



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Americanism/Patriotic Instructor Guide Sheet 2022-2023

www.vfwauxmi.org

Facebook Page: Americanism-Michigan

National Theme: Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care

Department Theme: Be the Anchor for Our Veterans, Hold Them Steady and Safe

Program Goals

Flag Education

Promote #Auxiliary Patriotism

POW/MIA Recognition

Star Family Recognition

“Americanism is an unfailing love of country; loyalty to its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity” (VFW Auxiliary Podium Edition Bylaws and Ritual, 2022).

Congratulations on being selected as Your Auxiliary's Americanism/ Patriotic Instructor for 2022/ 2023!! After a few challenging years I am sure everyone is ready to go out and demonstrate their pride in America! We need to assist with parades, programs and events in our communities, state, and nation!

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES

Most outstanding patriotic community event.

- Citation to every Auxiliary that hosts a patriotic community event. Criteria and entry form (required) available at vfwauxiliary.org/resources. Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Americanism Chairman by March 31, 2023. Citations will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.
- Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences that hosts the most outstanding patriotic community event. Winners will be announced and awards presented at the 2023 National Convention in Phoenix, AZ.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES

- ✓ Best promotion, participation, and/or recognition of Patriotic days including branch of service birthdays in each membership category
\$10.00 and Citation of Merit to Auxiliary
- ✓ Best overall program on Americanism/Patriotism in the school or community
\$10.00 and Citation of Merit to Auxiliary
- ✓ Best recognition of Blue, Gold, or Silver Star families in each membership category
\$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
Auxiliary utilized the Americanism material/resources available on the National VFW Auxiliary website		
Auxiliary promoted, participated, or recognized any patriotic day and/or branch of service birthdays		
Auxiliary conducted a flag education program at schools or in the community.		
Report how many American flags were presented in the community		
Report how many POW/MIA flags were presented in the community		
Report number of Patriotic Appreciation Citations, Certificate of Appreciation or Respect for the Flag Citations presented to citizens and/or businesses in recognition of their displaying the American Flag, POW/MIA flag and/or displays of American pride		
Recognize/aid Blue, Gold and Silver Star families in your area		
Auxiliary participation or sponsor a POW/MIA Awareness Program		
Assist VFW with Smart/Maher National Citizenship Teacher Education Award program		
Chairman attended a School of Instruction – Sunday 2022 Convention Training, District Meeting, Fall Conference or Mid-Winter Conference		
Chairman attended their own District Meeting		
Reported every quarter		

Carol Johnson, Americanism/Patriotic Instructor Chairman
 163 Addison Circle
 Fowlerville, Michigan 48836
 517 -712-4574
 Cal4198@yahoo.com