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Americanism – Patriotic Instructors
October 2025
VFW Dept of Maryland Auxiliary

“Understanding Auxiliary Traditions”

- Be sure to ask members if they have questions
 - Print out instructions and reinforce them
 - Help our new members learn the traditions
- We use these traditions at Post, District, Department & National Meetings
 - Teach / Instruct the “Missing Man Table”
- VFW Auxiliary Podium Edition: *Bylaws and Rituals*

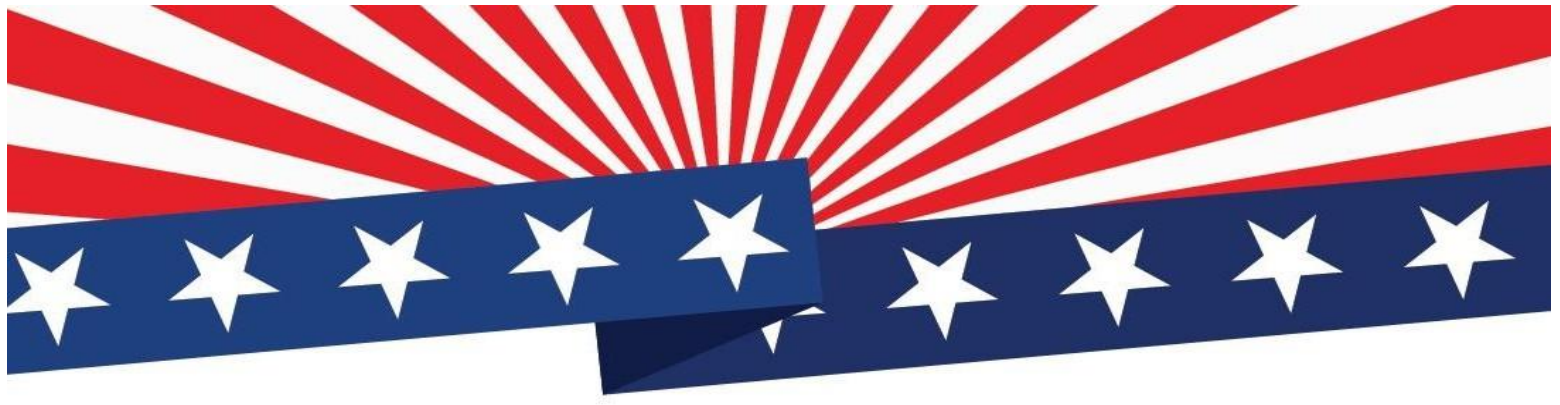
PDF and videos can be found on the Americanism Program
www.ufwauxiliary.org www.ufwauxmd.org

Military Flags Order of Precedence

According to Department of Defense guidelines, military service flags, insignias, etc., should be displayed in the following order (left to right as you face the flags): Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard.

Engaging the Community Respect for the Flag

- Teach the proper salute of the US Flag
- Teach and encourage recitation of “Pledge of Allegiance”
 - Educate our youth about Patriotism
 - Promote patriotic holidays
- Recognize community members, businesses or organizations for displaying the US Flag by presenting them with certificate of appreciation



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 – Students are back in school. Make plans 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

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Happy 250th Birthday **U.S. NAVY** **October 13, 2025**

Established by the Continental Congress in 1775, the Navy has played a pivotal role in defending our nation.

Born in the midst of the American Revolution.

The Navy has evolved from a small fleet of wooden ships into modern, technologically advanced forces.

The Navy's presence has extended worldwide, supporting humanitarian missions, disaster relief and peacekeeping operations.

It's core values – HONOR, COURAGE and COMMITMENT

As the United States Navy celebrates 250 years of service let us remember their commitment to defend freedom and promote peace.



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