



# Americanism/ Patriotic Instructor

August - September 2023

I look forward to working with each of you this year. I will be available via phone, text or email. If I don't have the answer.. I will try to find it for you.

Our National Ambassador is Linda Roloff. I will be working with her to pass on the program to each of you.

Let's begin now and get working on the National Americanism Program Awards. The awards are for the **most outstanding activity and/or event that educates their community that our VFW Auxiliary acronyms are "more than letters"**.

I have included the paperwork for the Program Awards. Please go through it now and make plans to host an activity that educates our community. **#MorethanLetters**

Included are the September Patriotic Holidays. Please plan your events and send me your report and pictures. Extra points for pictures!! Show your patriotism!

Goals include Promoting Flag Education in schools and our community. Recognize those who display flags by presenting them with a Certificate of Appreciation from your auxiliary.

Patriotic Instructors – Be sure to work with new members and help them by giving them a copy of "Understanding Auxiliary Traditions".

#AuxTribe – We can help our servicemen and servicewomen that have left the military service who may feel displaced, depressed and have lost the identity they shared with their comrades. This is often identified as Post Traumatic Stress (PTS). When we know and adhere to the Auxiliary traditions and rituals we can create an environment for these veterans. Go to [www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org) and check out Americanism resources for more information. Please **report** to me ways your auxiliary encourages our veterans and how your auxiliary provides this information to the community.

## BONUS POINTS

According to the Department of Defense guidelines, military service flags, insignias, etc should be displayed in what order? **Email or text me your answer!**

## **REPORT – REPORT - REPORT**

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# "Family Freedom Festival"

Show your community what the Post/Auxiliary offers.

Encourage membership!

Show patriotism in your community!

Involve every National Program for easy reporting and participation fulfillment.



[www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org)

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# 2023-2024 Department Awards for Americanism

**VFW Auxiliary Department of Maryland**

**Six Groups**

**Each group will receive:**

**1<sup>st</sup> place \$40**

**2<sup>nd</sup> place \$25**

**3<sup>rd</sup> place \$15**