



**Americanism Program  
November-December  
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The Fall Conference is behind us. Happy Fall Y'All! It was good to see you in Springfield. We all wish more members had attended. Please plan to attend the winter conference in Columbia, MO to be held February 9-11. Not only will you learn important information at our meeting, but you will get to hear the Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen winners express their Americanism and Patriotism.

In November, I know we will all be honoring our Veterans at community gatherings and school assemblies. This might be a good time to get into the schools to teach students about flag etiquette, the words to the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner, or perhaps the proper way to fold a flag. Please consult the **RESOURCES** in the Americanism program behind MALTA on the national website. There are certificates, bookmarks, and a wealth of information for you to use!

On December 7, we remember Pearl Harbor Day. This is, as President Roosevelt said, "a day of infamy" that we must never forget. Again, this is a time to go into the schools or to present to other groups who may not understand the importance of the day. For fifth and sixth graders there is a book titled, Remember Pearl Harbor. It is a National Geographic publication written by Thomas B. Allen. A good resource for this special day.

There are Branch of Service Birthdays to celebrate, too.

U.S. Marine Corps November 10, 1775  
U.S. National Guard December 13, **1636!!**  
U.S. Space Force. December 20, 2019

A major focus this year for Patriotic Instructors and Americanism chairmen is our National Ambassador's #MorethanLetters campaign. Ambassador, Linda Roloff, wants us to remember to say the titles of Prisoner of War and Missing in Action. Please remember those who have not returned by saying the name of one such person at each of your Auxiliary meetings. I have been able to obtain the names of the sixteen Missouri servicemen missing from the Vietnam War. I'll keep working on those from other wars and conflicts. Their names are:

<b>STEVEN BEZOLD</b>	<b>DEAN REITER</b>	<b>PAUL HASSENBECK</b>
<b>RANDOLPH SUBER</b>	<b>DICKIE FINLEY</b>	<b>BERNARD PLASSMEYER</b>
<b>CHARLES MARIK</b>	<b>JOHN SEUELL</b>	<b>DWIGHT "RICK" RICKMAN</b>
<b>DAYTON RAGLAND</b>	<b>FREDERICK HESS</b>	<b>WILLIAM "ROCKY" EDMONDSON</b>
<b>DONALD CRAMER</b>	<b>CARL MILLER</b>	<b>ROBERT ROSENBACH</b>
	<b>GEORGE SMITH</b>	

If you Google a name, you can learn more about their service and where they are from. They are listed as Killed in Action, Body not Found. Families will never forget, and neither should we! You might also look for a book by Nancy Polette. It is called, N is for Never Forget. It is appropriate for children 8+. It is a history of our wars from World War I to the present. It was written in response to children using acronyms they didn't understand.

Please remember to report your activities on our Department website. Also, please send pictures! I only had three members in my drawing at the conference. Please...

**SHOW ME TEAMWORK as we BAND TOGETHER FOR OUR VETERANS and BOLDY SHARE OUR AMERICANISM AND PATRIOTISM!**