



## Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Americanism Bulletin – August/September, 2024

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**National Theme: *From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans***  
**Department Theme: *Aspire to Inspire***

Greetings Americans, well here we are at the end of summer but there is still plenty of time to show your patriotism. There are still many community events in your local area. Try putting a booth together with patriotic information available. Work in conjunction with your post or other chairman, so many of our programs can and should work together. Perhaps get a couple of post members together to show how to properly fold a flag after lowering from a flagpole. Educate the visitors the proper procedure on how to dispose of a tattered flag and maybe provide a drop-off container and advertise it for the event.

As we head back to school please do not forget to reach out to the “powers that be” about holding those flagpole trainings, especially in the elementary schools. There are also many educational Patriotic materials available for you to utilize through the VFW Store. Educating our youth and our communities on patriotism is very vital for our country's future. If your Auxiliary passes out any citations to community members or business for appreciation or respect for the flag please do not forget to report that.

Dates to acknowledge:

- August: 4<sup>th</sup> **US Coast Guard** was founded 1790  
7<sup>th</sup> **Purple Heart Day** - commemorates the creation of the Purple Heart in 1782 and honors the members of the Purple Heart Order  
29<sup>th</sup> **Marine Corps Birthday** - established in 1916
- September: 11<sup>th</sup> **Patriots Day** - a day to remember and honor those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks of 2001  
17<sup>th</sup> **Constitution or Citizens Day** -commemorates the signing of the US Constitution 1787  
20<sup>th</sup> **Pow/MIA Recognition Day** (always the third Friday of September) a day to honor and remember our POW/MIA veterans  
29<sup>th</sup> **Gold Star Mothers/Family Day** (always last Sunday of September) a day to honor family members of fallen service members

There is nothing wrong with America that the faith, love of freedom, intelligence and energy of her citizens cannot cure. - Dwight D. Eisenhower

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