



# California Cadet Corps Curriculum on The Flag



“Patriotic Songs and  
Poems”



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# Agenda

- C1. Patriotic Music
- C2 Patriotic Poems



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# **PATRIOTIC MUSIC**

Recognize/Name the following songs:

- a. America the Beautiful
- b. My Country Tis of Thee
- c. The Army Goes Rolling Along (US Army)
- d. Anchors Aweigh (US Navy)
- e. The Marine's Hymn (USMC)
- f. The U.S. Air Force Song (USAF)
- g. Semper Paratus (USCG)
- h. You're a Grand Old Flag
- i. God Bless America
- j. This Land is My Land
- k. Stars & Stripes Forever
- l. Taps
- m. Yankee Doodle
- n. God Bless the USA



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# *America the Beautiful*

*O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!*

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=URbYAaAK90Q>

Katharine Lee Bates, 1893. A trek to the summit of Pikes Peak in Colorado is believed to have inspired Katharine Lee Bates to pen the lyrics to "America the Beautiful."



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# *My Country Tis of Thee*

*My country tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing.  
Land where my fathers died!  
Land of the Pilgrim's pride!  
From every mountain side,  
Let freedom ring!*

[https://www.youtube.com/  
watch?v=xnH\\_OlgNgSY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xnH_OlgNgSY)

In about 30 minutes on a rainy day in 1832, Samuel F. Smith wrote these classic lyrics. The first three verses encourage and invoke national pride, while the last verse is a petition to God for His continued favor and protection of the United States of America



# *The Army Goes Rolling Along* *(US Army)*

*INTRO: March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free  
Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to victory  
We're the Army and proud of our name  
We're the Army and proudly proclaim*

*VERSE: First to fight for the right,  
And to build the Nation's might,  
And The Army Goes Rolling Along  
Proud of all we have done,  
Fighting till the battle's won,  
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.*

*REFRAIN: Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey!  
The Army's on its way.  
Count off the cadence loud and strong (TWO! THREE!)  
For where e'er we go,  
You will always know  
That The Army Goes Rolling Along.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8cvljfwAyXQ>

"The Army Goes Rolling Along" was designated the official song of the United States Army in 1956. Yet its history goes back to March 1908 when Brigadier General Edmund Louis "Snitz" Gruber wrote "The Caissons Go Rolling Along."



# *Anchors Aweigh* *(US Navy)*

*Stand, Navy, out to sea,  
Fight our battle cry;  
We'll never change our course,  
So vicious foe steer shy-y-y-y.  
Roll out the TNT,  
Anchors Aweigh.  
Sail on to victory  
And sink their bones to Davy Jones, hooray!*

*Anchors Aweigh, my boys,  
Anchors Aweigh.  
Farewell to foreign shores,  
We sail at break of day-ay-ay-ay.  
Through our last night ashore,  
Drink to the foam,  
Until we meet once more.  
Here's wishing you a happy voyage home.*

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-3ws7b4sZg>  
(without lyrics)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNGBY4yVQgQ>  
(includes lyrics)  
(1906 version)

It was the US Naval Academy's Football team who originally inspired the battle cry song known as Anchor's Aweigh. The term itself means that the Anchor has been pulled from the bottom and the vessel is launched and features predominately in the song.



# *The Marine's Hymn* *(USMC)*

*From the halls of Montezuma  
To the shores of Tripoli;  
We will fight out country's battles  
in the air, on land and sea;  
First to fight for right and freedom  
And to keep our honor clean;  
We are proud to claim the title of United States Marine.*

*Our flag's unfurled to every breeze  
From dawn to setting sun;  
We have fought in ev'ry clime and place  
Where we could take a gun;  
In the snow of far-off Northern lands  
And in the sunny tropic scenes;  
You will find us always on the job  
The United States Marines.*

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x5kCqvsO\\_7c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x5kCqvsO_7c)

The "**Marines' Hymn**" is the official hymn of the United States Marine Corps, introduced by the first Director of USMC Band, Francesco Maria Scala. It is the oldest official song in the United States Armed Forces.





