



## Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Americanism Bulletin – February/March, 2025

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

### February

February is the month of “Love” but we really should have Patriotic love for our Veterans and our Country all through the year. Lots of people think about our shut in Veterans during Thanksgiving and Christmas but Valentines Day is a good time as well to send out some warm thoughts and “love wishes” to those who are not getting out and about because of the weather conditions or their age, especially the ones who live alone. If your Auxiliary doesn't want to send out cards, how about a “love phone tree”? Get a list of those members that could maybe use a mid-winter pick me up phone call. Split up the list with a few members and reach out. Just speaking to those members for five minutes to chat and check in and letting them know there are others out there that are thinking of them will be very meaningful. Maybe it's a good time to take a couple members and go visit a nursing home or Senior center. Take some small flags and pass them out, or a patriotic pin. Prepare a few patriotic citations of thanks and gratitude for service if you know or meet any veterans. Be creative but please report what you do. These wintery months can be cold and dreary but if we put a little effort in, we can brighten someone's day.

February Dates to remember:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Freedom Day (the signing of the 13th amendment to constitution)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Groundhog Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Four Chaplain's Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Valentine's Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> - President's Day Observed
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - George Washington's Birthday



## March

As we "march" towards the end of this business year have you accomplished all that you wanted to? Have you consulted your Guide sheets? If not, well good news you still have time but not much. You have about a month and a half to try to finish off your projects for your chairman goals. The numbers I need is how many flags you distributed, and how many citations you distributed. These are so very important for our department. It helps show we are all in good patriotic working order. Same with any patriotic Birthday or observance. If you post them in your hall or share them with the community at a public dinner or post them on a Post/Auxiliary Facebook page these are all reportable activities. Even if you are decorating your tables for a community dinner you can always slip in a flag or use red white and blue flowers. You don't have to make it look like 4th of July but it can look patriotic. Also, please don't forget our Pow-Mia flags and or missing man table at these events. A decorated poster near where the community will pay for your weekly/monthly dinners can give the public information and will help educate them on the lesser-known events.

### March dates to remember

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - The "Star Spangled Banner" became the National Anthem in 1931\*
- 13<sup>th</sup> - K-9 Veterans Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Patrick's Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Iraq War began in 2003
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Kosovo Campaign began in 1999
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Medal of Honor Day (to honor Heroism and sacrifice of Medal recipients)
- 29<sup>th</sup> - National Vietnam War Veteran's Day started in 2017

\*During the war of 1812 the British captured the city of Washington, setting fire to the capitol and the White house. In the blaze of cannon fire, Francis Scott Key, a lawyer could still see an American flag waving over Fort McHenry. When the bombing suddenly stopped in the middle of the night, he had no way of knowing if the flag was still there or if the stronghold had fallen to the British. But as dawn broke, he could still see the Flag intact over the fort. He was so inspired he wrote a poem. His brother copied it and spread those copies around the city eventually becoming our National Anthem in March 1931.



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