

VFW Department of Maryland Auxiliary

August 2025

Congratulations on your role as Americanism Chairman & Patriotic Instructor!!

Let us all share and teach Americanism and Patriotism.

Our National Ambassador for Americanism is Diana Russell-Milton.

“Our mission is to promote pride in our country, instill respect for our Flag and foster appreciation for the freedoms we hold dear. In a world of constant change, the core values of Americanism – freedom, unity and service – must remain steadfast”

Make sure to read the monthly mailers.

www.vfwauxmd.org

Go to programs – Americanism

www.vfwauxiliary.org

Go to member resources – Americanism

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

Patriotic Instructors

You must instruct our auxiliary members on how they are to stand at attention, the proper way to salute, the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and what “parade rest” means.

Give them a copy of “Understanding Auxiliary Traditions”



#AuxiliaryPatriotism

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

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Americanism Reports

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1 – Complete the top portion of the report

Incomplete reports will not be accepted

**You must complete HOURS, PROJECT COST, MILEAGE
AND VOLUNTEER #**

2 – Number of flags presented

Complete the # of American and POW/MIA flags your auxiliary presents to schools, businesses, parades, gravesites, etc.

3 – Number of citations, certificates presented to businesses and/or citizens in recognition of displaying the American, POW/MIA flag or other displays of American pride

How many? _____

The report form is simple to complete. Keep track of the information during the month and simply fill in the report. If you need help, please feel free to contact me. Additional information can be put in the last box and on the back of the report.

Be sure to report on celebrating patriotic holidays, flag education and how your auxiliary teaches the auxiliary rituals to members.

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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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Federal Flag Code

Public Law 94-344, also known as the Federal Flag Code, is a set of rules for displaying and handling the U.S. flag. The code was passed in 1976 by the 94th Congress and is found in Title 36 of the U.S. Code. While the code doesn't have penalties for misusing the flag, states may have their own flag codes that do. The code is enforced by tradition, not law.

Here are some rules from the Federal Flag Code:

- Displaying with other flags

When the U.S. flag is displayed with other flags against a wall, it should be at the peak and to the right of any other flags. If the flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the U.S. flag should be raised first.

- During the national anthem

When the flag is displayed during the national anthem, everyone except those in uniform should stand at attention, face the flag, and put their right hand over their heart. Men with a headdress should remove it and hold it at their left shoulder.

- Hoisting and lowering

When the flag is being raised or lowered, or when it passes by in a parade or review, people should stand at attention, face the flag, and put their right hand over their heart. Uniformed military members should salute.

- On a speaker's platform

When displayed with a speaker's platform, the flag should be above and behind the speaker.

- Half-staff

On special occasions, the flag can be flown at half-staff.

- Weather

The flag shouldn't be displayed in rain, snow, or windstorms, and it should be protected from weather damage. However, if it's dark, the flag can be displayed if it's illuminated.

The flag should never have placed on it, or attached to it, any mark, insignia, letter, word, number figure or drawing of any kind. This includes attaching buddy poppys on the flag.