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September is a month with important patriotic holidays. Patriot's Day is September 11th, is a day to remember the memory of those who perished on this day in 2001 with the attack on America.

The next holiday is the third Friday in September, is the POW/MIA day, which is prisoners of war/missing in action. You can hold a ceremony demonstrating the significance of this day by having youth and adults doing a missing man table ceremony. You can find information on MALTA Member Resources.

It is also the US Air Force's birthday on September 18th, 1947.

Also the last Sunday in September is Gold Star Mother/Family Day.

- Blue star families can display a flag or banner with a white field and a red border, with a blue star for each family member serving in the US armed forces during any period of war or hostilities.
- Gold star families can display a flag or banner with a white field and a red border, with a gold star that represents a family member who died during military operations.
- Silver star families can display a flag or banner with a blue field, and outer red and inner white border, with a silver star that represents a family member who was injured, wounded, or became ill during or as a result of combat.

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