



## Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Americanism Bulletin – April, 2025

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

There is a saying "April showers bring May flowers". Well, hopefully the seeds of patriotism that have been planted throughout the year will yield a "bounty of patriotic pride". Patriotism does not have a specific "growing season" but needs to be tended and fertilized all year long to get a good crop. You do need to know when to water and when to weed but if you follow simple guidelines your Patriotic Garden will bloom perpetually.

You have until April 20th to get all your "t's" crossed and "i's" dotted and your reports submitted to me. Over the course of the year, you have all shared many inspirational ways in which you showed your Patriotism. I have also tried to be creative in ideas and presentations with Patriotic themes. I hoped to have shown you that you can "Aspire" to be patriotic in everyday life. I hope you all continue to be Patriotic in whichever way you would like to. I feel it is not only important to remember and honor our Veterans and be patriotic during national holidays but the lesser-known days or just every day. It is equally important to recognize those in the community that are quietly patriotic in their day-to-day lives. Our country may, from time to time, have political divisions, but at the core of our country fundamentals, the pride in our nation, and what we hold dear this country will rally together and have a lot of pride. We should never lose that but honor the men and women who fought to give us those freedoms and those who continue to stand steadfast to insure our future. It should also be our continuing mission to teach our younger generations our history to ensure a patriotic future for all.

"Our values, our principles, our determination to succeed as a free and democratic people will give us a torch to light the way. And we will survive and become stronger-not only because of a patriotism that stands for love of country, but a patriotism that stands for a love of people." -Gerald Ford



Patriots Day is the third Monday in April - April 21, 2025

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