



# Aurora American Legion Band

## Information Sheet - 2017

The Aurora American Legion Band enters its 80th year in 2017, the Band's second year under the leadership of Director **Rodney C. Schueller**. Dr. Schueller is in his fifth year as Director of Bands at West Aurora High School. In addition to serving as chief administrator of the Department of Bands, he is Conductor of the Wind Symphony and both Freshman Bands, and co-conducts the Symphonic Winds. Prior to his appointment at West Aurora, Dr. Schueller served on the faculties of Texas State University, Western Illinois University, and Northern Illinois University. In the spring of 2007, the Texas State University Student Foundation recognized Dr. Schueller as a Texas State University Distinguished Educator.



The Band is a group of dedicated patriotic musicians—veterans and non-veterans alike—who have a common goal: make good music and have fun doing it. The band performs a varied program and music styles to appeal to each listener: marches, avant garde, contemporary, and standard band repertoire. One of the Band's strengths is its diversity, boasting student musicians, former high school players, former college players, and music educators among its membership. It's truly a family affair; third-generation members recently joined the ranks.

The Aurora American Legion Band is entirely self-supporting; it subsists on donations and earnings from appearances.

### ***Aurora American Legion Band History***

The Band, originally sponsored by Roosevelt-Aurora Post No. 84 in Aurora, Illinois, was formed in 1937 as a Cadet Band when two World War I veterans invited Aurora-area high school bandsmen to play. During World War II the Band's activities were temporarily halted, but in 1946 the Band reformed with veterans of both World War I and II. Later, veterans of Korea and Vietnam joined the ranks. The Band continues to be true to its patriotic roots, performing parades, concerts, and other observances in and around the community.

To inquire about joining the Band, book the Band for an appearance, request a CD, make a donation, or find out more about the Band, contact the Band at [info@aurora legionband.com](mailto:info@aurora legionband.com).



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### ***Where to see the band in 2017***

- Aurora's Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 29, Aurora, Noon
- Pleasant Hill Cemetery Patriotism & Family Day Concert, Wheaton, Saturday, July 1, 10:45 AM
- Warrenville Parade, Monday, July 3, 6 PM
- Independence Day Parade, Aurora, Tuesday, July 4, 10 AM
- Independence Day Concert, Aurora (RiverEdge Park), Tuesday, July 4, 6:15 PM
- Fox Valley Park District Concert, McCullough Park, Aurora, Thursday, July 27, 7:30 PM
- 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert, West Aurora High School, Sunday, July 30, 2 PM