

THE STARS & STRIPES TOGETHER: A VIRTUAL PATRIOTIC PLAY ALONG



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The American Bandmasters Association and the United States Marine Band invite you to perform virtually with the Marine Band! On Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at 1 p.m. (EDT) participate in a special Sousa event with Colonel Jason K. Fettig of “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band. With everyone joining online, Col. Fettig will conduct a performance of John Philip Sousa’s marches “The Thunderer” and “The Stars and Stripes Forever.” This free event is open to anyone and will take place on [youtube.com/usmarineband](https://www.youtube.com/usmarineband).

After the online play along, students through 12th grade are invited to submit a video of themselves performing “The Stars and Stripes Forever” for a worldwide collage performance that will be assembled and debuted on July 4th! Details are below.

HOW TO JOIN THE PLAY ALONG:

- ★ **Wednesday, May 27 at 1 p.m. (EDT)** — Rehearse and play along with Colonel Jason K. Fettig and the U.S. Marine Band (*Event will last approximately 15 minutes*)
- ★ All ages and skill levels invited to participate in the play along!
- ★ Download your part to [“The Stars and Stripes Forever”](https://www.marineband.marines.mil/Audio-Resources/The-Complete-Marches-of-John-Philip-Sousa/The-Stars-and-Stripes-Forever-March/)
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- ★ Click on “DOWNLOAD FULL SCORE AND PARTS.”
- ★ Scroll down to the part you wish to play, counting ALL pages including the title pages. Print your part. Be sure to select print for only the pages you need.
- ★ Repeat the above for your part to [“The Thunderer.”](https://www.marineband.marines.mil/Audio-Resources/The-Complete-Marches-of-John-Philip-Sousa/The-Thunderer-March/)
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- ★ Practice along with the Marine Band recordings:
[“The Stars and Stripes Forever” reference recording](#)
[“The Thunderer” reference recording](#)
- ★ On May 27 at 1 p.m. (EDT) join fellow musicians from around the world in performing with the United States Marine Band under the direction of the Marine Band Director.

SUBMITTING A VIDEO FOR THE STARS AND STRIPES PROJECT:

- ★ Students through 12th grade are invited to submit a video of themselves performing “The Stars and Stripes Forever” which will be released in a collage video format on July 4. (*Participation in the play along is not required to submit a video; depending on the volume of entries, not all videos may be featured, but as many as possible will be included.*)
- ★ For sheet music, follow steps above. Choose the part you normally play at school.
- ★ **June 1** — Video submissions for “The Stars and Stripes Forever” due by midnight EDT
- ★ **July 4** — “The Stars and Stripes Forever” collage video will be released by ABA and the U.S. Marine Band

You need **TWO** devices:

- 1) A playback device to listen to/play along with the Marine Band. Plug your headphones into this device.
- 2) A recording device to record your video and audio (phone, tablet, computer). *Tip: The sound quality is better when using a USB mic or audio interface/mic combo. However, if this is not available, the device microphone is acceptable.*

Tips for your recording:

- ★ Place your device on a solid surface in landscape mode (wide shot).
- ★ Ensure you are well-framed in the video, we can see you playing your instrument, and we can see your head.
- ★ Ensure your lighting is good and music stand is out of the frame.
- ★ Ensure you are in a quiet space with no background noise.
- ★ Ensure the background is appropriate. *This is a military/ Department of Defense collaboration and any videos with inappropriate material will not be included in the final project.*

RECORDING YOUR PERFORMANCE:

- ★ Start recording on your recording device.
- ★ Start the [reference recording](#) on your playback device.
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- ★ Follow the recording, starting after the four prep clicks.
- ★ Play your part all the way through.
(Feel free to do this as many times as you need until you're satisfied!)
- ★ Upload the video of your best performance at **FULL** resolution to the following links corresponding to your part:

Piccolos & Flutes	Oboes	Clarinets
Bassoons	Saxophones	Cornets & Trumpets
F horns	Trombones	Euphoniums & Tubas
Percussion	Harps	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/DISCLAIMERS:

- ★ Thank you to the **American Bandmasters Association, John Philip Sousa Foundation, National Band Association, and state band directors associations** throughout the U.S. who promoted this project.
- ★ Special thanks to the **Frost School of Music at the University of Miami, University of Miami Information Technology, and the American Bandmasters Association Foundation** for funding this initiative.
- ★ All submissions are anonymous. By submitting your recording, you are giving permission for your image and audio to be included unidentified in this presentation. Submission of a video does not guarantee inclusion in the final project.

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