

### Flag Etiquette at Parades

When an American Flag passes:

- Stand up.
- Remove your hat.
- Place your right hand over your heart.
- Stop any conversation you are having.

Note: It is not necessary to salute every American Flag that passes.

- If the Flag is carried by an honor guard or in a group with other flags, stand up and salute (veterans) or pay respect to the Flag.
- Do not salute small hand-held flags carried by parade attendees and participants. Teach your children to respect our nation's Flag. If they are given a small Flag, please do not throw it on the ground or in the street

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#### **AMERICANISM**

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#### JULY 4TH WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU?

Independence Day!! Yes, our freedom is celebrated on July 4th. A national holiday marked by patriotic displays. Hope you will take pictures and post them to your social media pages and tag me in them. If your Post and Auxiliary has a picnic or firework show for the Veteran's please let us know on the Department of Missouri Facebook page. Let's spread the happiness.

#AuxAmericanism: please use this on our FB posts.
At our office we decorate a lighted tree with patriotic ornaments and our customers love it. I will post pictures on FB.

Showing Proper Respect to the Flag

- During our Ritualistic meeting, the President will say "Salute" when the flags enter and leave the room, as well as when we say the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the national anthem. Salute the Flag by placing the palm of the right hand flat over the heart.
- During Auxiliary meetings, the heart salute shall be used at all times where the salute is used.
- A member who is also a veteran may use the military salute.
- When the Flag is displayed AND the national anthem is played and/or sung, all present should face the Flag and salute.
- When the Flag is NOT displayed and the national anthem is played and/or sung, all present should face the music and salute.
- Members should stand when the Flags are moving.

## POW

#### **Prisoner of War**

Not an acronym; a person

## MIA

## Missing in Action

Not an acronym; a person

#### **EDUCATION**

I hope everyone enjoyed School of Instructions and remember if you have any questions please reach out to any chairman or Amy Jo. The Ants are ready to assist you and your auxiliary.

## **EXPERIENCE**

Share your experiences at your District meetings so that other auxiliaries can follow your lead and grow. Remember, District meetings are your own School of Instructions.

# PRISONER OF WAR/MISSING IN ACTION REMEMBERANCE CEREMONY

- The single red rose in a vase is there as a reminder of the lives of each of the missing and their loved ones who keep the faith, still waiting for answers.
- The red ribbon tied around the vase shows our continued determination to account for the missing.
- A lemon slice at each bread plate is to remind us of the bitter fate of those captured and missing in a foreign land.
- A pinch of salt recalls the tears endured by those missing and their families who seek answers.
- The Bible represents the strength gained through faith to sustain those lost from our country, which was founded as one nation under God.
- An inverted glass symbolizes their inability to share in the day's toast.
- The chairs at each place stand empty to express their absence.