# *The U.S. Air Force Song (USAF)*

*Off we go into the wild blue yonder,  
Climbing high into the sun;  
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,  
At 'em boys, Give 'er the gun!  
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,  
Off with one heckuva roar!  
We live in fame or go down in flame.  
Hey! Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!*

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x5kCqvsO\\_7c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x5kCqvsO_7c)

Originally, the song was titled "Army Air Corps". Robert MacArthur Crawford wrote the lyrics and music during 1938.<sup>[1]</sup> During World War II, the service was renamed "Army Air Force", and the song title changed to agree. In 1947, when the Air Force became a separate service, the song became the "Air Force Song".



# Semper Paratus (USCG)

## **First Verse:**

*From Aztec Shore to Arctic Zone,  
To Europe and Far East,  
The Flag is carried by our ships  
In times of war and peace;  
And never have we struck it yet  
In spite of foemen's might,  
Who cheered our crews and cheered again  
For showing how to fight.*

## **Chorus:**

*We're always ready for the call,  
We place our trust in Thee.  
Through surf and storm and howling gale,  
High shall our purpose be.  
"Semper Paratus" is our guide,  
Our fame, our glory too.  
To fight to save or fight and die,  
Aye! Coast Guard we are for you!*

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKUCXjRTk4M>

The United States Coast Guard is the world's oldest life-saving service and "Semper Paratus" ("Always Ready") is its theme song. The song's original words and music were composed by Captain Francis Saltus Van Boskerck, USCG in 1927.



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# *You're a Grand Old Flag*

*You're a grand old flag,  
You're a high flying flag  
And forever in peace may you wave.  
You're the emblem of  
The land I love.  
The home of the free and the brave.  
Ev'ry heart beats true  
'neath the Red, White and Blue,  
Where there's never a boast or brag.  
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
Keep your eye on the grand old flag.*

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FN9XSMRrtgM>

The original lyrics for this George M. Cohan favorite, written in 1906, were inspired by a chance encounter Cohan had with a Civil War veteran who fought at Gettysburg. Driving on a country road, Cohan offered a ride to an old man who, once seated in the vehicle, began to reminisce about his war days. Cohan noticed the vet held a tattered flag. “It was all for this,” the veteran told Cohan. “She’s a grand old rag.” Cohan thought it was a terrific line, and made it the original title of his song. So many objected to calling the flag a “rag,” however, that he changed the words, renaming the song “You’re a Grand Old Flag.”



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# *God Bless America*

*While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,  
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free.*

*Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,  
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer:*

*God bless America, land that I love,  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with a light from above.*

*From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans white with foam,  
God bless America, my home sweet home.  
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- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohxDqJCI3yY>

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# *This Land is My Land*

*This land is your land, This land is my land, From California To the New York Island From the redwood forest To the Gulf steam waters This land was made for you and me.*

*As I was walking, That ribbon of highway, I saw above me That endless skyway, I saw below me That golden valley, This land was made for you and me.*

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohxDqJCI3yY>

"**This Land Is Your Land**" is one of the United States' most famous [folk songs](#). Its lyrics were written by American folk singer [Woody Guthrie](#) in 1940



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# *Stars & Stripes Forever*

*Let martial note in triumph float  
And liberty extend its mighty hand  
A flag appears 'mid thunderous cheers,  
The banner of the Western land.  
The emblem of the brave and true  
Its folds protect no tyrant crew;  
The red and white and starry blue  
Is freedom's shield and hope.  
Other nations may deem their flags the best And  
cheer them with fervid elation  
But the flag of the North and South and West  
Is the flag of flags, the flag of Freedom's nation.*

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXLiUoxUMYs>  
(lyrics)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M5bcpjUjLpU>

The "Stars and Stripes Forever" is a patriotic American march widely considered to be the magnum opus of composer John Philip Sousa. He composed his famous march on Christmas Day, 1896 while at sea, returning from a trip to Europe. Sousa said the song was about the feeling of coming home to America and how "in a foreign country the sight of the Stars and Stripes seems the most glorious in the world."



