

MILPERSMAN 1430-040

ACCELERATED ADVANCEMENT FOR ENLISTED MUSICIAN (MU) ASSIGNMENTS TO NAVY PREMIER BANDS

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References	(a) BUPERSINST 1430.16F (b) 10 U.S.C. §6969 Band Composition (c) COMNAVCRUITCOMINST 1130.8J Volume IV
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1. **Background.** Only the most highly qualified musician (MU) personnel are selected for duty with the **U.S. Navy Band, Washington, DC** and **Naval Academy Band, Annapolis, MD** to maintain the unique musical and professional standards required of these premier presidential support and service academy organizations.

2. **Policy**

a. Provided members are qualified in all other respects, advancement in rating of MUs assigned to duty with these activities will be per the provisions of reference (a), except that "C" Service School requirements establishing eligibility for advancement to E-8 (MUCS) and E-9 (MUCM) are waived.

b. If qualified in all other respects, personnel reporting for duty with the U.S. Navy Band and Naval Academy Band in a pay grade below E-6 (MU1) may be recommended to Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS), Enlisted Community Management (BUPERS-32), for advancement to MU1 without regard to time-in-service, provided they have completed the military requirements through E-6. Date of rate will be effective upon reporting, or in the case of direct procurement accessions, upon completion of recruit training. Reference (b) delineates that the Naval Academy Band pay grades will equal that of the U.S. Navy Band.

c. Reference (c), chapter 3, section 12 details accelerated advancement policies for new accessions in the U.S. Navy Band and Naval Academy Band.