

*Americanism  
Patriotic Instructor  
VFW Dept of Maryland Auxiliary  
February 2026*

**Community  
involvement is  
the heart of the  
VFW Auxiliary's  
mission**

**Promote & Show  
Your Patriotism  
#AuxiliaryPatriotism**

Flag Education  
Schools  
Community  
Other Organizations

Patriotic Instructors  
Educate  
Teach proper flag etiquette  
Teach Auxiliary Traditions & Bylaws  
Ensure new members understand proper  
flag salute and parade rest

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Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday! Happy New Year!!

Let us all continue to spread patriotism! Get out there and present flags and “Patriotic Appreciation Citations” for businesses and/or citizens in the community.

Please include pictures! You can email or text the pics to me! Make sure you include your auxiliary number on the pics!

**FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup> - PRESIDENT’S DAY**

**George Washington** – George was the first president and the “founding father” of our country. Served 1789-1797. He was the commander of the Continental Army and led the Patriot forces to victory in the American Revolutionary War against the British Empire.

#first president” “Father of our country” “exemplary character and conviction”

**Abraham Lincoln** – Abe was the 16<sup>th</sup> president. Served 1861-1865 (assassination)

Led the US through the American Civil War defeating the Confederate states and played a major role in abolition of slavery.

“Emancipation Proclamation” “Four score and seven years ago”

**13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL C.A.F.E. – Washington DC**

“Celebrating America’s Freedom Event”

Go to National website - [vfwauxiliary.org](http://vfwauxiliary.org) – events for more information

**March 13<sup>th</sup> – K9 Veterans Day** honors the bravery and service of military working dogs and service dogs.

Established by a Vietnam Vet. These dogs detect explosives, find weapons, guard scouts and provide emotional support. #K9veterans

**March 21<sup>st</sup> - National Rosie the Riveter** day honors the millions of women who entered the workforce during WW2 to support the war efforts in factories and shipyards. #rosietheriveter

**March 29<sup>th</sup> National Vietnam War Veterans Day** is a day to honor those who served in the Vietnam War.

It marks the departure of the last US troops in 1973. Fly the American flag to show your gratitude for the veterans and to those who didn’t receive a proper welcome home. #vietnamveterans



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# In What Sequence Should Flags be Displayed?

The sequence for displaying flags is as follows: when the American flag is on American soil, it always takes precedence, requiring it to be the most prominent and significant among a group of flags. This entails positioning the American flag as the largest (unless displayed with another country's flag, in which case they can be of similar size), furthest left, and highest up. Following the American flag (from left to right), you may display another country's flag, state flags, military and public service flags, local flags, and finally, a company flag. It is essential to note that while state flags and POW/MIA flags can share the same flagpole as the American flag, a company flag should never be on the same flagpole. This is in accordance with the flag code, which explicitly prohibits the use of the American flag for advertising purposes.



## Here are some guidelines for displaying flags in a VFW building:

- **Order of military flags**  
When displaying multiple military flags together, the order of precedence is Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard.
- **Displaying the American flag**  
The American flag should be displayed first and furthest to the left when displaying both the American and military flags.
- **Displaying the flag at half staff**  
To place the flag at half-staff, hoist it to the peak, then lower it to a position halfway between the top and bottom of the staff.
- **Displaying the flag at night**  
The flag can be displayed 24 hours a day if it's properly illuminated. This means there should be a light directly on the flag or enough local lighting to make it visible.
- **Retiring the flag**  
To retire a flag, fold it in the customary manner and burn it in a large, intense fire.

**THIS IS INFORMATION RESEARCHED and COPIED TO HELP YOU WITH THE SEQUENCE OF DISPLAYED FLAGS.**

[www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) and Google

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