



**HELPING VETERANS BY BRIDGING THE GAP WITH
TEAMWORK -2024/2025**

We can celebrate patriotic holidays in many ways:

- Participate in a parade, hand out flags
- Fly the American Flag
- Visit a historic landmark
- Host a community celebration
- Support a veteran, lend them a hand with things they may need done: lawn, shopping, appointments

Flag Education during Patriotic Events

It is important to educate others about the U.S. Flag any moment we can. So, as we celebrate patriotic holidays teach everyone about Flag education.

- How to properly salute the Flag
- When to display the Flag
- How to fold and store the Flag

Common and less common patriotic holidays

- Loyalty Day on May 1st
- Memorial Day on the last Monday of May
- Flag Day on June 14th
- Independence Day on July 4th
- Purple Heart Remembrance Day August 7th
- Constitution Day and Citizenship Day on September 17th
- POW/MIA Recognition Day on the third Friday of September.
- Day of Deployed on October 26
- Veterans Day November 11
- Pearl Harbor Day December 7

As a Patriotic Instructor you are to help teach our members about the traditions of our organization as well as the proper salute to the American flag.

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Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United State for honoring the U.S. military personnel who died while serving. Decoration of military graves with American Flags, hence the original name was Decoration Day.

Many traditions are family gatherings, picnics, visiting loved one's grave sites, or attending a ceremony by the community marking the historic day. The President of the United States may give a speech or lay a wreath at Arlington National Cemetery and 5,000 participants decorate the graves of the 20,000 Civil War soldiers buried there.

Flag Day, June 14th celebrates the official symbol for the United States. Our "Stars and Stripes" Flag Day was first recognized by Congress on June 14, 1777.

Did you know that the United States Army also celebrates their birthday on June 14? Did you know the current American flag was designed by a high school student who anticipated Hawaii and Alaska joining the union? Did you know that Flag Day was observed nationally for the first time on the 100th anniversary of the Stars and Stripes?

May/June is very patriotic months for us as well as July 4th. Your summer months should always consist of RED, WHITE AND BLUE.

White for purity and innocence

Red for valor and hardiness

Blue for vigilance, perseverance, and justice

