

Townsend VFW Post No. 6538 and its Auxiliary will host the lawn party to be held in conjunction with the **Townsend Military Band's Thursday, August 16th**, concert on the Townsend Common. This concert replaces a concert rained out earlier in the season and will be the **last Thursday evening concert of the 2018 season**, unless another concert is rained out. Area residents of all ages are encouraged to attend the 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. concert.

Townsend VFW Post members will be selling hot dogs, hamburgers, sausages, and pulled pork sandwiches 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 several activities for children at the lawn party including the opportunity to play in a bouncy house.

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 former Hawthorne Brook Middle School Band Director Kenneth Arsenault, will open its concert at 7:30 by playing Bigelow's "Our Director March" and "Sea Songs" by Vaughan Williams. "Cha Cha for Band", Bilik's "Block M March", and Brown's arrangement of "Highlights from Jersey Boys" will be performed. "The NC-4 March" by Bigelow, "Man of La Mancha", and Bilik's "American Civil War Fantasy" will be included in the evening program.

The "Blue and the Gray", "Saint Alleluia", the "Music Man", and "Stars and Stripes Forever" will be among the selections offered before the Townsend Band concludes its concert at 9:30 by playing the "Star Spangled Banner".