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# The Westminster Municipal Band

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WMB News

June 2001

## Memorial Day Reunion 2001

I want to begin by saying a big “thank you” to everyone for your participation during the holiday weekend. We had a great turnout for every event beginning in Pleasant Valley at the Strawberry Social. Everyone we spoke to seemed to enjoy our concert at the new location in the social hall. Sandy also thought that the sound was better there too. They sold over 700 dinners thanks in large part to our participation. The following day we went to Columbia, Pa. where we almost got wet, but the storms held off. We had about 40 members for that job where we lead the parade off with a terrific appearance and sound. On Monday we marched up Main Street with an astounding 60 in uniform. What a great sound it was. We also need to thank Kara LaRose for doing a terrific job of carrying the wreath for us. Kara is the daughter of trombonist Tony LaRose. After marching back to the bandhall following the Memorial Day ceremonies, we had to hustle to get to Taneytown, in time for their parade. After talking with the parade chairman in Taneytown, they are willing to move the parade time back some for next year to give us a little more time. We got under way at about 1:20 p.m. with 47 in attendance. I know that it was a long day for you and your spouses, but your participation was



The WMB reached as far as the eye could see on Memorial Day in

greatly appreciated once again. On Wednesday in Union Bridge, we had another great group with about 40 in attendance and good weather as well. We did have a minor setback, dealing with a “cranky” band truck, but our Secretary, Mike, took care of that problem this week. Finally, in New Windsor under threatening skies, we had a great 43 members in attendance. What a pleasure it is to be able to march down the street with that great sound. Again, thanks to all for your valuable time.

Upcoming jobs include the Taneytown parade on Wednesday the 13th, at 7:00 p.m. This parade will start at the former Taneytown Bank at the corner of Trevanion and East Baltimore Streets, directly beside Sheets. It will end at the carnival grounds. After that it will be East bound and down, to the Ocean. The format is just about the same as last year except for

Wednesday. While check-in is at 3 p.m. on Sunday for most of you, if you arrive as early as 2 p.m. you should be able to get in without a problem. I will have a schedule of events at the desk when you check in. A brief rundown will be the opening ceremonies on Monday morning from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. On Monday afternoon, we will proceed back to convention hall for the delegate march. Monday evening is free, but the Drum Major said that for all adults, the Drum Major's Gala will be occurring at Secret's. Tuesday we are free until 7:00 p.m., when the concert will take place at the Dune's. Following the concert will be the party until we board the bus for the Pajama party at 10:00 p.m. On Wednesday, the parade will be held at 1:00 p.m. After that the Boardwalk band does their thing and the short week will come to an end.

On Sunday the 24th, we will have the Thurmont concert starting at 6 p.m. For those of you that do not know the location, take 194 from Taneytown to Keymar. Take a right on Route 77 in Keymer West to Thurmont. Once in Thurmont, the concert location will be on your left at the Park in the middle of town.

On Saturday June 30th, we will hold a concert at River Valley Ranch near Lineboro starting at 8 p.m. We are to arrive around 7:00 p.m., and we will have our dinner served to us. They would like us to start playing at 8 p.m. and play until about 8:45 or so. That is when the fireworks will begin. From what I am told, the fireworks display is second to none. There will also be around 3500 people or so to view them, so we need to have a good group to perform. Please mark that on your calendar. River Valley ranch is located off of Grave Run Road.

The following day (Sunday, July 1) we have our annual parade in Havre De Grace with the bus leaving at 11:30 a.m. this parade starts at 2 p.m. On Wednesday the 4th, the bus will be leaving at 9:00 a.m. for the parades in Kingsville and Catonsville. We should return by 4:30 p.m.

## Westminster Municipal Band Director's Corner

**H**ey gang! After a spectacular "official" start on Memorial Day weekend and great performances at Union Bridge and New Windsor (As of this writing, Taneytown is still a dream waiting to happen), we are gearing up for the highlight of the year - heading east to Ocean City for the MSFA convention!

I know that I always look forward to the fun, the relaxation, the socializing and the performances we, as a band family have together! All the important information will be listed in Greg's letter I'm sure, and notices will be printed up and handed out upon your arrival at The Dunes. This will inform you of where you will need to be, what you are to wear and what music to have in your flip folders.

Keep in mind the great "Sousa" concert in Thurmont on June 24 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

And just to reiterate what I am sure Greg has already mentioned - we will play the concert at River Valley Ranch on June 30th from 8:00 - 8:45 p.m. (right before the fireworks.) Arrive at 6:30 and they will give you dinner! Sounds like a good deal!

Hope to see many of you at Taneytown and even more of you on 27th St. in OC!

Drive safely - - - **Sandy**



Five basses ready for the Memorial Day Parade.

