

MAY 2023

Remember to fly your flags on May 1- Loyalty Day, May 5 – Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Remembrance Day, May 6 – Military Spouses Day, May 8 – V-E Day, May 14 – Mother's Day, Third Saturday in May – Armed Forces Day, May 15 – Women's Army Corp founded (1942) and Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 30 – Memorial Day.

As Americans we could be flying our flag everyday. Be sure to offer to replace worn, torn and less than pristine flags when you see them. Hand the recipient a pocket Constitution and Flag Etiquette Book.

We can also teach our young the proper way to treat our flag and teach them how to salute the flag. Hand them a Young American certificate .

You can send family members that have children, sheets of patriotic subjects to color, book marks, and rulers.

Get creative. Remember we are to make sure the flag is never desecrated, teach the people of this land what that means, and to see that all are instructed in the pledge to the flag.

May God continue to bless this land and may we always remember to honor those who served, are serving and want to serve.

APRIL2023

Flag Education • Promote #Auxiliary Patriotism • POW/MIA Recognition • Star Family Recognition

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"Americanism is an unfailing love of country; loyalty to its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the Flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity."

Loyalty Day – May 1

On May 1, 1930, 10,000 VFW members staged a rally at New York's Union Square to promote patriotism. Through a resolution adopted in 1949, May 1 evolved into Loyalty Day.

MARCH 2023

National Vietnam War Veterans Day - March 29

National Vietnam War Veterans Day honors a generation of men and women who served and sacrificed during the longest conflict in U.S. history. March 29th marks the anniversary of when combat forces departed South Vietnam in 1973, even though some troops remained until their final departure in 1975.

Think about what you or your auxiliary members are doing to teach others about our flag, when to fly it, how to properly retire it when it is no longer able to fly, Do you contact your friends, Auxiliary members and your own family members and talk to them about what Americanism is and how to show it? Do you hand out flags, rulers with Presidents on it, Coloring books? Do some of these and report.

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Thanks and God Bless America.

FEBRUARY 2023

AMERICANISM- Have you ever wondered what this word means? If you look inside the front cover of our By-laws and Ritual book you will see this”

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