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**Former Pensacola Resident and U.S. Army Signal Corps Band
to Perform at the National Naval Aviation Museum**

Pensacola, Fla.—April 7, 2008— Staff Sgt. Robert Denni returns to drum it up for his hometown crowd with the United States Army Signal Corps Band at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 11 at the National Naval Aviation Museum. This free concert will feature an enchanting blend of jazz, patriotic music, Broadway songs and other popular tunes.

Denni, a resident of Pensacola for 17 years, graduated from Escambia High School in 1987, where he played drums with the Pride Marching and Concert Bands. After graduation, Denni joined the Army and was placed with the 434th Army Band. Following basic training, Denni was sent to the Armed Forces School of Music at Little Creek Naval Base in Norfolk, Va., where he spent six months learning music theory, ear training, taking one-on-one lessons and playing in various ensembles, including Jazz Band and Concert Band.

In addition to national tours with the U.S. Army Signal Corps Band, Denni has performed internationally for audiences in Germany, Austria, Luxembourg, Spain, Gibraltar and Tunisia.

During the fall of 2006, Denni was invited to travel and perform with the U.S. Army Field Band Volunteers, which he describes as “the premiere rock band in the whole U.S. Army.”

“That was the highest honor of my career. To me, it was the equivalent of being invited to fly with the Blue Angels,” said Staff Sgt. Denni.

The 434th Army Band, based out of Fort Gordon, Ga., takes pride in performing its duties of promoting morale and esprit de corps by providing the highest quality of music to audiences of all ages. The band travels throughout the Central Savannah River Area and recently Florida and New Orleans, promoting the Army image and enhancing relations between military and civilian communities.

The United States Army Signal Corps Band is comprised of 35 musicians from across the United States with a musical repertoire spanning jazz, blues and rock genres. The Signal Corps Band, like all U.S. Army Bands, is made up of professional players who have chosen to make both music and the military their full-time profession. Many of the members have bachelor’s degrees, some with master's degrees.

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For a complete list of upcoming events at the Museum, visit www.navalaviationmuseum.org or call the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation at (850) 453-2389 or (800) 327-5002.

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About the National Museum of Naval Aviation

The National Naval Aviation Museum features nearly 300,000 square feet of displays and is one of the world's largest aviation museums. Located aboard Pensacola Naval Air Station, the facility boasts more than 150 beautifully restored aircraft representing Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard aviation and is Florida's most-visited museum. Among the countless things to touch, see and experience is a thrilling Top Gun flight simulator, a variety of special exhibits as well as the drama and power of amazing IMAX® films. The Cubi Bar Café offers a unique dining experience, and the Flight Deck Store is the perfect place to find a memento of the spirit of Naval aviation. Museum admission is free. The National Naval Aviation Museum is open everyday from 9 a.m.–5 p.m., except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. For more information, visit NavalAviationMuseum.org.

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