



**VFW Auxiliary
Department of Missouri
AMERICANISM**

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Patriotic Instructor

Although not always, many times your Americanism Chairman is also the Patriotic Instructor, so let's review this position and their responsibilities.

As the Patriotic Instructor, you have been appointed to this high office to provide leadership in promoting patriotism within our organization, as well as inform, educate, and promote patriotism among the community.

Here are some key duties of the Patriotic Instructor:

- Shall see that the room is in keeping with the Ritual
- Shall instruct the members in the proper use of and salute to the Flag
- Shall maintain a record of all patriotic days and initiate programs for their proper observance and perform such other duties as the President may require
- May carry the Flag in events and parades
- Shall assist in the floor work ceremonies
- Shall see that the pledge to the Flag is given properly and that due respect to the Flag is observed at all times by members
- The Patriotic Instructor should instruct new members how to stand at attention, parade rest, etc.
- The Patriotic Instructor should also try to read some portion of the Bylaws at every meeting

You can find all this information plus other Auxiliary traditions, helpful hints, and certificates at vfwauxiliary.org under Americanism.



Don't forget to recognize members of your community when you see them being patriotic in any way. There are certificate templates on MALTA that are quick and easy to use. Let's make sure our communities know that we see them!

Patriotic Holidays & Recognition Days

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Third Monday of January
Presidents Day – Third Monday of February
U.S. Coast Guard Reserve – February 19



Always ***"Be the Reason a Veteran Smiles Today"***, as we travel ***"From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Our Veterans – Who Keep Us Free"***.