

VFW Department of Maryland Auxiliary

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It's time to "Set Sail" to share and teach Americanism and Patriotism.

Please feel free to contact me via email, phone or text.

Our National Ambassador for Americanism is Katlyn Burke.

I will be passing to you the information she provides to me.

Make sure you read the monthly mailers and go to www.vfwauxmd.org

And www.vfwauxiliary.org

Katlyn emphasizes the importance of "lesser-known patriotic holidays" and showing the importance of observing all patriotic holidays. We need to study the history behind these holidays, so we can educate others and show why they are important.

Show me **(report, report, report)** the ways you are educating your auxiliary and the community.

Examples of "lesser known" holidays:

Loyalty Day – May 1st

Purple Heart Remembrance Day – August 7th

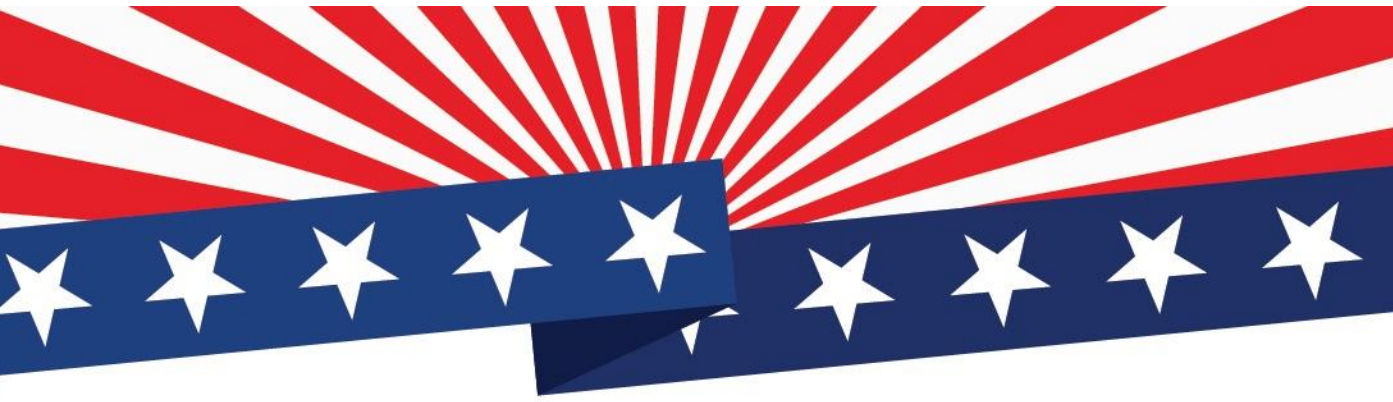
Constitution Day and Citizenship Day – September 17th

POW/MIA Recognition Day – Third Friday of September

Day of the Deployed - October 26th



#AuxiliaryPatriotism



PATRIOTISM/AMERICANISM

*“**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”*

Show your patriotism. **Share** your patriotism. **Honor** your patriotism. **Be proud** to stand for the national anthem. **Be a Proud American!**

Americanism Goals include helping members to understand the traditions and ceremonies of our organization, flag education and promote patriotism by encouraging celebrating patriotic holidays.

Patriotic Instructors have an important role in instructing our auxiliary members the proper way to stand at attention; proper way to salute; and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and what parade rest means. We must also make the public aware of the upcoming patriotic holidays and events. See “Understanding Auxiliary Traditions” included or go to MALTA member resources or refer to the Podium Edition: Bylaws and Ritual.

Flag Education – Schools will be starting back soon. Start preparing information and plan to go into the schools and give the information to the students. Create ideas for kids to share Americanism and Patriotism. Go to the websites to find more information. www.vfwauxiliary.org
www.vfwauxmd.org



Patriotic Holidays August & September

**U.S. COAST
GUARD
ESTABLISHED
AUGUST 4, 1790**

**NATIONAL NAVAJO
CODE TALKERS DAY
AUGUST 14TH**

**PURPLE HEART
REMEMBRANCE
DAY
AUGUST 7TH**

**PATRIOT DAY
NATIONAL DAY OF
SERVICE AND
REMEMBRANCE
SEPTEMBER 11TH**



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**U.S. AIR FORCE
ESTABLISHED
SEPTEMBER 18, 1947**

**GOLD STAR
MOTHER'S
DAY
SEPTEMBER
29TH**

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Americanism Patriotic Instructors

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**Department of Maryland Awards
Americanism**

Six Groups

Each group will receive:

1st place - \$45

2nd place - \$30

3rd place - \$20



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