

Department of Missouri VFW Auxiliary Americanism

May/June

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Hear Ye, Hear Ye! This is Regina Bryant, your mayor of Missouri Munchkin Land, and I am excited to be your 2025-2026 Americanism & Patriotic Instructor Chairman.

## Americanism

"AMERICANISM IS AN UNFAILING LOVE OF COUNTRY, LOYALTY TO ITS INSTITUTIONS AND IDEAS; EAGERNESS TO DEFEND IT AGAINST ALL ENEMIES; UNDIVIDED ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG; AND A DESIRE TO SECURE THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY AND POSTERITY."

Americanism and pride in our country should be shown every day, but there are many individual holidays that we celebrate in a special way. Whether it is displaying the American Flag, participating in a parade/celebration, or helping veterans with things they may need, there is something that everyone can do to show Americanism.

Loyalty Day – May 1

- Display your American Flag
- Host a parade or ceremony at your post home and invite guest speakers and the community

Memorial Day – May 26

- Visit a local cemetery and decorate veterans' grave with American Flags
- Participate in a Memorial Day ceremony

Flag Day – June 14

- Display and pass out American Flags
- Go to a local library, scout troop, or church group and help educate them on the history of the American Flag

Independence Day – July 4

- Participate in a local parade and pass out small flags and flag etiquette pamphlets
- Host dinner at your post home for the community

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

