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AIR NATIONAL GUARD BAND OF THE WEST COAST TO PLAY IN GROVER BEACH!

Date: Friday, July 2, 2010

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Ramona Garden Park, 993 Ramona Avenue, Grover Beach

Grover Beach - - The Air National Guard Band of the West Coast will present a free concert of standard band literature on Friday, July 2nd. The concert is sponsored by the Grover Beach Parks & Recreation Department and will be held from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Ramona Garden Park, 993 Ramona Avenue, Grover Beach. For more information, please call (805) 573-4580 or visit www.grover.org.

The concert will focus on a wide variety of styles, including traditional wind ensemble repertoire, patriotic music, and marches. This is a great way to start off your 4th of July weekend!

Captain Vu Nguyen, commander of the Air National Guard Band of the West Coast, will lead the band. *Captain Nguyen* was selected for this position in June 2004. He received his commission in April 2005 and assumed command upon completion of schooling at the Academy of Military Science, where he finished as a distinguished graduate.

Prior to becoming Commander, *Captain Nguyen* was an enlisted member of the ANG Band of the West Coast. He enlisted in 2001 and served as a trumpet player, performing as a member of the Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, and Brass Quintet. During this time he also had the opportunity to conduct the Concert Band and lead performances for distinguished guests, including President George W. Bush.

The Air National Guard Band of the West Coast has performed throughout the United States and abroad since its inception in 1942. Air National Guard bands support the global Air Force (including Air National Guard missions) by fostering patriotism and providing musical services for the military community as well as the general public. The Air National Guard Band of the West Coast, which serves communities throughout Northern California, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming, is a highly sought-after ensemble of musicians who perform at the finest venues in the West.

The Air National Guard Band of the West Coast is located at Moffett Federal Airfield in Mountain View, California, and is attached to the 129th Rescue Wing, under the command of Colonel Amos Bagdasarian.

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