

New Multi-purpose Concrete Platform Constructed at Fort Trumbull State Park



The Friends of Fort Trumbull in co-operation with Henry Alves-the State of Connecticut, Fort Trumbull State Park Supervisor- announce the creation of a new multi-purpose concrete platform to facilitate band concerts and other events at the Fort. Because the trees at the previous concert location had grown so large, bands, such as the Coast Guard Band, were obstructed from the audience. The new location, on the south lawn, which will solve the viewing problem, will also be easier for participants with walking difficulties and be acoustically effective.

The concrete platform, measuring 55'x40'x6", constructed by Peter S. Turello, LLC Contracting, will ensure a stable base for bands and their equipment. During concerts, the band members will be oriented facing the Fort, with their backs to the water. For some of the concerts, it is hoped that the Coast Guard Barque Eagle will be anchored majestically in the background.

The Committee members from the Friends of Fort Trumbull who carried out this project are Henry Alves, State Park Supervisor; Cliff Carter- President; Ira Cohen- Vice-Pres.; Al Bargnesi, Al Goodman, and Joan Prentice. Ira Cohen, in charge of fund raising, has been ably assisted by Attorney Linda Mariani.

The Friends of Fort Trumbull organization contributed to this project in addition to the Major Donors which included The Bodenwein Public Benevolent Foundation, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee; The Frank Loomis Palmer Fund, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee; Dime Bank, Chelsea Groton Foundation, Gary Farrugia- Publisher of *The Day*; Attorney Linda Mariani- President, Renaissance City Development Association; Alva Greenberg-The Alva Greenberg Foundation-The Community Foundation of Eastern CT; John Johnson- Treasurer- the National Coast Guard Museum Association; Janet Steinmayer-President of Mitchell College; The Waterford Group Charitable Foundation, an Anonymous donor, and other individual Friends of Fort Trumbull Members. Donations for this worthwhile project are still being solicited and can be sent to: The Friends of Fort Trumbull State Park, PO Box 12, New London, CT 06320.

On May 28, 2017, the Ribbon Cutting for this new addition to the State Park will be held at 12:45 p.m., to be followed by the Coast Guard Band Memorial Day Concert from 1-3 p.m.

Park Supervisor Alves wanted the public to know that the platform, which will provide a clean and safe area, will also be available to anyone wishing to rent the South Lawn for a wedding or other event. The platform is also sized to accommodate an event tent. Further information can be obtained by contacting Park Supervisor Alves at: Fort Trumbull State Park, 90 Walbach Street New London, CT 06320. Phone: (860) 444-7591