

## AMERICANISM/PARTIOTIC INSTRUCTOR 2010/2011

From the clouds above to the ocean floor, “WE Serve Our Veterans Evermore”. What a wonderful slogan, we can fly our flags in the sky and clouds above daily to honor our veterans.

The Americanism Program has changed a little this year. The LAVFW report has some changes, reporting will include

1. Get Out and Vote program
2. School projects starting at kindergarten thru high school that can include the learning the Pledge of Allegiance to proper way of displaying the flag
3. How many POW and American flags were presented
4. Aux.’s that participated in the National Citizenship Education Teacher Award, further information can be found at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) .
5. Newspaper articles that promoted Americanism in your local community

Aux’s can promote and participate in many Americanism programs through out the year by participating in public ceremonies, parades, donating flags, collecting worn out flags and retiring of them.

### Patriot/Instructor

Patriot Instructors have a wonderful opportunity to teach new members our Auxiliary Traditions by giving out a Guide and Instructions on the traditions at the initiation ceremony for new members. During this meeting, new members can be instructed as each ritual is done. What a great opportunity to see and participate in a tradition first hand. New members should be given as much information about the ritual and the many wonderful things that the auxiliary does.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Dates that have already past and should be reported are Memorial Day, Loyalty Day, Flag day and July 4<sup>th</sup> .

July 27 National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day (flags can be flown)

August 4 US Coast Guard Established (1790)

August 7 Purple Heart Medal Established (1782)

September 6 Labor Day

September 11 Patriot Day (flags flown at half staff until sunset)

September 14 Star Spangled banner's Birthday (1814)

September 17 Ladies Auxiliary VW organized (1914) September 17 POW/MIA Recognition Day ( flags should be flown on this day) and U.S. Constitution approved (1787)

September 18 U.S. Air Force Establish (1947)

September 26 Gold Star Mother's Day

September 29 VFW Established (1899)

Many opportunities for Americanism projects and to show your Patriotism.

#### MID-WINER AWARDS

CITATION - for the first District chairman to have their District 100%

CITATION – for an Auxiliary that participated in the National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.

CITATION – for Auxiliaries that are 100% participated and reported by December 31, 2010

#### JUNE CONVENTIN AWARDS

##### AUXILIARY

Awards – for best promotion of an Americanism program

Awards – for best children's program

Award – for most unusual promotion for Americanism

Award - for most flags given out

Citation – for Auxiliaries participated in program

## DISTRICTS

Award – best program promotion of Americanism

Award – best program of the Patriot Instructor

## JR. GIRLS

Citations – for all unit 100% participation

Award – best program for a patriot holiday

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