

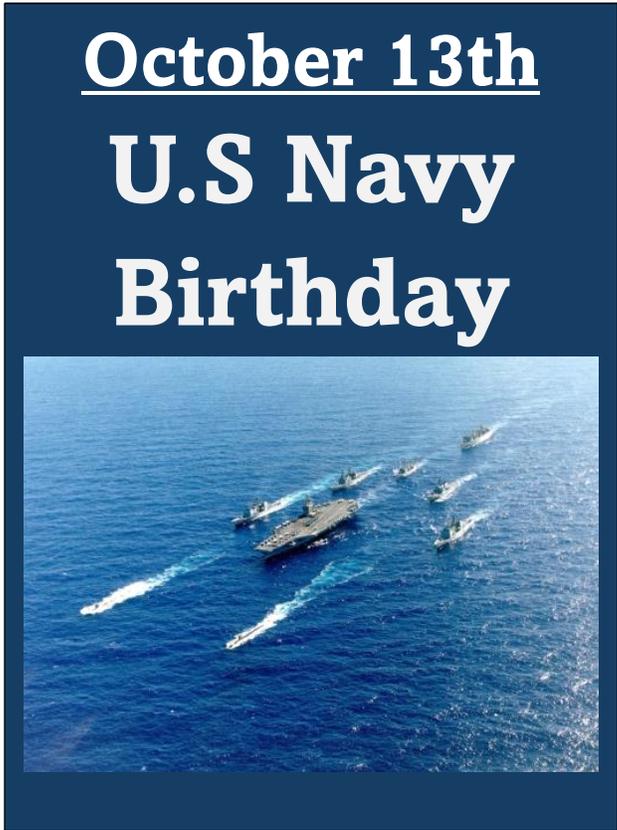


### Flag Education

Volunteer in schools to teach our youth the importance of respecting our flag.  
Recognize your community by presenting them with a certificate for flying the flag.  
Invite the community to a “flag retirement” ceremony.  
Teach the proper care for the United States flag.



October 26th  
Day of the Deployed honors the United States military personnel deployed around the world.



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“Setting Sail for our Veterans”  
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# Flag Education for Kids!

**This is to help you know how to take good care of the Flag of the United States of America!**

## Displaying the Flag:

- On Same Staff: U.S. Flag at very top, above any other Flag.
- Grouped with other Flags: U.S. Flag goes to its own right. Flags of other nations are flown at same height.
- Marching with other flags: U.S. Flag to marcher's right (observer's left).
- Decoration: Never use the Flag for decoration. Use bunting with the blue on top, then white, then red.

## Half Staff (Halfway up the Flag pole):

- On special days, the Flag may be flown at half-staff.
- On Memorial Day it is flown at half-staff until noon and then raised.

## Saluting the U.S. Flag:

- Everyone in uniform should use the military salute.
- Members of the armed forces and veterans who are present, but not in uniform, may use the military salute.
- **Everyone else should face the Flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart.**
- If you are wearing anything on your head, take it off with your right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart.

## Don't do this!!!

- Do not let the Flag touch the ground.
- Do not fly Flag upside down unless there is an emergency.
- Do not carry the Flag flat, or carry things in it.
- Do not use the Flag as clothing.
- Do not store the Flag where it can get dirty.
- Do not use it as a cover.
- Do not fasten it or tie it back. Always allow it to fall free.
- Do not draw on or otherwise mark the Flag.

## Flag Disposal:

***This should only be done with adult supervision!***

- The Flag should be folded in its customary manner.
- It is important that the fire be fairly large and of sufficient intensity to ensure complete burning of the Flag.
- Place the Flag on the fire.
- The individual(s) can come to attention, salute the Flag, recite the Pledge of Allegiance and have a brief period of silent reflection.
- After the Flag is completely consumed, the fire should then be safely extinguished and the ashes buried.
- Please make sure you are conforming to local/state fire codes or ordinances.



# ***Patriotic Instructors***

## **Americanism**

*Where does  
the charter  
and altar cloth  
belong in the  
meeting?*

**“Setting  
Sail for  
Our  
Veterans”**

*You can find  
your answers  
in the  
“Podium  
Edition  
Bylaws and  
Rituals VFW  
Auxiliary”*

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**“Floor Plans”  
located in the  
podium book.**

*Where do  
the officers  
sit in the  
meeting?*

**Teach members  
the proper salute  
to the U.S. Flag**

***Teach our members  
to learn about  
rituals we do at our  
meetings!***

**“From Our Roots  
To Our Branches  
Extending Service  
To Our Veterans”**

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