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Excursion to Chickamauga Pops Concert Will Run On Saturday, May 27

(May 15, 2006) - The Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum (TVRM) will operate a vintage train directly from Chattanooga to Wilder Tower in Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park for the Memorial Day Weekend "Pops In The Park Concert" on Saturday, May 27. Riding the train will eliminate potential parking and traffic problems in the Park. Upon arrival at Wilder Tower, all passengers will be provided easy access to the concert area and are encouraged to bring along blankets, lawn chairs, and a picnic lunch.

The special train will depart from TVRM's Grand Junction Station (Jersey Pike exit from Highway 153) at 4:30pm and arrive at Wilder Tower around 5:45, well in advance of the US Army Ground Forces Band concert. Expected return arrival at Grand Junction will be around 11:00pm; 1-1/2 hours after the concert and fireworks come to an end. Ample lighted parking is provided at Grand Junction Station. Coach tickets are \$32 each for the round trip ride and must be reserved in advance by calling (423) 894-8028 (extension zero) during regular weekday business hours

The Army Ground Forces Band is an award-winning concert band based in Atlanta, which has performed throughout the country. Directed by Capt. Paul R. Bamonte, the band will present a salute to all military personnel by performing many patriotic favorites. As well as the performance by the military band, this year will feature a two-star general as guest announcer. Maj. Gen. John A. Yingling of Alexandria, Virginia, will kick off the event at 7pm. He is currently the Deputy Commanding General at Headquarters, First U.S. Army, Fort Gillem, Georgia.

The Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum was founded in 1961 by a small group of local residents with a mission to preserve, restore and operate historic railway equipment. TVRM is a non-profit, educational organization and all ticket sales are for fund raising purposes to keep passenger trains running in Chattanooga. Track down more information on the web @ www.tvrail.com.

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