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Doncosta Seawell leads an ensemble of the Metro Choir, accompanied by Robert Vasquez on the guitar, in a rousing tribute to Independence Day. From left, Carmelita Romero, Jeanne Kinsel, Cynthia Chin-Pak, Patricia Clark, Leticia Lawenko, Norma Elston-Adams and Avis Brame.



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Stars and Stripes for Metro

By PERRY WILLIAMS

(July 1, 2005) -Metro Choir voices filled the lobby of Gateway during a presentation of patriotic songs in celebration of the Fourth of July holiday.

Dressed in patriotic attire and holding flags, the ensemble of choir members offered five selections during a 15-minute program: "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "America, the Beautiful," "The Star-Spangled Banner," and "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." The last song, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," was sung acapella.



Robert Vasquez accompanies Metro Choir performances.

The ensemble was directed by Doncosta Seawell, senior contract administrator, and accompanied by Robert Vasquez, senior contract administrator, on the guitar.

People passing through the building showed support and appreciation by singing along, or applauding to make their presence known.

"We enjoy singing wherever we are," said choir member Leticia Lawenko. "The choir sees it as an honor and pleasure whenever we're invited to sing."

