

# Lee Greenwood

**L**ee Greenwood is an American country artist who bridged the gap between traditional and contemporary country music. He is best known for his patriotic anthem "God Bless the USA." The iconic song, which celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2013, went far beyond what Greenwood expected when he wrote it in the back of his tour bus in 1983. The song has been in the top five on the country singles charts three times (1991, 2001 and 2003), giving it the distinction of being the only song in any genre of music to achieve that feat. It was also #1 on the pop charts after 9/11/01. Greenwood says, "USA is the song I always felt I needed to write.

I wanted to have something that would unite Americans from coast to coast, and I wanted to instill pride back into our country."

While Greenwood could easily talk about the accomplishments in his life, this high-energy entertainer prefers to continue writing and recording with the same passion and integrity that has always fueled his amazing career. Greenwood continues to tour across the country and performs for many charitable events, lending his time and name to numerous organizations including *Helping A Hero*, of which he is the National Ambassador. *Helping a Hero* provides specially-adapted homes for wounded

warriors and their families. Greenwood has also achieved success as an author, penning the politically-charged book, *Does God Still Bless the USA: A Plea for a Better America*, which was published in 2012. His latest, a children's illustrated book, was released Memorial Day Weekend 2015 and is called *Proud To Be An American* (Clovercraft Publishing). Written to the lyrics of "God Bless The U.S.A." and fully-illustrated with colorful pictures by Amanda Sekulow, the hardback book serves to encourage patriotism among our nation's younger generation. It debuted at No. 1 on three Amazon children's book charts the week of its release.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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CHARTED  
SINGLES

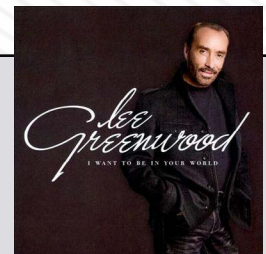
2  
PLATINUM  
ALBUMS

4  
GOLD  
ALBUMS

- Hit Single "God Bless The USA" Certified Platinum (RIAA)
- Grammy Award, Best Male Country Performance (1984)
- 2 CMA Awards, Male Vocalist of the Year (1983, 1984)
- Country Music Association Award, Song of the Year (1985)
- ACM Award, Male Vocalist of the Year (1984)
- 22 studio albums (including two Christmas albums)
- 8 compilation albums
- 7 #1 hits including: "Somebody's Gonna Love You," "Going, Going, Gone," "Dixie Road," "I Don't Mind the Thorns (If You're the Rose)," "Don't Underestimate My Love For You," "Hearts Aren't Made to Break (They're Made to Love)" and "Mornin' Ride"

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- National Endowment for the Arts (Presidential Appointment - Council Member)
- Congressional Medal of Honor Society
- Freedom Award - Washington Times
- AMVET Silver Helmet Award
- VFW Americanism Gold Medal
- USAF American Spirit Award
- BSA Silver Buffalo Award
- Over 30 USO performances
- DAV Ambassador



### LATEST ALBUM:

**I WANT TO BE IN YOUR WORLD**  
DEBUT ALBUM: **INSIDE OUT (1982)**

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