

**THE 2023 REPORT FOR
THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON BAND**

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CONCERTS

The American Legion Department of Washington Band, referred to as the ALB for the rest of this report, performed 12 concerts in 2023. These concerts ranged from one to two hours in length.

- 16 Feb. Centralia Spaghetti Feed Concert Sponsored by Post 17
- 13 May Olympia Yacht Club Opening Concert
- 28 May Thurston County Veteran's Council Percival Landing
- 29 May Memorial Day Concert Capitol Rotunda
- 29 May Memorial Day Concert American Legion Post 94
- 11 June Raymond Theater Flag Day Red, White and Blue Concert
- 17 June Tanglewilde Concert in the Park - Sponsored by DAR
- 4 July Patriots Landing Concert (Flag Ceremony and Concert)
- 21 July American Legion Annual Convention Concert
- 22 July American Legion Annual Convention Concert
- 11 Nov. Veterans' Day Concert Capitol Rotunda
- 21 Dec. Christmas Concert at the Lacey Community Center

Average band member attendance per concert:

29 members

Average length per concert, including set up/ take down: 3 hours

Average travel time per band member (except convention) per concert: 38 min.

Total band member volunteer hours per concert:

18.5 hours travel + 87 hours at concert site = 105.5 hours

105.5 hours X 12 concerts = 1,266 Total Volunteer hours for 2023 Concerts

REHEARSALS

The ALB held 45 rehearsals during 2023, most often at Saint Martin's University. Thank you, Saint Martin's! Rehearsals were held every Thursday night except for the following:

16 Feb. Night of Centralia Concert

23 Feb. Snow

9 March Weather

20 July Travel to Convention

23 Nov. Thanksgiving

28 Dec. Planned night off between Christmas and New Years

Average band member attendance per rehearsal: 26 members

Average length of rehearsal, including set up/take down: 2 hours/40 min.

Average travel time per member per rehearsal: 38 min.

Average total member travel time per rehearsal: 17 hours

73 hrs. rehearsal site + 17 hours travel time = 90 volunteer hours per rehearsal

90 hours volunteer time per rehearsal X 45 rehearsals = 4,050 Total Rehearsal Volunteer Hours for 2023.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The ALB Advisory Committee held five, 1 to 1 ½ hour meetings in 2023. We held a few quick-vote meetings after rehearsals on pending needs. For part of the year we had five members and part of the year four members. Meeting dates were as follows:

19 Jan.

26 Jan.

19 April

25 May

28 Sept.

5 Oct. (A continuation of the Sept. 25 meeting).

Minutes were taken. After approval then sent on to HQ and to members of the band.

Average Committee Member attendance per meeting: 4.5 members

Average meeting time length: 1.25 hours

Average total member travel time 2 hours

5.6 hours member time + 9 travel hours = 14.6 volunteer hrs. per meeting

14.6 volunteer hrs. x 5 meetings = 73 Advisory Committee Members Meeting Volunteer Hours in 2023

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER VOLUNTEER HOURS

Chairperson – Meeting preparation, record keeping, developing document forms/policy, meetings with individual members, insurance, communication with American Legion Administrators, etc.

Average monthly volunteer hours: 17 hours

Total volunteer hours for 2023: 204 hours

Manager – Concert scheduling, venue communications, rehearsal coordination, ASCAP administration, and in this case, band finances because we have no finance officer at this time.

Average monthly volunteer hours: **20 hours**

Total volunteer hours for 2023 **240 hours**

Band Director – Score study, music choice and purchase, sending out rehearsal order to band members, conducting practice, “public face” of the band, etc.

Average monthly volunteer hours: **26 hours**

Total volunteer hours for 2023: **312 hours**

Librarian and helpers – Pulling music from files, filing music, copying music, taping music, folder management, etc.

Average monthly librarian volunteer hours: **6 hours**

Total librarian volunteer hours for 2023: **72 hours**

Secretary and helpers – Writing up minutes from notes, helping with communications, letters as necessary, etc.

Average monthly secretarial volunteer hours: **5 hours**

Total secretarial volunteer hours for 2023: **60 hours**

No Property Manager at this time. Various members volunteering in this work.

Driving to ALB property trailer and towing it to concerts, retrieving uniforms or equipment from it, upkeeping the tires, etc., purchasing license tabs for trailer, loading and unloading timpani, stands, etc., purchasing low-cost white shirts/gray pants/navy blazers at thrift stores, mending and fitting uniforms, keeping track of ALB-purchased instruments and equipment, etc.

Average monthly property management volunteer hours: **13 hours**

Total property management volunteer hours for 2023: 156 hours

Publicity – We have no official publicity position, but various members volunteer to create flyers, maintain a Facebook page, submit articles for publications, take photos of the band, etc.

Average monthly publicity volunteer hours: **11 hours**

Total publicity volunteer hours for 2023: 132 hours

MEMBERSHIP PERSONAL PRACTICE HOURS

The ALB currently has 35 members on the roster, but several are not regulars. We are using the 31-member number for our calculations at this time.

Members generally practice and organize their music for an average of 1.25 hours per week. **This calculates as follows:**

31 members x 1.25 hours per week = around 38 hrs. per week

38 hrs. x 50 weeks = 1,900 volunteer music practice hours for 2023

CONVENTION

The ALB had twenty members that participated in the July Convention. Concert, rehearsal, and personal practice time have already been included in previous categories. However, travel time needs to be added here.

Band member average round-trip travel time: **7 hours**

Total band member volunteer convention travel time: **140 hours**

Average total time per band member at convention site, minus set-up/concert/take down time already accounted for: **36 hours**

Total average volunteer time at convention site: **720 hours**

Total band member volunteer hours for 2023 convention: 860 hours

CONCLUSION

Total ALB member volunteer hours for 2023: 9,325 hours

**Thank you again, American Legion, Department of Washington,
for your sponsorship!!**

Submitted on February 2, 2024 by:

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