



VFW Department of Maryland Auxiliary

Americanism/Patriotic Instructor

November 2025

“From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring *Veterans* Who Keep Us Free”

Dear Americanism / Patriotic Instructor Chairman,

Please gather your information and send me your Americanism reports.

There have been patriotic days and branch of service birthdays that we all should have promoted in the past weeks. It's time to prepare for the November celebrations:

- United States Marine's 250th Birthday on November 10th

- Veterans Day on November 11th

Please present (2" x 3" or larger) flags to schools, businesses, gravesites, etc and send me pictures for extra credit. You can email, text or snail mail

Please go out and present Patriotic Appreciation Citations, Certificates of Appreciation or Respect for the Flag Citations to businesses and citizens for recognition of their displaying the American, POW/MIA flag. Send me pictures!!

The Patriotic Instructor is responsible for educating members about the history, symbolism and proper etiquette related to the American patriotic symbols, particularly the American flag.

Thank you for taking this important program. Thank you for your reports.
You are doing a great job! Keep up the good work.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need help! 443-406-5883
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Thanks!

Cheri Brown PDP, Chairman

“A Force for Veterans”

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VETERANS DAY

A Veteran of the United States is someone who has served in active duty in the Armed Forces. **Veterans Day** is intended to thank and honor all those who served honorably in the military.

While **Veterans Day** is often confused with Memorial Day, the two observances serve different purposes and have different histories. Memorial Day, which has its roots in the post-Civil War effort to “memorialize” all those who died in that war, has become a modern holiday to remember those from all wars and conflicts who gave their lives in service to the country.

Veterans Day was first known as Armistice Day as a celebration of the resolution of World War I, a peace recognized historically on the date and time of that event, November 11, 1918 at 11:00am and salutes surviving service members. In 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11th as Veterans Day.



Please send me your reports and pictures showing how your auxiliary celebrated Veterans Day!!

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Respecting the United States Flag

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

The pledge of allegiance to the flag should be rendered by standing at attention and facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. If not in uniform, a person should remove his or her hat with the right hand and hold it near the left shoulder, with the hand over the heart.

Those in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute.

The U.S. flag should be displayed on or near the main building of every public institution, in or near every school on the school days and near every polling place on election day.

THINGS TO AVOID

Never show disrespect to the U.S flag.

Never let the flag touch anything beneath it – ground, floor or water.

Allow the flag to fall free – never use the flag as a drape or covering.

Never place anything on the flag and never mark anything on the flag.

When the flag is no longer in suitable condition for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified manner – preferably by burning.

