## **AMERICANISM**

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#### DECEMBER 2024 VFW DEPT OF MARYLAND AUXILIARY

As we gather to spread Christmas cheer...let us remember our men and women who are deployed or not able to be home with their families.

Our freedom doesn't take a holiday... We must always pay our respect to those who defend it.



I wish you a blessed holiday with love, hope, good health and friendship!!

Amazon and other merchants have many books and items to teach patriotism to children and adults. (goggle "patriotic items")

These make great gifts and educate our children and our community about patriotism.

## Happy Holidays!

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### **Americanism**

VFW Dept of Maryland Auxiliary
December 2024

"From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Services to Our Veterans" National President Brenda Bryant

(USAF Auxiliary) (1941) December 5<sup>th</sup> – Somalia Campaign Began

December 1st- Civil Air Patrol Birthday

Jecember 5 – Somalia Campaign Began (1992)

December 7<sup>th</sup> – National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 8<sup>th</sup> - War Declared on Japan (1941)

December 11<sup>th</sup> – Germany & Italy Declared War on US (1941)

December 13<sup>th</sup> – US National Guard Birthday

December 15<sup>th</sup> – Iraq War Ended (2011) & Bill of Rights Day

December 16<sup>th</sup> – National Wreaths Across America (2008)

December 20<sup>th</sup> – Panama Campaign Began (1989)

US Space Force Established 2019
December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day &
Hanukkah Begins
December 26<sup>th</sup> – Kwanzaa

December 28<sup>th</sup> – Pledge of Allegiance Day
December 31<sup>st</sup> – Official End of WWII
(1946)

Kosovo Campaign Ended (2013)

"Setting Sail for Our Veterans" Maryland Dept President Debbie Sturgis

# Department Report Goals

Promote, participate and recognize patriotic days/branch of service birthdays.

Number of flags presented.

American and POW/MIA

Number of Patriotic Appreciation citations, Certificates of Appreciation or Respect for Flag Citations

**REPORT** 

Please send me your reports and pictures Celebrating Veterans Day!

#### National Americanism Program Awards

Most outstanding activity and /or event educating about lesser-known patriotic holidays.

Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. Due to Dept Chairman by March 31, 2025.

#### **Promote Patriotism**

Promote Patriotic Holidays

Promote Branch of Service Birthdays

**Flag Education** 

**Teach members the Auxiliary Traditions** 

Please feel free to contact me!!
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