

The lawn party concessions at the Townsend Military Band's Thursday, August 22nd, concert on the Townsend Common will be run to raise funds to help defray the expenses of the Townsend Christmas Eve Santa Claus Program. The program sends a Santa Claus to the home of every participating family in Townsend on Christmas Eve between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. to visit with the children and to deliver a gift which had been provided by the family. Townsend VFW Post No. 6538 and its Auxiliary have conducted this program for almost forty years and more than a hundred families take advantage of this service each year. It is hoped that those who have enjoyed Christmas Eve Santa visits over the years will especially support this fundraiser by attending the August 22nd band concert. Donations and offers to help at the lawn party will also be gratefully accepted.

Townsend VFW Post members will be selling hot dogs, hamburgers, and cheeseburgers to hungry concertgoers. Fried dough, bottled water, and a variety of cold soda will be offered for sale. Food and beverages will be available from 6:45 until 9:15 p.m.

A wide selection of homemade cookies, squares, cakes, breads, candies, and pies may be purchased from VFW Auxiliary members to eat while one listens to the concert or to enjoy later.

There will be some activities for children at the lawn party.

Townsend Band Stand tiles will be available for purchase.

Concertgoers of all ages will have an opportunity to win stuffed animals and a patriotic money hat.

The Townsend VFW Post and its Auxiliary will have a booth set up on the Common that evening where area residents may learn how the Townsend VFW Post and its Auxiliary serve Veterans and the community and whether or not they might be eligible to join the Veterans of Foreign Wars or its Auxiliary.

The Townsend Military Band, under the direction of Conductor Thomas Souza, will open its concert at 7:30 by playing Buckley's "Honor the Founders" and Leyden's arrangement of "Selections from Lionel Hart's Oliver". "Hootenanny" by Walters, Alford's "Colonel Bogey March", and "Great Themes from Great Italian Movies" arranged by Cacavas will be performed. Lowe's "My Fair Lady Selections", Schaefer's arrangement of "The Carpenters: Pops in Concert - We've Only Just Begun, Rainy Days and Mondays, Close to You", and "The Liberty Bell March" by Sousa will be included in the first portion of the concert.

"That Ragtime Regiment Band" by Morris and King's "Princess of India Overture" will be played following intermission. "Cherish" arranged by de Camp, Shaw's "Begin the Beguine", and Winter's arrangement of "Amparito Roca" will be performed before the Townsend Band concludes its concert at 9:30 by playing the "Star Spangled Banner".