

Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Americanism Bulletin November 2023

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Hope you received valuable information while attending the fall conference. Many different ideas were shared with those in attendance on how to promote Americanism in your local communities. I truly enjoyed talking and discussing the Americanism program with each of you at my curbstone on Saturday afternoon.

With the holidays fast approaching, we still have many projects that we could accomplish. We have a sacred Patriotic holiday quickly approaching on the 11th day of this month. What has your Auxiliary planned to do, or to host to honor your veterans-on-Veterans Day? Are you planning a luncheon or dinner at your post home? Will you honor them with a certificate, small gift, or just a thank them for their service? No gesture goes unnoticed by our veterans. They are humble but appreciate being recognized for their time in America's military.

If you give out flags or donate them, remember to report how many American flags, and Prisoners of War/Missing in Action Flags, you distribute. Remember when speaking to use the words, not acronyms.

"Help the living by honoring the dead" As your patriotic instructor, it is nice to help new members with some of our rituals like the raps of the gavel.

One rap: Attention Two raps: Stand Up Three Raps: Be Seated

Happy thanksgiving to you, and your family, and all the Veterans of this great nation.

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Have you been on MALTA and used any of the resources that are available for executing your Americanism program? If so, report it to me. An award that you can earn is based on whether you have utilized this site and the material available there.

This month our Patriotic holiday is December 7th, Pearl Harbor Day. This is a day permanently etched in the minds of every American citizen. Have you planned a local program for your VFW and Auxiliary? Are you inviting community leaders and citizens?

Have you handed out any Patriotic Appreciation Citations, Certificates of Appreciation, or Respect for the Flag Citations, and presented them to individual citizens and/or businesses in recognition of their displaying the American flag, Prisons of War/Missing in Action flag and/or other displays that denote American Pride? If so, report them to me.

Does your auxiliary have a creative idea for an activity or event, in which you educate your community that our VFW Auxiliary acronyms are “more than letters”? And, sharing what is the meaning behind each word? For Instance, POW stands for Prisoner of War.

Your Auxiliary will receive a citation if you host an activity/event that educates citizens in your community that our VFW Auxiliary acronyms are “more than letters.” Entry form is required, and available on MALTA under Member Resources. Auxiliaries must send their entry form to me as the Department Americanism Chairman by March 31, 2024.

May you have a safe and happy holiday season along with your veteran families!

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