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307th Army Reserve Band "Checkmate" to Rock City Island on May 17th, 2008

Honoring its commitment to the continuation of its heritage of music and service to the United States Army, the Army Reserve, and the local community, the members of the 307th Army Band will play at the opening ceremony and do a live Rock and Roll show at the 2008 Armed Forces Day event, May 17th, on Harrisburg's City Island.

"Checkmate" will perform its high energy popular music during a live one-hour show at 1:00 pm on the main stage in the Island's North Parking lot.

Currently, the band travels from its home station at Norristown in Pennsylvania's Delaware Valley, and delights audiences with performances spanning a variety of musical styles. In addition to the traditional military marching and ceremonial band, the 307th also has a Jazz Ensemble featuring big-band and contemporary jazz music, a Jazz Combo, Classical Brass and Wood Wind Quintets, and a Concert Band.

The 307th Army Band performs at numerous venues, including military ceremonies for Army and other uniformed services, public community concerts, and school performances. In April, 1998, the 307th was selected as the premier band for the many events in Washington, DC, celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the United States Army Reserve.

For more information on upcoming performances, to request a performance in your community, or obtain information on positions available with the 307th Army Band, please go to <http://307tharmyband.army.mil> and view performances.

Now in its seventh year, Armed Forces Day will once again transform City Island into a sprawling and bustling military base. Visitors will experience nearly 80 indoor and outdoor military equipment displays, musical performances, exhibitions, living history demonstrations, and family and children's activities like face painting, laser marksmanship, an obstacle course, a rock climbing wall, and various sports challenges. All of these events are FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, and will take place rain or shine. A variety of tasty foods will also be available.

The day's activities kick off with a YMCA 5-K Run/Walk at 8:00 am followed by joint service military displays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm; this year's opening ceremony will take place at 11:00 am.

The official Armed Forces Day website <http://www.harrisburgevents.com> has been recently enhanced to provide the public with the latest information on the exhibits, programs, and displays highlighting this year's fun-filled event.