



## Assistant Director, Allied Forces Band Naples (JFC Naples)



### Master Chief Musician Douglas Forziati, U. S. Navy

(2002-)

Master Chief Musician Douglas D. Forziati, from Springfield, Massachusetts, originally joined the Navy as a trumpet player in 1960. He served with Navy Bands in Japan and San Diego, California before being honorably discharged in 1964. During his seventeen year hiatus from active duty, he pursued a career in music and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Westfield State College, Westfield, Massachusetts.

In 1981, Master Chief Forziati returned to the Navy Music Program and reported to the ATLANTIC Fleet Band in Norfolk, Virginia. While serving with the ATLANTIC Fleet Band he deployed in 1982 and 1983 to West Africa and South America in support of the annual six-month UNITAS exercise as a member of the U.S. Navy Showband. He completed advanced training at the Armed Forces School of Music in Norfolk, Virginia in 1985. Upon graduation, he served with the CINCSOUTH Band in Naples, Italy performing extensively throughout Europe in support of the Commander in Chief, Allied Forces Southern Europe.

In 1988 Master Chief Forziati was appointed to a faculty position at the School of Music as an instructor of the Basic Music Course. In addition to his teaching duties, he performed with the Faculty Wind Ensemble, and was trumpet soloist for the Faculty Jazz Ensemble. While on the faculty, he was selected as Sailor of the Year (1992) and Instructor of the Year (1994). Leaving the School of Music in 1995, he transferred back to the ATLANTIC Fleet Band as leader of the 19 member Jazz Ensemble and Conductor of the Ceremonial Band.

Master Chief Forziati returned to Naples, Italy in 1998 for a tour with the SIXTH Fleet Band, where he served as Command Master Chief and Assistant Director. While there, he earned his Masters Degree in Counseling from Norfolk State University, Norfolk, Virginia. In January 2002, he assumed the position of Command Master Chief and Assistant Director of the CINCSOUTH Band, which was re-designated the Allied Forces Band in 2004.

Master Chief Forziati's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal and various service and campaign awards.

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