

“It’s Time to Honor Our Veterans” / “Patriotism Begins at Home”

Americanism

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“Americanism is an unflinching 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” This is the definition of Americanism as stated by the Commanders-In-Chiefs of The Grand Army of the Republic, United Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, National Commanders of the DAV of the World War at a conference held in 1927
NOW you and your team need to Get on the Patriotic Bandwagon

<p><i>PROGRAM GOALS</i></p> <p>Flag Education</p> <p>Promote Patriotism</p> <p>POW/MIA Recognition</p> <p>Smart/Maher National Citizenship Teacher Award</p> <p>Call to Action for Suicide, Depression, PTSD, Substance Abuse &</p>
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Be Patriotic Instructors; This is easy, teach new members the traditions of our Auxiliary Ritual, making sure they understand the ceremonies of the Auxiliary. Show the proper salute and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Promote and Teach Flag Education:

- Flag Education in the Classroom
- Recognize Outstanding Community Flag Displays
- Teach and hold Flag retirement Ceremonies

Promote Patriotism by Celebrating Patriotic Holidays

Promote POW/MIA Recognition

Participate in the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award

Selection: Outstanding Performance Award: The Department Chairman will select the recipients. You must have reported a minimum of twice during the year. Criteria for selection:

- 40 Points Maximum ~ Development of overall program (creativity, presentation following Chairman’s emphasis).
- 30 Points Maximum ~ Quality of promotional material (news letters, publicity, leaflets)
- 30 Points Maximum ~ Preparation by Chairman (legibly and clearly documented on report form)

1. Outstanding Performance **It’s Time to Honor Our Veterans** award in each Membership Group, for the Auxiliary with the most effective promotion of the Goals, based on quality of material, creativity, originality and timeliness of report. Citation to runner-up.
2. Citation in each Membership Group for the most unique Patriotic Holiday promotion.
3. Citation in each membership Group for the best promotion of a **POW/MIA** program
4. Citation in each Membership Group for the best promotion of American Flag distribution (2” x 3” or larger).
5. Citation in each Membership Group for the best promotion of the National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.
6. Citation in each Membership Group for the best promotion of recognizing businesses or citizens for their displays of U.S. or POW/MIA flags or American Pride.
7. Citation in each Membership Group for best media promotion of Americanism.
8. Citation to the Department Chairman achieving 100% participation

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Aux. # _____ District # _____ City _____

Chairman’s Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Report Deadlines November 15, 2014 and APRIL 15, 2015 **Date of this report:** _____

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1. Did you conduct patriotic holiday special programs? _____ How many? _____
2. Did you participate in a POW/MIA program? _____
Number of POW/MIA Flags presented (at least 2” x 3”) _____
Did you participate in the Special Department POW/MIA Program _____ If so, describe below

3. Number of American Flags presented (at least 2” x 3” or larger)? _____
4. Did you participate in the Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher Award? _____
5. How many certificates were presented to businesses or citizens in recognition of their displaying the U.S. and/or POW/MIA flags or other displays of American Pride? _____
6. Did your Auxiliary promote Americanism through any media (paper, radio, TV, social networking)? _____
7. Please explain why you feel your Auxiliary had the best overall promotion of Americanism. What is the best Americanism project? (Please use additional papers needed)

Total Projects For this report	Number of Members Participating	Total Hours Worked	Total Number of Miles	Total Value or Dollars Spent

