



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Americanism Bulletin – October/November, 2024

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National Theme: From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to our Veterans

Department Theme: Aspire to Inspire

Happy Fall Y'all, by now all schools should be back in full swing and thus giving our Auxiliaries plenty of opportunity to re-engage with the schools on patriotism and things like flag raising protocol. You could print off coloring pages and have the younger ones do a little contest with them. With Halloween coming at the end of the month and many of you holding Trunk or Treat events why not try to tie in some patriotic goodies when passing out candy. As always though if you pass out any number of flags, I must have those numbers in order for you to achieve that particular goal.

As the fall months turn into winter ones some people will take in their American/Pow Mia flags down so they are not ruined by the harsh Michigan winter, but before they do take a moment and drive around and see the number of businesses or community members who show their pride and award them a Patriotic Citation in recognition for their American pride. Maybe you could do this "citizen event" a couple times a year in the fall and spring. Better yet tie it in with a monthly dinner you might have and invite those individuals or business persons to your dinner and present them with their citations in front of everyone. This honors them and boosts your Auxiliary/Post involvement in the community.



Have a SPOOKTACULAR Month!

OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

13th- 1775 – The continental Congress established the Continental Navy (predecessor of the United States Navy-1792) – In Washington, D.C.

14th - Columbus Day - A day of observance in which the arrival of Christopher Columbus arrived in the America in the Bahamas in 1492

27th- Navy Day - A day to celebrate the achievements and sacrifices and contributions of the U.S. Navy and to recognize those men and women who serve in the Navy.

When someone thinks of November, usually we think of Turkey, family gatherings, football and leftovers. All those are good things but this month also brings Veteran's Day on November 11 of every year. This day is set aside to publicly honor and commemorate the living Veterans. Originally called "Armistice Day" it was established in 1926 by a congressional resolution. Twelve years later it was changed by another resolution to become a National Holiday. In 1954 President, Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veteran's Day, but in 1968 a law was passed to establish the fourth Monday in October as the day to honor Veteran's Day. This change bothered many Americans and it was eventually changed in 1978 back to the original November 11th date for good. But truly we should be honoring all our Military personnel past and present all year long, not just at special times because a calendar says so.



If you are going to have some dinner or recognition at your post home why not make up a poster with this information on other lesser-known military holidays or birthdays and as people wander around and visit or are in line for food, they will be able to be "educated" on these. And you guessed it, it also counts for a goal on your guide sheet.

NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

November 10th the U.S. Marine Corp was established in 1775

"My fellow citizens, no people on earth have more cause to be thankful than ours, and this is said reverently, in no spirit of boastfulness in our own strength, but with gratitude to the Giver of Good who has blessed us with the conditions which have enabled us to achieve so large a measure of well-being and of happiness."

Theodore Roosevelt

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