

8:30-9:30 PM

*Twilight Concert:
Salute to the Military Child*

*On the National Harbor Plaza
Featuring the U.S. Army Band Downrange*

The U.S. Army Band Downrange is the popular music ensemble of The United States Army Band “Pershing’s Own.” With its own unique and ever-changing repertoire, Downrange directs the spotlight on this dynamic group of active-duty musicians—talented vocalists and a powerful rhythm section. Downrange maintains the highest standards of excellence in musical entertainment and provides an exceptional musical experience.

In 2002, then Sergeant Major of the Army Jack L. Tilley asked “Pershing’s Own” for volunteers to join a contingent of USO performers for an exceptional opportunity: to travel at Christmastime with his “Hope and Freedom Tour” to entertain deployed troops throughout Southwest Asia. These volunteers were the first members of the Army Band to go “downrange” into a theater of foreign combat operations since WWII. This event inspired a new look and sound that is now Downrange. To expand its repertoire, the group augmented its vocal talent with the permanent addition of both acoustic and lead guitar, bass, and drum instrumentalists. Today, Downrange enjoys popularity with Soldiers and general audiences with its continuously up-to-date repertoire and inspirational signature patriotic showpieces.

Downrange embraces its mission as a strategic public relations asset for the U.S. Army, and stands ready to entertain audiences at home and around the world. The men and women of Downrange are not just “present and accounted for.” They are on the move and on the frontline—setting the popular-music entertainment standard for The U.S. Army Band and the United States Army.



SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY THE U.S. ARMY

Drill Team

The U.S. Army Drill Team has earned international acclaim through its breathtaking routines with bayonet-tipped 1903 Springfield rifles. Organized to support The Old Guard’s ceremonial commitments, the Drill Team has thrilled millions of youngsters and proud Americans for more than 50 years with their daring and complex performances. When not performing for the President or visiting dignitaries and heads of state, the Drill Team travels extensively supporting Army recruitment, acting as “good-will ambassadors” for the Army, and participating in major military and civic functions.



COME DRESSED COMFORTABLY TO THE TWILIGHT CONCERT! THIS EVENT WILL BE OUTSIDE AND CASUAL.