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The City of New London and the U.S. Coast Guard are celebrating a 218-year-old relationship Saturday and Sunday with concerts, parades, boat tours and lunch with a cadet.

At 10:30 a.m., Sat., cadets, other Coast Guard units and a variety of community-based organizations will parade down Bank Street to The Parade and then up State Street.

At 2 p.m., the Coast Guard Band will perform a free concert at the Garde Arts Center.

Throughout the day, two Coast Guard cutters, the 175-foot Abby Burgess and the 140-foot Morro Bay, will be open to visitors at City Pier. At 1 p.m., Coast Guard Station New London and Air Station Cape Cod will give search-and-rescue demonstrations at Waterfront Park.

On Sunday, the Coast Guard Chamber Players will present a "Spring Vintage" at Leamy Hall at the Coast Guard Academy.

Chief Musician Adam Crowe will lead the players in a performance of "Old Wine in New Bottles." The program also features Musician 1st Class Laura Pirruccello on piccolo.

— Kathleen Edgecomb

'The Coast Guard and New London: Celebrating 218 Years Together,'

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat., downtown New London, free Coast Guard Band concert, 2 p.m.,

Garde Arts Center,

New London;

(860) 464-7373;

"Spring Vintage" free concert, Coast Guard Chamber Players, 2 p.m. Sun., Leamy Hall, Coast Guard Academy, New London, free;

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The Coast Guard Eagle and the fishing pier at Fort Trumbull in New London.