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# Taps

*Day is done, gone the sun  
From the hills, from the lake From the sky;  
Fading light, dims the sight,  
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright.  
From afar, drawing nigh, falls the night.*

*Thanks and praise, for our days,  
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, neath the sky;  
As we go, this we know, God is nigh.*

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXLiUoxUMYs>  
(lyrics)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M5bcpjUjLpU>

**Taps**" is a [bugle call](#) played at dusk, during flag ceremonies, and at [military funerals](#) by the [United States armed forces](#). The official military version is played by a single bugle or [trumpet](#)



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# Yankee Doodle

*Yankee Doodle went to town  
A-riding on a pony  
He stuck a feather in his hat  
And called it macaroni*

*Chorus:*

*Yankee Doodle, keep it up  
Yankee Doodle dandy  
Mind the music and the step  
and with the girls be handy!*

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=niD-AKpAJNc>

**"Yankee Doodle"** is a well-known early American song, the early versions of which date back to the American Revolution (1775–83). It is often sung patriotically in the United States today and is the state anthem of Connecticut.





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# *God Bless the USA*

If tomorrow all my things were gone  
I'd worked for all my life.  
And I had had to start again,  
With just my children and my wife.

I'd thank my lucky stars to be livin' here today,  
Cause the flag still stand for freedom and they can't take  
that away

And I'm proud to be an American  
Where at least I know I'm free  
And I won't forget the ones who died who gave that  
right to me

And I'll gladly stand up next to you and defend her still  
today  
Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land, God Bless the  
USA.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yH61hFsma24>

**"God Bless the USA"** is an American patriotic song written and recorded by country music artist Lee Greenwood. The song gained popularity after the September 11, 2001 attacks, during the 2003 invasion of Iraq, and in May, 2011 when Osama bin Laden (responsible for the 2001 bombings) was killed in an American raid in Pakistan.



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# Check on Learning

- Name that Tune:

Tune 1 

Tune 2 

Tune 3 

Tune 4 

Tune 5 

Tune 6 

- Name that Lyric:

**Lyric1:** *“From the Halls of Montezuma”*

**Lyric2:** *“And I’m proud to be an American”*

**Lyric3:** *“Then it’s Hi! Hi! Hey!”*

**Lyric4:** *“From California to the New York Island”*



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# PATRIOTIC POEMS

Appreciate the following poems:

- a. The American Marine
- b. To My Military Son
- c. The Sheepdogs
- d. The Tyrants
- e. Why I Love Her

- f. An American Soldier
- g. Just a Common Soldier
- h. God Save the Flag
- i. Freedom Flies Like an Eagle
- j. Ragged Old Flag



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# Poems Found in Text

- *The American Marine!* By Sybil Shearin
- *To My Military Son*, by Shirley Evans
- *The Sheepdogs*, by Russ Vaughn
- *The Tyrants*, by Joanna Fuchs
- *Why I Love Her*, by John Wayne
- *An American Soldier*, by Mary Hamrick
- *Just a Common Soldier*, Author Unknown
- *God Save the Flag*, by Oliver Wendell Holmes
- *Freedom Flies in your Heart Like an Eagle*, by Audie Murphy
- *Ragged Old Flag*, by Johnny Cash



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# Check on Learning

- Which Poem was your favorite and why?
- When you are ‘infatuated’ with someone, you don’t see their negatives and are considered idealistic. Which of these poems are idealistic portrayals of our country?
- Which of these poems are gritty, realistic, and show a love of country despite our problems?
- Is there a time when both perspectives are relevant?



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# Conclusion

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