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126 ARMY BAND ANNOUNCES U.P. SUMMER TOUR

Wyoming, MI. May 1, 2008: The 126 Army Band of the Michigan Army National Guard will tour the Michigan Upper Peninsula performing **FREE** patriotic concerts in the following Michigan communities:

DATE	CITY	LOCATION	TIME	PERFORMANCE
June 26	Ontonagon	Ontonagon Theater	7:00pm	Patriotic Concert
June 27	Houghton	Mi. Tech. Univ. Rozsa Center	7:00pm	Patriotic Concert
June 28	Crystal Falls	Crystal Theatre	7:00pm	Patriotic Concert
June 30	Calumet	Agassiz Park	7:00pm	Patriotic Concert
July 1	Iron Mountain	Municipal Lot-Hughitt & Iron Mtn. Streets	5:30pm	Patriotic Concert
July 3	Marquette	Mattson Waterfront Park	6:00pm	Patriotic Concert
July 4	Baraga	July 4 th Parade Downtown	3:00pm	Parade
July 4	Covington	Cultural Event Center Pavilion	9:00pm	Patriotic Concert
July 6	Escanaba	Ludington Park Band Shell	2:00pm	Patriotic Concert
July 7	Bessemer	E.J. OAS Field-Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall	3:00pm	Memorial Ceremony
July 7	Ironwood	Ironwood Theatre	7:00pm	Patriotic Concert

Serving the State of Michigan, the Nation, and our local communities since 1857, the citizen-soldiers of the 126 Army Band provide music for all occasions. Based in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the band has earned praise from music critics and audiences alike.

The band has performed throughout the United States, London, Italy, Trinidad & Tobago, Australia and Latvia for all branches of the Armed Forces. *This summer the band's 45 musicians bring their talents to the Michigan Upper Peninsula. Audiences will enjoy America's favorite patriotic songs, stirring vocals, military marches and a musical salute to Michigan Veterans. Concert highlights include performances by the 126 Army Band Brass Quintet and Live-Fire, the band's classic rock group.*

As the official military band of Michigan, unit members have enjoyed performing for many official State functions, such as the Governor's Inauguration, official visits of United States dignitaries including the President of the United States, and numerous foreign leaders. In 2007, the band was honored to perform the funeral and burial services for President Gerald R. Ford.

Commanded by CW2 Jon Montgomery, the band has a full concert band, marching band, ceremonial band, rock band, brass quintet, woodwind quintet and many smaller performing groups. In addition to its music mission, the band trains and maintains high proficiency in all military aspects of being a Soldier. To learn more visit: www.126armyband.com

Media desiring to publish news articles/stories on the band are encouraged to do so. The 126 Army Band and the Michigan Army National Guard appreciate the media's support. Please visit www.126armyband.com for additional media support including photos and information. Please direct media inquiries to SGT Craig Dorin @ cdorin@sbcglobal.net