



Aurora American Legion Band

2025 Conductor Letter

Dear Aurora American Legion Band,

I am so looking forward to seeing all of you again and welcoming new members to the upcoming 2025 season. Conducting the Aurora American Legion Band is such an honor and privilege for me. Our amazing board, under our new President Ethan Kruger, has been working hard to line up some great gigs and I am working on getting together a list of literature that should be a bit challenging and fun to learn and play.

Some of the gigs we have already added to our calendar are the Memorial Day Parade in Aurora, Pleasant Hill concert, Warrenville 3rd of July parade, Aurora 4th of July parade, Historical Society concert, and a concert in July for the Oswego Park District, with more to come.

If you recall, last year we purchased new marching drumline equipment. This year, I am happy to let you all know we have purchased a new, bigger trailer!

*This summer I anticipate working on, and performing, some great concert music, as well as our traditional selections. Our programs will include both music of a more serious nature as well as lighter fare for the sake of entertaining our concertgoers. Our first rehearsal is **Thursday, May 1, at 7 p.m. at Herget Middle School (updated)**. In May we're at Herget and at West Aurora High School; in June and July all rehearsals will be at WAHS.*

I anticipate having fun but productive rehearsals. The Board and I understand and appreciate that many of you have summer plans and obligations. Please communicate conflicts with your section leader well in advance of any performance so we can prepare accordingly. I also hope we can count on your continued participation and contributions as marching members of our ensemble. As a member of our band, please know that parade marching is important and must be treated as any other performance of our ensemble. We strongly desire to have every member who is physically able participate in parades to properly represent the band. We will have marching rehearsals on both May 22 and June 26 in preparation for our parade commitments on May 26 and July 3 & 4. We understand that some members, especially high school students, may have previous performance commitments on Memorial Day weekend.

I am very much looking forward to seeing all the returning members, meeting our new members and having fun making great music together!

Here's to a great summer ahead!

Sincerely,

Miss Patty Sampson