



## **American Legion Auxiliary**

### **Department of California**

#### **Music**

#### **August 2023 Bulletin**

Congratulations to Madam President, Glenda Schultz!

I look forward to continuing the hard work of bringing music to meetings as well as support for the music programs to local schools. I challenge each district to work with their units to support at least one chorus or band program this year. If we all unite as one, we can help the chorus and band programs succeed. Any help goes a long way!

Other ways to support the music programs within your units and districts:

- Spotlight members who sing and offer them the opportunity to sing at a meeting or event
- Play music prior to meetings, during refreshments, etc
- Sing for veterans at the hospital
- Invite choral groups to your special occasions
- Include music during ceremonies, including celebrations of life

Amazing Grace was sung at our late Past Department President, Odette Cuccaro's graveside service. It was a touching tribute to our Auxiliary sister and mentor and a way to include music as part of honoring life.

This year's theme is "United as One", with this theme comes many patriotic songs that may be sung or played during your district or unit events, occasions, celebrations, etc. Below are a few songs you may consider for your next event (in no order):

National Anthem, God Bless America, God Bless the U.S.A. (Lee Greenwood), America the Beautiful (Ray Charles-or your preference), America: My Country 'tis of Thee, Living in

America (James Brown), The Stars and Stripes Forever (John Philip Sousa) , Back in the U.S.A. (Chuck Berry), Born in the U.S.A (Bruce Springsteen)... to name a few

Below I have included the Department code for Music. I look forward to hearing about all you do this year to include and support music!

United as One,

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### **Department Code: Music**

1. The allowance for the Department Musician shall be adopted in the annual budget. The chairman shall submit an end of year statement of the expenses incurred and proposed recommendations affecting the program for the next year to the Finance committee by May 1st. (2018)
2. The Department Chairman shall offer first, second and third place best Unit and best District songs and best supplemental reports. (2018)
3. The Department Chairman shall encourage Units and Districts to provide music in their meetings. (2018)
4. Mid-Year Report Forms for all committee programs shall conform with standard time frames. Unit report forms are to be sent to the District Chairman by December 1st. District report forms are to be sent to the Department Chairman by December 15th. Department Chairmen reports are to be sent to their Division Chairman and the National Committee Chairman by January 5th. (2019)
5. End of Year report forms for all committee programs shall conform with standard time frames. Unit report forms are to be sent to the District Chairman by the second Friday in April. District report forms are to be sent to the Department Chairman by May 1st. Department Chairmen reports are to be sent to their Division Chairman and the National Committee Chairman by May 15th. (2019)

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