



## BRIEF HISTORY OF ARMY PARTICIPATION IN TRAINING AT NAVY SCHOOL OF MUSIC

### 1950

- **Jun 1950:** SECDEF directed SECNAV "...to collaborate with the Secretary of the Army in the implementation of a program whereby the U.S. Naval School of Music will meet the training requirements of the Department of the Army for bandsmen." - SECDEF Memo, Chairman, Management Committee, 17 May 1950
- **Jun 1952:** Army begins sending selected Army bandsmen to Navy School of Music, Anacostia Naval Shipyards, Washington, DC for training
- **1954:** Bldg 3602 constructed as Barracks
- **Nov 1959:** TAGCEN notifies Navy that Army needs to increase throughput from 544 to 1000 Soldiers annually

### 1960

- **May 1961:** TAGCEN recommends deactivating 5 Band Training Units (BTU) at Forts Knox, Leonard Wood, Dix, Jackson, and Ord. Activated a sub-element of U.S. Army Element School of Music at Ft Benjamin Harrison to accommodate excess throughput until Navy's operation at Little Creek is established; projected in 1963. (First 2 BTUs established 1943; inactivated 1946; reestablished 5 BTU listed above in 1947. 1 per Army area. Field complaints about effectiveness and organization of BTU training spurred the inactivations).
- **1964:** Bldg 3602 renovated and opened for use of Navy SOM to conduct interservice training for Army and Marines.
  - All Army enlisted training was initially consolidated into Navy's A School (AIT), Intermediate Course (E6 personnel) and Advanced Course (E7/E8 personnel).
  - Army's Warrant Officer Course was collocated (IOW managed by Army Elements alone).

### 1970

- **Jan 1972:** HQ, TRADOC established as part of Army's STEADFAST reorganization
  - U.S. Army Element School of Music assigned to HQ, TRADOC – General Orders No. 13, 27 Jan 1972
- **1972:** Establishment of Interservice Training Review Organization (ITRO)
  - Follow on conference in 1976 decided not to include Interservice School of Music as an ITRO organization; it was already fully consolidated in 1964
- **Oct 1976:** Army establishes Directorate of Training and Doctrine (DOTD) and Directorate of Evaluation and Standards (DOES) on Ft Story, VA due to lack of space on Little Creek.
  - Army begins deconsolidation of NCO courses from Navy as NCO Education System (NCOES) implemented Army-wide

## 1980

- **Jan 1982:** Transfer “sponsorship” of US Army Element, School of Music from HQ, TRADOC to HQ, U.S. Army Soldier Support Institute (USASSI) at Ft Benjamin Harrison (Indianapolis) IN as part of implementation of School Model ‘83. Source: Briefing book for MG Edmonds, TRADOC DCST, 17 May 1985
- **1986:** Navy Environmental Health Center establishes presence of dangerous sound pressure levels that exceed OSHA and DOD standards (>85db). Studies repeated for the following 26 years (1986-2011) replicated the results.
- **1989:** USASSI studies relocation of Army Element, School of Music to Ft Benjamin Harrison, IN. Determined not cost-effective.
- **Jul 1984:** MG Daniel French establishes Chief, Army Bands Office (COL Jon Kindred as its first Chief, Army Bands) at Ft Benjamin Harrison. IN. 1 COL, 1 MAJ, 2 CPT, 1 civilian clerk. Chief, Army Bands becomes rater of Commandant, USAESOM at that time. Authority: VOGC MG French and MG Joyce – no orders published.
- **Aug 1984:** TAGCEN eliminates Department of the Army (DA) Staff Bands Office (1 LTC, 1 SGM, 1 Civilian clerk) as part of National Capital Region reductions and spin-off of Family Morale Welfare Resource Division (FMWRD) to a Field Operating Agency (FOA): Family Morale Welfare Resource Command. MAJ Cornett PCS to Ft Benjamin Harrison as Dpty Chief, Army Bands

## 1990

- **Oct 1994:** USASSI moves to Ft Jackson, SC. Chief, Army Bands (COL (R) Larry Daly last incumbent) TDA authorization is eliminated and the function transferred to the Commandant, AG School
- **1994:** Navy Commanding Officer, SOM submitted renovation plans
  - Plans remained low on Little Creek and Navy priority list for 14 years

