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Two hundred and fifty are A LOT of candles on the birthday cake, and as 2026 unfolds we will have LOTS of opportunities to celebrate. But before we break out all the fireworks, I hope we can take a moment not only to celebrate but to commemorate this, our semiquincentennial year.

A quarter of a millennium ago, our forebearers, with extraordinary courage and conviction set this country on a path to freedom, sovereignty and democracy. For this they should be recognized and remembered. Furthermore, for the last 250 years the incredible men and women of our United States armed services have protected and ensured the preservation of those founding principles. For their effort and sacrifice, past, present and future, they too should be honored. On this most notable birthday we truly have so much to be cognizant of and to be grateful for!

Our show tonight is a culmination of our desire to celebrate, commemorate, honor and remember our 250-year history, imperfections and all, with our Lake Country community. What better way to musically summon that spirit than by evoking the long-standing patriotism of America's United Service Organization - the USO.

On behalf of all those involved in "The USA at the USO", I extend a heartfelt thank you to our audience and sponsors -- for your support of local performing arts, your appreciation for Lake Country Chorus, and last but not least, your APPLAUSE! Tonight, we pay tribute to America. As you leave Festival Hall, we encourage you to carry a bit of that patriotic spirit with you through the remainder of 2026. Fly a flag! Visit a memorial! And set off those fireworks!

Happy Birthday America! Here's to the next 250!

Melanie Schultz

Executive Director, Lake Country Chorus

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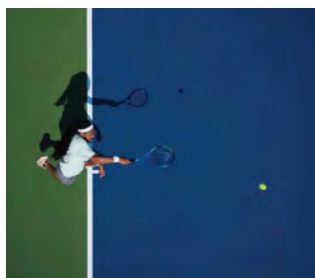
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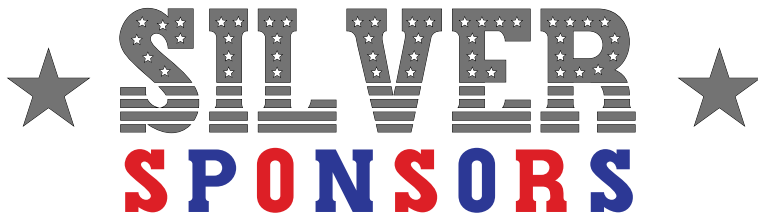
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Program

You're a Grand Old Flag

Words & Music by George M. Cohan, Arr. by Doug Katsaros

Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy

Arts Barn Dancers

Words & Music by Don Raye & Hughie Prince, Arr. by Mark Brymer

All Aboard!

Music by Harry Warren, Lyrics by Mack Gordon & Johnny Mercer, Arr. by Jay Althouse

Dream a Little Dream of Me with Debussy's "Clair de Lune"

Soloist: Deidre Crawford

Lyrics by Gus Kahn, Music by Fabian Andre & Wilbur Schwandt, Arr. by Andy Beck

Sing, Sing, Sing

Arts Barn Dancers

Words & Music by Louis Prima, Arr. by Mark Brymer

Soldier

Arr. by Roger Emerson

Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend

Words & Music by Leo Robin & Jule Styne, Arr. by Mark Hayes

Come Rain or Come Shine

Soloists: Molly Fox, Steve Pond

Lyrics by Johnny Mercer, Music by Harold Arlen, Arr. by Jay Althouse

C'mon Everybody

Soloist: Vern Sumner

Words & Music by Joy Byers-Johnston, Arr. by Mac Huff

Blue Skies

Words & Music by Irving Berlin, Arr. by Mark Hayes

Intermission

The Boston Tea Party

Ensemble: Ellen, Bruce, Greg, Harvey, Norris

Words & Music by Lynn Shaw Bailey

You'll Be Back

Soloist: Drace Langford

Words & Music by Lin-Manuel Miranda, Arr. by Lisa DeSpain

Blowin' in the Wind

Words & Music by Bob Dylan, Arr. by Mac Huff

I've Been Everywhere

Ensemble: Bill, Bruce, Deidre, Leslie, Mary,
Richard, Robyn, Tammy, Vern

Words & Music by Geoff Mack, Arr. by Jay Althouse

He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother

Words by Bob Russell, Music by Bobby Scott, Arr. by Jay Althouse

Have You Ever Seen the Rain?

Music & Lyrics by John Fogerty, Arr. by Kirby Shaw

Takin' It to the Streets

Soloist: Sid Shamshoian

Words & Music by Michael McDonald, Arr. by Roger Emerson

Where the Stars and Stripes and the Eagle Fly

Soloist: Rich Farmer

Words & Music by Aaron Tippin, Casey Beathard & Kenny Beard, Arr. by Alan Billingsley

Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?

