



# LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BAND

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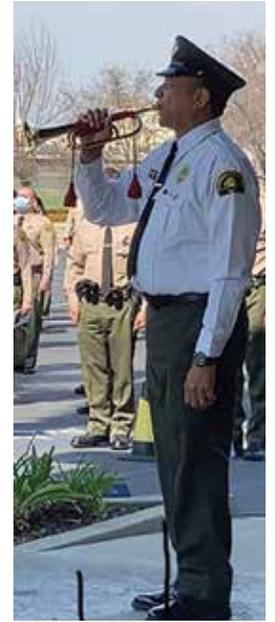
## A TRADITION OF SERVICE THROUGH MUSIC

**W**e are back! Greetings from the LASD Band. It is great to be rehearsing again and making music with our bandmates. While we were all guarding against the COVID-19 virus, we did manage to make a "video at home concert" where we each played our part and recorded it, then sent it to our tech guy (French horn player Dave Grant), who put it all together. This video was used by the Reagan Library for its online celebration for the Fourth of July. We were honored to be asked to participate in the Reagan Library celebration. We hope to play there again — live — next year.

Our first live concert this year was in the city of Covina. The Covina Concert Band, also directed by Dan Glass, asked the LASD Band to do a combined concert on July 2 at Heritage Park in Covina, celebrating our nation's Independence Day. Performing was a long time in coming and we all had a wonderful time sharing this moment with our fellow bandmates from the Covina Concert Band. It was quite an accomplishment to put this concert together. We rehearsed together at the Sherman Block Building, and our final dress rehearsal was in Covina. Dan shared the director's spotlight and invited other directors and assistant directors to conduct during the two-

hour concert. The conductors were Jim Thompson, assistant conductor, LASD Band; Ed Wolf, assistant conductor, CCB; Paulette Westphal, conductor, Burbank Band; Julie Levine, assistant conductor, Burbank Band; and Michael Drange, conductor of the West San Gabriel Valley Concert Band. We played outside in a gazebo with beautiful park scenery in front of us, and when the sun began to set toward the end of the concert we were surprised to see Dan conducting with a lighted director's wand. Our LASD Band singers were invited to join in the celebration. Sylvia and Guy rocked their songs and had the audience singing and clapping along.

The LASD Band trumpet players continued to work (safely) throughout the pandemic providing "Taps" for our fallen deputies. Sheldon and Julie never missed a funeral, because providing this service to the families of our heroes is our mission. It is our honor to serve those who have served the citizens of Los Angeles County so bravely.



The Quintet of the LASD Band performed for Memorial Day, providing patriotic music for the residents of Royal Oaks Manor. Trumpet player Julie provided "Taps" for the lowering of the flag.

While we rehearse and perform, navigating the lingering effects of COVID, we are adhering to a new normal. But we are more than grateful

to be back, and we appreciate the opportunities we have taken for granted. Please stop by the Sherman Block Building on Wednesday evenings if you would like to listen to or join in this remarkable band.

Please call us for your Sheriff's Department musical needs and/or events such as retirements, celebrations or holiday/patriotic festivities. We are here for you!

*If you play an instrument or previously played an instrument, it may be time to dust it off and join the LASD Band. If you would like to have one of our bands perform for an event, either the dance band or concert band (subject to Department guidelines), please contact me at Dawn.LASDBand@gmail.com. You can visit our website at LASDBand.org. ☆*