

New Bedford Elementary School Bands Celebrate Flag Day in National Park



*Sgt. William
Harvey Carney
holding the U.S.
Flag*

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park will host a Flag Day concert featuring New Bedford elementary school students on Friday, June 14 at 10:30 AM. The band will play patriotic songs as well as other musical pieces. The concert will take place in the national park garden at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. The event is free and open to all.

The band brings together students from the Ashley, Pacheco and Winslow Elementary Schools. Bill Lacey and Dana Bernier direct the band, which numbers 70 students.

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park was established by Congress in 1996 to help preserve and interpret America's nineteenth century whaling industry. The park, which encompasses a 13-block National Historic Landmark District, is

the only National Park Service area addressing the history of the whaling industry and its influence on the economic, social, and environmental history of the United States. The National Park visitor center is located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford.

It is open seven days a week, from 9 AM-5 PM, and offers information, exhibits, and a free orientation movie every hour on the hour from 10 AM-4 PM. The visitor center is accessible to all. Admission is free. For additional information and schedules, go to the park website at www.nps.gov/nebe, call 508-996-4095, or visit the park's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NBWNHP>