(Recorded by Chicago)

Soloists: Steve Pond, Norris McElroy

Words & Music by Robert Lamm, Arr. by Eric Van Cleave

High Hopes (Recorded by Panic! at the Disco)

Words & Music by Brendon Urie, Samuel Hollander, William Lobban Bean, Jonas Jeberg, Jacob Sinclair, Jenny Owen Youngs, Ilsey Juber, Lauren Pritchard & Taylor Parks, Arr. by Roger Emerson

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Words by Julia Ward Howe, Music by William Steffe, Arr. by Mark Hayes

Lake Country Chorus

Vocal Director.....	Cat Williamson
Executive Director.....	Melanie Schultz
Accompanist.....	Amy Reber
Artistic Director.....	Charlotte Mosteller
Choreographer.....	Charlotte Mosteller
Emcee.....	Lou Benjamin
Music Director.....	Bob Williamson
Promotion.....	Carol Campbell, Lynn Hudson, Greg Tantum, Andrea Wuori
Secretary, Program.....	Tina McCrary
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Chorus

SOPRANO 1

Rusty Faulk
Tammy DiRocco
Ellen Marrin*
Charlotte Mosteller*

ALTO 1

Deidre Crawford
Lu Feldman
Mary Germann
Letty Konenkamp
Lisa Owen*
Louise Padfield
Melanie Schultz

TENOR 1

Bruce Angier
Jim Elliott
Richard Lyon
Hal Meeks
Sid Shamshoian
Allen Tatman

SOPRANO 2

Molly Fox
Michele Lamassonne
Debbie McCown
Tina McCrary
Linda Rooney
Robyn Stahn
Ingrid Vega
Gail Wilkes

ALTO 2

Lisa Berryhill
Carol Campbell
Leslie Clark
Andrea Parham*
Marydale Reeves
Andrea Wuori

TENOR 2

Jim Littleton
Tom McKinley
Greg Tantum

BARITONE

Charles Lance
Drace Langford
Mark Padfield
Steve Pond
Vern Sumner

BASS

Chris Bagley
Peter Chapman
Marc Cochran
Rich Farmer
Dave Heimer
Harvey Kart
Bill Lewis
Norris McElroy

* *Dancers*

The Band

Bass Guitar – Bob Williamson
Drums – Louis Romanos
Percussion – Mia Eaton
Saxophone – Marc Gilley
Saxophone – Stan Flanders

Guitar – Brian Smith
Synthesizer – JoJo Glidewell
Trombone – Kevin Hyde
Trumpet – Karl Liberatore
Trumpet – Timothy Otis



History

The USO was founded in 1941 by Mary Ingraham at the request of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, bringing together six existing nonprofit service organizations, including the Salvation Army, the YMCA, the YWCA, National Catholic Community Service, National Travelers Aid Association and the National Jewish Welfare Board.

The USO organized entertainment, with notable celebrities performing for troops in combat zones and hospitals to boost morale. These performances took place in a wide range of locations, from established buildings to barns and railroad cars.

The USO has continuously supported and entertained American troops and their families, both at home and abroad. Although it was temporarily disbanded in 1947, the organization was quickly revived and has supported U.S. forces in every major conflict since. At its peak during World War II, there were over 3,000 USO clubs worldwide, hosting as many as 700 shows per day.

Today, the USO maintains over 250 locations worldwide. It reaches military members in 134 countries across all 7 continents and 54 U.S. states and territories. More than 21,000 USO volunteers contribute over one million hours of service annually.



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- Bob Hope was its "founding father" and would serve as its chief ambassador for the next 50 years. From his first show at California's March Field in 1941 to his last tour in the Middle Eastern countries of Bahrain and Saudi Arabia in 1990, Bob Hope was called the "One Man Morale Machine." Despite being so close to the front that the fighting could be heard onstage, Hope did everything he could to make his performances memorable.
- Other notable performers were Bing Crosby, Sammy Davis Jr., Marilyn Monroe, and more recently, celebrities such as Kelly Pickler, John Cena, and Trace Adkins, along with a host of professional athletes. Thousands have volunteered their time, including Neil Armstrong in December 1969, shortly after becoming the first human to walk on the moon.
- For as long as the USO has existed, it has had a partnership with Coca-Cola to distribute ice-cold Cokes to deployed American troops. At the outset of World War II, the Coca-Cola company decided it would make a Coke available for just five cents to any GI who wanted one, no matter how much money the company would lose doing it. The effort was a logistics miracle that really worked -- for the troops, that is. The company built 64 bottling plants around the world to support those troops. The USO handed out the soft drinks, along with its ubiquitous coffee and doughnuts. Coca-Cola lost some \$83.2 million (in today's dollars) for the effort.
- The USO's Honolulu center became famous for making banana splits for troops during World War II. At the height of its operation, the center used nearly a ton of bananas and 250 gallons of ice cream each day.
- USO snack bars once sold cigarettes to troops but did not sell liquor. Today, both alcohol and tobacco are prohibited, and all snacks at USO locations are provided free of charge to troops and their families.
- During World War II, the official mascot was a mongoose.



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