

Americanism / Patriotic Instructor
December 2025
VFW Department of Maryland Auxiliary

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We are coming to the end of 2025.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you for your reports and your dedication to spread patriotism.
There is so much information to help you with the Americanism program.

www.vfwauxiliary.org

www.vfwauxmd.org

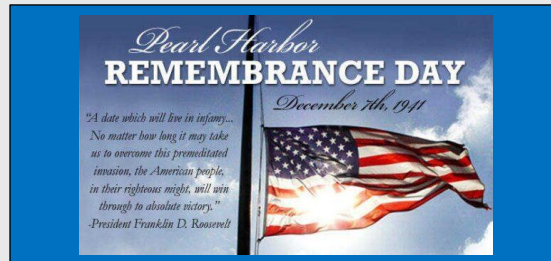
The information is in MALTA "Member Resources".

Our Maryland website "Programs"

I encourage you to go online to help you with all programs
and encourage your members to use the websites.

There is great information to help you with
"Understanding VFW Auxiliary Traditions"

*December 7th is National Pearl Harbor
Remembrance Day*
*Fly flag at half staff in honor of those who died
serving our country at Pearl Harbor*



Extra points for
reading monthly
mailer!!

What section in the
Podium Bylaws do
you find Duties of
the Patriotic
Instructor?



Americanism

VFW Dept of Maryland Auxiliary
December 2025



"A Force
For
Veterans"

National Americanism Program Awards

Most outstanding activity
and /or event displaying
or educating others
about proper ways to
display and respect the
American flag.

Entry form required and
available in MALTA
Member Resources. Due
to Dept Chairman by
March 31, 2026.

Promote Patriotism

Promote Patriotic
Holidays

Promote Branch of
Service Birthdays

Flag Education

Teach members the
Auxiliary Traditions

December 1st - Civil Air Patrol Birthday
(USAF Auxiliary) (1941)
December 5th – Somalia Campaign
Began (1992)
December 7th – National Pearl Harbor
Remembrance Day
December 8th - War Declared on Japan
(1941)
December 11th – Germany & Italy
Declared War on US (1941)
December 13th – US National Guard
Birthday
December 15th – Iraq War Ended (2011)
& Bill of Rights Day
December 16th – National Wreaths
Across America (2008)
December 20th – Panama Campaign
Began (1989)
US Space Force Established 2019
December 25th – Christmas Day &
Hanukkah Begins
December 26th – Kwanzaa
December 28th – Pledge of Allegiance
Day
December 31st – Official End of WWII
(1946)
Kosovo Campaign Ended (2013)



"From Sea to
Shining Sea
Honoring
Veterans Who
Keep Us Free"

Department Americanism Program Goals/Awards

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

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Bylaws Section 819 – Duties of the Patriotic Instructor

- The Patriotic Instructor shall see that the room is in keeping with the Ritual
- Shall instruct the members in the proper use of and salute to the Flag
- Shall maintain a record of all patriotic days and initiate programs for their proper observance and perform such other duties as the President may require



Americanism

National Program Award

2025-2026 Entry Form

Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event displaying or educating others about proper ways to display and respect the American Flag.
 - Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event displaying or educating others about proper ways to display and respect the American Flag.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

VFW Auxiliaries must send this completed entry form to the Department Americanism Chairman by March 31, 2026 for judging.

VFW Auxiliary Name: _____

VFW Auxiliary No: _____ Department of: _____

Describe the activity and/or event that displayed or educated others about proper ways to display and respect the American Flag. (e.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

The Department Americanism Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to National Americanism Ambassador Diana Russell-Milton by April 30, 2026 for judging.

Department Americanism Chairman: _____

Signature

Date: _____

Forms sent to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters will not be processed or forwarded.