



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Americanism/Patriotic Instructor Guide Sheet 2021-22 www.vfwauxmi.org

National Theme: Soaring Above & Beyond

Department Theme: Tell Our Story of Service

Program Goals:

Flag Education

Promote Patriotism

POW/MIA Recognition

Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher Award

Promoting Americanism and Connecting with the Community #AuxiliaryPatriotism

Recognizing our Blue, White, Silver and Gold Star Families

Congratulation on being selected as the Americanism Chairman and Patriotic Instructor. I hope this new Auxiliary year is full of parades, school functions, and community events. We have proven that working together through trying times we can still get things done to support our Veterans and Community while still achieving our goals.

Our Department theme ties into this Americanism program by "How do you Tell your Auxiliary's story of Service to your community?" Eighty percent of people have their face planted in their phones, searching social media sites, like *You Tube, Instagram* or *Facebook*. If you don't have a social media page, I encourage you to set one up. It is a great avenue to reach out to your community.

Patriotic holidays are a great way for Auxiliaries to involve communities in spreading patriotism and Flag etiquette. Let everyone know that we support the United States, Veterans and their families. Mark down each of the patriotic holidays on your calendar and plan an event for your Auxiliary and/or community. Hold a POW/MIA Recognition ceremony or pass out flag codes at a parade.

Recognize Blue, White, Silver and Gold Star Families in the community telling them and the community that we support them.

President Stephanie Krueger's program pins proceeds go to support Gold Star Families Please see Program Pin Bulletin on the vfwauxmi.org page under programs for requirements.

National Award for Members/Auxiliaries

1. Citation to one Patriotic Instructor in each of the 10 Membership Categories for the best patriotic education. Criteria and entry form (required) available at vfwauxiliary.org/resources. Entry forms are due to the Department Americanism Chairman by March 31, 2022.

- Most outstanding use of the #AuxiliaryPatriotism hashtag on social media. Citation to every Auxiliary that uses the #AuxiliaryPatriotism hashtag on social media. Criteria and entry form (required) available at vfwauxiliary.org/resources. Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Americanism Chairman by March 31, 2022. Citations will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters

Department Awards

- Best celebration of Patriotic Holidays through observance, ceremony, and/or tribute in each membership category \$10.00 and citation of Merit to Auxiliary.
- Best recognition of Blue, White, Silver and Gold Star families in each membership category \$10.00 and citation of Merit to Auxiliary.
- Best overall program on the education of Americanism/Patriotism in the community/schools \$10.00 and citation of Merit to Auxiliary.
- Best overall promotion of the Smart/Maher National Citizenship Teacher Education Award \$10.00 and citation of Merit to Auxiliary.
- Best overall reporting on the Patriotic Instructor educating the members of their Auxiliary in our tradition, rituals and the Federal Flag Code \$10.00 and citation of Merit to Auxiliary.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

#1 -10-36	#2 -37-50	#3 51-68	#4 - 69-84	#5 - 85-98
#6 - 99-115	#7 - 116-139	#8 -140-166	#9 -167-237	#10 -238-OVER
Achievements			Completed	Reported
Conducted a program on the education of Americanism/Patriotism in the community or in your schools.				
Conducted a special program on Patriotic holidays				
Participated in the Smart/Maher National citizenship Teacher Education Award				
Participated in recognizing Blue, White, Silver and Gold Star Families				
Report how many POW/MIA flags that you presented to anyone in your community including individual people, businesses, schools during parades or at gravesites. (must be at least 2"x3" or larger)				
Report if you participated in a POW/MIA program, with details				
Report number of certificates presented to businesses or citizens in recognition of their displaying of the US, POW/MIA flag or other displays of American Pride				
Report how many American Flags that you presented to anyone in your community (must be at least 2"x3" or larger)				
Report your use of #AuxiliaryPatriotism hashtag in a social media post				
Contribute to the sale of Department Program Pins				
Attend and register at a School of Instruction – District Meeting, Fall Conference or Mid-Winter Conference				
Attend and register at own District Meeting				
Report				

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