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**U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY BAND WILL GIVE CONCERT AT
RAMAPO COLLEGE**

(Mahwah) – The United States Military Academy Concert Band will give a concert at the Bandshell on the campus of Ramapo College of New Jersey on Thursday, July 28 at 8 p.m. Admission to The Commerce Bank Summer Concert Series is free, however, there is a \$5 per car parking fee.

The Concert Band is a direct descendant of the small *Band of Musick* that assembled at West Point in 1817. The modest 20-piece military band of that era has evolved into the 43-member symphonic band of today.

The band's performances annually attract thousands of visitors to West Point to hear the finest in new and traditional concert band literature. The Concert Band has a history marked by several world-class performances and close associations with renowned composers. Percy Grainger, one of the first composers to fully utilize the unique instrumentation of the wind ensemble, often called upon the band at West Point to proofread his new compositions. In 1940, the Concert Band premiered Grainger's work "Hill Song #2." The band also enjoyed its relationship with American composer and conductor Morton Gould. His 1952 contribution to the sesquicentennial of the United States Military Academy, "Symphony for Band," commissioned by the Concert Band, still stands as a widely performed selection by concert bands worldwide.

Bring your lawn chair, a carload of family and friends, and picnic under the stars. In case of rain, concerts will be held in the Berrie Center. In addition to Commerce Bank, the series is sponsored by McBride Enterprises and The Prestige Family of Dealerships. For more information, call 201.684.7611.

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