



Press Release

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126 ARMY BAND ANNOUNCES SUMMER CONCERTS

Wyoming, MI. May 24th, 2011: The 126 Army Band of the Michigan Army National Guard will be in the following Michigan communities performing FREE patriotic concerts

Date	City	Venue	Time	Event
May 30th	Grand Rapids	Downtown	7:30pm	Parade
June 16th	Lowell	Showboat	7:00pm	Patriotic Concert
June 28th	Sturgis	Sturges/Young	7:30pm	Patriotic Concert
June 29th	South Haven	Riverfront Park	7:00pm	Patriotic Concert
July 1st	Jackson	Cascade Falls	6:00pm	Patriotic Concert
July 2nd	Williamston	Memorial Band Shell	7:00pm	Patriotic Concert
July 4th	Northville	Downtown	10:00am	Parade
July 5th	Grand Haven	Waterfront Stadium	8:00pm	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 Michigan's Southwest Lower 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 Symphonic Band 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 United States 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.

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