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Wyoming's Army Band kicks off summer tour at new home

CHEYENNE – The Wyoming Army National Guard's 67th Army Band, Wyoming's only military band, will kick off its summer concert tour with a mixture of performances at the open house of its newly renovated armory in Wheatland, June 6, from 2-5 p.m., at 1257 Cole St., Wheatland.

"This armory provides plenty of rehearsal space and even areas to record music," Capt. Jonathan Seelye, the 67th's commander, said. "Our musicians have a great place to play and a great opportunity to tune up for a busy summer tour."

The general public is invited to the open house, and all of the performances that day, free of charge. Performances by different groups within the band begin hourly.

The musicians, all Soldiers in the Wyoming Army National Guard, are broken into various groups within the 67th. Some play as members of brass bands and groups, while others make their mark as part of rock and country bands.

"Army musicians grew from the directive of Gen. George Washington, an accomplished flutist, who depended on quality music to guide his army's drills," Seelye said. "Army musicians historically played our Soldiers into combat and bolstered morale for those back home."

The Wyoming Army National Guard's 67th Army Band will perform free concerts at the following locations and dates around Wyoming:

- Wheatland, June 6, 2-5 p.m., Wheatland Armory, 1257 Cole St.;
- Jackson, June 8, 7-9 p.m., Center for the Arts, 240 South Glenwood St., in conjunction with the Jackson Hole Community Band;
- Sheridan, June 12, 1 p.m., Whitney Commons Park, 320 W. Alger;
- Cheyenne, June 17, 7 p.m., William N. Brimmer Amphitheatre, Lions Parks, 4714 Martin Esquibel Drive, in conjunction with the Cheyenne City Band.