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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.”

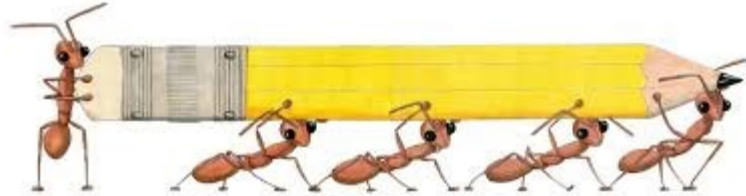
*This quote is from our VFW Auxiliary website

Embody Brotherhood/Sisterhood

Learn and Practice Auxiliary Rituals
When the ants work together, they build homes, collect food, and grow.
That's what Auxiliaries can do!

Celebrate Patriotic holidays together

WE ALL WORK TOGETHER TO GET IT DONE



EDUCATION

#AuxAmericanism, please use this on our FB posts so I can see how you are educating our members and your youth. We have flag education for kids, patriotic days (funny how some people think Labor Day is to have all the flags out, please teach the days) and teach what the Missing Man table means (the poem is one that needs published more often, Bring attention to Americanism at every event. Hand out American Flags or Flag pins at a fund raising/organization walk or when you visit a school sports event. Small flags or pins can easily be kept in any bag you carry with you and used explain how proud you are of being an Americanism chairman. Also use #AuxiliaryPatriotism when posting events.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Presidents Day – third Monday in February

National Vietnam War Veteran Day- March 29

Loyalty Day – May 1st

V-E Day- May 8th

Armed Forces Day – third Saturday in May

Memorial Day- observed last Monday in May

Flag Day- June 14th

Independence Day- July 4th

Patriot Day- September 11th

Constitution Day and Citizen Day – September 17th

POW/MIA Recognition Day – third Friday in September

Gold Star Mother's Day/Family's Day – last Sunday in September

Veterans Day- November 11th

Pearl Harbor Day- December 7th

I look forward to working with all Americanism chairman and hope I can help you and your Auxiliary during 2024-2025.

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VFW.org/community/flag-etiquette, this website is to help you with information on the history of our flag and the US Flag Code. Be sure to visit and share with your members as well as your community.

Taking knowledge of flag education to the classrooms of our area students is an important way to help shape young citizens into patriotic, responsible adults. Recognize the classrooms, students or even businesses that display flags or show patriotism. You will find several examples of awards or citations to hand out. Add your own flare to them by engraving a plaque and honor their classroom or business with a presentation. If you see a flag that needs replaced maybe your auxiliary can purchase and present to that business or organization that flies it proudly.

Military Flags of Order of Precedence, this can be confusing for many so according to The Department of Defense guidelines, military flags should be displayed (from left to right) Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard.

Showing your patriotism is not only for days like Independence Day, I encourage you to wear patriotic items as often as you can. Brothers and Sisters, wear your red, white and blue and educate everyone why you are passionate about our Veterans and Americanism. Be proud of your patriotism.

Patriotic Instructors should research and take the time to learn and understand the traditions and ceremonies of the Auxiliary, found in by-law book or on national website (MALTA resources). Your job is to help educate the public about proper flag etiquette and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

When our military men and women leave the service for civilian life, some may feel displaced, depressed, or lost. They may be suffering from PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder). They may feel the stress from being out of uniform, without their comrades, and lacking a mission with those around them. Auxiliary members can help provide a new community by observing Auxiliary traditions and rituals; we can create an environment that helps members embody brotherhood/sisterhood, protect the peace in our Posts, encourage respect and camaraderie between members and bond a unified community. A safe place and stress-free environment is what all Posts should supply our Veterans.

Star Family Recognition is honoring families of those who lost loved ones. Recognize those families who have loved ones overseas. Have an event and invite Blue, Silver and Gold Star families. So many of us move on and these things are forgotten except by the loved ones and we should all remember them each and every year. Have a yearly BBQ or old fashion picnic. Invite the families and their extended families to show no one is forgotten.

Again, I am proud to be your Americanism/Patriotic Instructor for 2024-2025 and if you need me, please reach out anytime. I will be setting up a Facebook page as the year begins, so please search for it. I will post ideas and examples for you. If you are comfortable texting then please do, I will answer them quickly, email may take a day. 573-576-6317 Sandy Prichard



Wave your flags proudly!

Americanism Awards

Department of Missouri Building Bridges Awards for Auxiliaries:

First place - \$20 (subject to approval by the council) and a citation to one Auxiliary in each of the membership groups with the most outstanding program/project including teamwork within the Auxiliary and including the VFW members.

Second place: A citation to one Auxiliary in each of the membership groups with the most outstanding program/project including teamwork within the Auxiliary and including the VFW members.

National Awards for Auxiliaries:

Most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community about lesser-known patriotic holidays.

- Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community about lesser-known patriotic holidays.

***Helping Veterans by Bridging the Gap with Teamwork
From Our Roots to Our Branches, Extending Service to Our Veterans***