## 2000

- **2004: Naval Facility Area Command (NAVFAC)** begins studies of chlorinated compounds spill on site of Bldg 3602 (Mc Donald Hall, SOM) and Site 11B Barracks. Suspected source was vehicle repair facility underground collection tank leaking or spilling chemical ca 1962-1962. SOM Instrument repair shop may have contributed to the contamination with paint stripper and chemicals used in recovery of precious metals.
- **Apr 2005:** Navy Environmental Health Center determines groundwater contaminations under School of Music, Bldg 3602 substantially exceed screening values of EPA VI Table 3c for cancer risk. Data considered unvalidated until soil vapor intrusion studies can be completed (scheduled for 2012).
- **Dec 2005:** Permanent Orders 353-3, 19 Dec 2005 redesignated U.S. Army Element, School of Music to U.S. Army School of Music

- NAVFAC begins Enhanced Reductive Dechlorination (ERD). 61 monitoring wells in place to track progress of the remedy.
- **Apr 2007:** ITRO Office of TRADOC G3/5/7 convened initial Curriculum Review Board
- **Mar 2007:** ITRO Office of TRADOC G3/5/7 facilitated an interservice Curriculum Review Board that determined:
  - Poor condition of facilities a major obstacle
  - Army announces intent to deconsolidate AIT from Navy's IMT
- **May 2007:** Army forwarded memo IAW AR 351-9 to Navy and Marines announcing intent to deconsolidate AIT from Navy IMT in FY 2010. USASOM received formal acknowledgment from Navy and Marine Corps in July 2007. AR 351-9 required 1 year notification; provided 2 years.
- **Mar 2007:** Army AR 5-10 relocation package (FY13-17) \$30M (Ft Eustis; Bldg 705) is initiated
  - Determined infeasible due to incoming BRAC units and HQ, TRADOC
- **Dec 2008:** USA requested USN timetable to renovate SOM bldg
- **Feb 2008:** Army 5-10 relocation package reinitiated per MG Chambers and LTC Keene proposed location to Mifflin Hall, Ft Lee
- **Jun 2009:** Little Creek Safety Office notifies SOM of asbestos in Bldg 3602, McDonald Hall, SOM main schoolhouse.
- **Jul/Sep 09:** U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command (CASCOM) reviewed plans for renovating Mifflin Hall, Fort Lee; disapproved because Mifflin was scheduled to be demolished as part of plan for new building for HQ, CASCOM
- **Sep 2009:** SOM submitted UFR for renovation: \$17+M

## 2010

- **Feb 2010:** Navy secured approval of \$12+M for renovation in FY12
- **Apr 2010:** ITRO convened Interservice Resource Review and Analysis (RRA) board at Little Creek.
  - Determined deconsolidation created new requirement for approx 4300 SF of training space to accommodate Army instructors and studios
- **Mar 2010:** Navy working Project P-126, MILCON request for FY13
- **Oct 2011:** Army implements first AIT course after deconsolidation from Navy IMT
- **10 Mar 11:** Commanding General (CG), CASCOM (MG Hodge, Mr Moore, CW5 Wichtermann, BG McAlister, CG, SSI) visit USASOM. Mr Moore states this is the "...worst training facility in the Army."
- **Sep 2012:** CG, SSI visits USASOM; during office call with base commanding officer learns that no money is allocated either for renovation or Military Construction (MILCON) for School of Music
- **12 Mar 2012:** Navy proceeding with renovation plans. Projected dislocation from Bldg 3602 in Sep 12.
- **Jun 2012:** Navy approves advertising contracts needed to start renovation. Dislocation slipped to Nov/Dec 12 timeframe.
- **3 May 2012:** Navy receives funding to pay for renovation.
- **10 May 2012:** CASCOM submits AR 5-10 Stationing Package to TRADOC proposing relocation of USASOM to Ft Jackson, SC. One time costs=\$4.2M
- **Oct 2012:** USASOM completes first full accreditation as "Institution of Excellence."
- **Mar 2013:** DCG TRADOC directs SSI and JBLE to make final determination that Ft Eustis has no facilities adequate to house USASOM; no facility is found

- Relocation to Ft Jackson tabled due to sequestration
- 2014 – Navy completes renovation of Bldg 3502 with contribution of funds from TRADOC. Renovation includes occupying an old classroom building renovated for small group training, rehearsals, and performances.