

**Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary  
Americanism Bulletin  
May 2023**

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Facebook page: Americanism-Michigan

National Theme: Banding Together for Our Veterans

Department Theme: Our Veterans the Angels Among Us

**The ideas for the Americanism/Patriotic Instructor Program are:**

- Flag Education – Respect for the flag – engaging the community.
- Promote Patriotism – Celebrating Patriotic Holidays
- POW/MIA Recognition
- Promoting Americanism and Connecting with the Community
- Recognizing our Blue, White, Silver, and Gold Star Families

Our National Ambassador for the Americanism program is Linda Roloff. What a powerful year we will have as she leads and inspires us to proudly display Americanism in our Auxiliaries and communities. This year a topic to openly discuss and plan for is Patriotic Holidays. It will take each one of us to educate fellow community members on the importance of recognizing these dates.

**Patriotic Holidays**

Patriotic holidays are a great way for Auxiliaries to involve communities in spreading patriotism. Let's show our support for veterans and their families. Mark these patriotic holidays on your calendar.

May 8<sup>th</sup> is V-E Day (Victory in Europe Day), marks the formal acceptance by the Allies of World War II of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces, therefore marking the end of WWII.

Third Saturday in May is Armed Forces Day, it is a day to honor Americans currently serving in the five branches of the U.S. military as well the National Guard and Reserve units.

The last Monday of May is Memorial Day. It is a day to honor the men and women who died while serving in America's Armed Forces.

Please take the time to report your Auxiliaries Americanism promotions!

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**Make it a priority to refer to your Guide Sheet for Americanism monthly.** Then, be sure to mark all Patriotic Holidays on your calendar. Have a discussion ahead of time to see if there is anything your Auxiliary can do to publicly promote that holiday. In the month of June, it can be as simple as joining in with your VFW to collect tattered or worn American Flags and hosting a flag retirement ceremony.

### **Promoting Patriotism, Flag Education and Patriotic Holidays**

June 6<sup>th</sup> is D-Day Invasion Anniversary

June 13<sup>th</sup> is Bunker Hill Day

June 14<sup>th</sup> is Flag Day

June 14<sup>th</sup> is also Pause for the Pledge Day

June 14<sup>th</sup> is the U.S. Army's Birthday

June 23<sup>rd</sup> is the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday

June 27<sup>th</sup> is PTSD Awareness Day

Remember as the Auxiliary chairperson it will rest on your shoulders to inspire involvement and participation from your members. Set a good example and watch your program become an amazing way for all members to join in each activity.

Is your Post/Auxiliary holding a Flag Day (June 14) Ceremony? If so, let your local paper know. Then report it after the event.

Are you having a July 4<sup>th</sup> parade in your community? It's a great time to pass out 3x5" or larger flags. Are you walking in a Parade? Remember to report.

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