

VFW Auxiliary Department of Maryland
Americanism/Patriotic Instructor
March 2026

The end of our reporting for 2025-26 is approaching quickly.
Let's continue to promote patriotism throughout the year.
Please be sure to complete the National Program Award form
and return to me by March 31st. Also....remember the deadline
for reporting is April 15th.... So be sure to have your reports
to me by the 15th!!

Let's continue to be **"A FORCE FOR VETERANS"**
"FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA HONORING
VETERANS WHO KEEP US FREE"

Americanism Goals

Show your patriotism. Share your patriotism. Honor your patriotism.
Be proud to stand for the national anthem.
BE A PROUD AMERICAN!!

Patriotic Instructors

Continue 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.

Go to "Understanding Auxiliary Traditions"
on MALTA or refer to the Podium Edition: Bylaws & Rituals
MALTA has so much information under "Member Resources" "Americanism"
Please be sure to go look!



Cheri Brown PDP, Americanism Chairman 2025-2026

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PATRIOTIC HOLIDAYS & RECOGNITION DAYS



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- Presidents' Day** (third Monday of February)
 - Star-Spangled Banner Day** (March 3)
 - K-9 Veterans Day** (March 13)
 - Rosie the Riveter Day** (March 21)
 - Medal of Honor Day** (March 25)
 - National Vietnam War Veterans Day** (March 29)
 - Gold Star Spouses Day** (April 5)
 - Anniversary of the day the Gulf War ended** (April 11)
 - Purple Up! Day, part of Month of the Military Child** (April 15)
 - Loyalty Day** (May 1)
 - Silver Star Service Banner Day** (May 1)
 - V-E/Victory in Europe Day** (May 8)
 - Home Front Heroes Day** (May 9)
 - Military Spouse Appreciation Day** (Friday before Mother's Day)
 - Children of Fallen Patriots Day** (May 13)
 - Armed Forces Day** (third Saturday in May)
 - Memorial Day** (last Monday of May)
 - Anniversary of D-Day** (June 6)
 - National Women Veterans Recognition Day** (June 12)
 - Flag Day** (June 14)
 - Juneteenth** (June 19)
 - PTS(D) Awareness Day** (June 27)
 - Made in America Day** (July 2)
 - Independence Day/Fourth of July** (July 4)
 - National "Hire a Veteran" Day** (July 27)
 - National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day** (July 27)
 - National Buffalo Soldiers Day** (July 28)
 - Purple Heart Day** (August 7)
 - Agent Orange Awareness Day** (August 10)
 - Navajo Code Talkers Day** (August 14)
 - V-J Day** (September 2)
 - Patriot Day/National Day of Service & Remembrance** (September 11)
 - Uncle Sam Day** (September 13)
 - VFW Auxiliary Birthday** (September 14)
 - Constitution Day & Citizenship Day** (September 17)
 - POW/MIA Recognition Day** (third Friday in September)
 - Gold Star Mother's & Family Day** (last Sunday in September)
 - Johnny Appleseed Day** (September 21 OR March 11)
 - VFW Day** (September 29)
 - Global War on Terrorism & Desert Storm Veterans Day** (October 7)
 - Day of the Deployed** (October 26)
 - Statue of Liberty's Birthday** (October 28)
 - Veterans Day** (November 11)
 - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day** (December 7)
 - Bill of Rights Day** (December 7)



Rosie the Riveter

“We Can Do It”

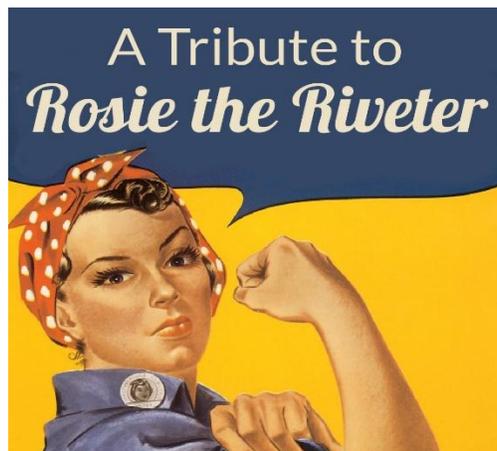
March 21st



“Rosie the Riveter is an iconic American cultural symbol representing the millions of women who worked in factories, shipyards, and munitions plants during World War II. She embodies the “We Can Do It!” spirit of patriotism and female empowerment, challenging traditional gender roles by performing skilled,, heavy-duty industrial labor while men fought overseas.

During World War II, the iconic figure of “Rosie the Riveter” emerged as a symbol of women’s vital contributions to the Home Front. As millions of men left for military service, women filled critical roles in factories, shipyards, and beyond—riveting, welding, and assembling the tools of war.”

Thank you to the women that stepped up!



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National Vietnam Veterans Day

Sunday, March 29, 2026

We recognize and honor veterans who served in the
US Military in Vietnam.
Established by the “Vietnam War Veterans Recognition
Act of 2017”. It commemorates the final withdraw
of combat troops on March 29, 1973.



Have you made plans to honor and celebrate
Vietnam Veterans?
Send me your pictures and reports!



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