

Alton A. Adams is remembered primarily as the first Black band leader in the U.S. Navy. The military branch has rediscovered his music, which was performed by the bands of John Philip Sousa and Edwin Franko Goldman.

In June 1910, Adams formed his own ensemble—the Adams Juvenile Band. Adams' band developed rapidly, becoming part of the social fabric in the islands' capital city—the port of Charlotte Amalie

Adams' garnered the attention of leading musicians in the States, such as John Philip Sousa and Edwin Franko Goldman