



Americanism Patriotic Instructor

VFW Auxiliary Department of Maryland

As a member of the Auxiliary, it is our duty to show our patriotism by supporting veterans and their families, volunteering in our communities, promoting patriotism and flying the American Flag.

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Welcome to the 2025-2026 School of Instruction

Be sure to look for my monthly promotions. Please be sure to
read the promotions and send me your reports.

Be sure to take credit on your report for promoting on social media.

Remember... it is our job to promote patriotism by supporting veterans,
their families and the community.

Thank you for your commitment to our great organization
and taking the role as Americanism/Patriotic Instructor.

- Participate in parades
- Attend patriotic ceremonies
- Fly the American flag
- Recognize community for flag display
- Present/distribute American and POW/MIA flags
- Promote POW/MIA Remembrance/Missing Man Table
 - Promote patriotic holidays
 - Flag retirement ceremonies
 - Teach flag education in schools
- Promote Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship
Education Teacher Program

Plan out your month. Spread the word about the upcoming holidays.
Keep a calendar with your hours, project costs, mileage and #volunteers
to make it easy at the end of the month to complete the report.

Please feel free to call, text or email me for help!

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"Americanism is an unflinching love of country, loyalty to its institutions and ideas, a desire to secure the blessing of liberty and posterity and an undivided allegiance to the flag"

Role of Patriotic Instructor

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Sec. 819 - Patriotic Instructor, Duties of

- A. The Patriotic Instructor shall see that the room is in keeping with the Ritual*
- B. Shall instruct the members in the proper use of and salute to the Flag*
- C. 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.*

PROGRAM QR CODES

QR codes are widely used.

Send the QR code (coming soon) out to help people find important information about the Americanism Program.



*It is our job to uplift and honor those who fought for our freedom.
In the Star Wars universe, a Jedi's job is to serve as guardians of peace & justice in the Galactic Republic... our job is to become guardians of our veterans, their families and the community and promote patriotism.*

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For more information...

www.vfwauxiliary.org & www.vfwauxmd.org

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Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Program

Who is Eligible?

The award contest recognizes three exceptional teachers for their outstanding commitment to teaching Americanism and patriotism to their students.

Each year the VFW selects elementary, middle and high school teachers in each grade level.

Teachers who promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism are prime candidates for this award.

All current certified/licensed teachers in grades K-12 are eligible.
Deadline October 31, 2025.

*More information will be in
the monthly promotions.*



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Americanism Program 2025-2026 Report Form

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Auxiliary _____ District _____ Month _____ Chairman _____

Reporting Period: From _____ To _____

This month - Hours _____ Projects Cost \$ _____ Mileage _____ Volunteers # _____

Did your Auxiliary promote, participate, or recognize any patriotic day and/or branch of service birthday?
____ Yes ____ No Briefly explain:

Number of Flags Presented (at least 2" x 3" or larger):
(Includes, but is not limited to, schools, businesses, parades, gravesites, etc.)

How many American Flags? _____ #

How many POW/MIA Flags? _____ #

Number of Patriotic Appreciation Citations, Certificate of Appreciation or Respect for the Flag Citations were presented to businesses and/or citizens in recognition of their displaying the the American, POW/MIA flag, and/or other displays of American Pride. How many? _____ Briefly explain:

Other Americanism projects (use an additional sheet if necessary):