT LAKES' PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IS SUPPORTING NAVY OUTREACH IN AN ELEVEN-STATE AREA, STRETCHING FROM MICHIGAN TO MISSOURI, NORTH DAKOTA TO KANSAS, AND EVERY MIDWESTERN STATE IN-BETWEEN. ALL OF THE BAND'S PRIMARY PERFORMING UNITS EMBARK ON CONCERT TOURS EACH YEAR THROUGHOUT THE MIDWEST, ALLOWING THE BAND TO REACH OUT TO AUDIENCES THAT DO NOT HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO SEE SAILORS ON A REGULAR BASIS. THE CONCERTS ARE PATRIOTIC, FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS DESIGNED TO BE ENTERTAINING FOR YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE.

"PRIDE IN SERVICE" HAS BEEN THE THEME FOR NAVY BAND GREAT LAKES FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY. FROM 1911, WHEN THE BAND FIRST FORMED, TO 1917, WHEN LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JOHN PHILIP SOUSA SERVED AS BANDMASTER, TO TODAY, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF LIEUTENANT CHRISTOPHER CORNETTE, OUR MUSIC REPRESENTS THE PRIDE AND PROFESSIONALISM THAT IS SYNONYMOUS WITH THE UNITED STATES NAVY. SERVING COMMANDER, NAVAL SERVICE TRAINING COMMAND'S MISSION OF TRANSFORMING VOLUNTEERS INTO TWENTY-FIRST-CENTURY SEA WARRIORS, NAVY BAND GREAT LAKES PERFORMS WEEKLY FOR BASIC TRAINING GRADUATIONS TO PAY HONOR TO RECRUITS, SAILORS, AND THEIR FAMILIES, WHILE BALANCING OUT THEIR ROBUST SCHEDULE WITH MORE THAN 350 PERFORMANCES ANNUALLY FOR MILLIONS OF AMERICANS ACROSS THE MIDWEST. ALL NAVY BAND GREAT LAKES PERFORMANCES ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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