



**VFW Auxiliary
Department of Missouri
AMERICANISM**

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As we transition from Winter into Spring, our National Americanism Ambassador Diana Russell-Milton reminds us that some holidays are distinctly patriotic while others give us the opportunity to express our American pride. She asks that we continue to demonstrate our patriotic spirit in every season and honor the meaning behind every holiday.

Patriotic Holidays

- March 3 – Star Spangled Banner Day
- March 13 – K9 Veterans Day
- March 21 – Rosie the Riveter Day
- March 25 – Medal of Honor Day
- March 29 – National Vietnam War Veterans Day
- April 5 – Gold Star Spouses Day
- April 15 – Purple Up Day (part of Month of the Military Child)



National Americanism Program Award

Don't forget to submit your auxiliary entry for the National Program Award. It is due to the Department Chairman by March 31, 2026.

- Most outstanding activity and/or event displaying or educating others about proper ways to display and respect the American Flag.



Remember to take the time to recognize those in your community when you see them promote patriotism. Create a certificate, gather several auxiliary members and go into your community and recognize these patriots, and don't forget to take pictures! You can find the following fillable certificates available online at vfwauxmo.org.

- Americanism Participation Certificate
- Patriotic Appreciation Citation
- Respect for the Flag Citation Sports/School

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