

JULY 2025

Theodore Roosevelt stated, “Americanism is a question of spirit, conviction, and purpose, not a creed or birthplace.” Americanism attempts to collect a set of common icons to symbolize the American identity. Well known national symbols of the United States include the U.S. Flag, the Great Seal, the bald eagle, The Star-Spangled Banner, In God We Trust, and The Pledge of Allegiance. **TOGETHER – We Can Do It!!**

Independence Day, commonly known as the 4th of July, commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence from Great Britain. On July 4, 1776, the signers of the document asserted that all are “created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

Let us know how your Auxiliary celebrates. Did you present any American or POW/MIA flags or Certificates of Appreciation for flying the flag or other displays? I can’t wait to see your activities. Don’t hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

What other celebrations will you and your family be part of in July? Fireworks, picnics, parades, motorcycle fun runs? Enjoy these events, take pictures, & report while fresh in your mind. Please check [Flag Etiquette at Parades](#) when you are conducting or taking part in a flag line or any other event containing a color guard. Guidelines from the Department of Defense list the order military flags should be displayed (left to right): Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard.

JULY Americanism dates: (2nd) U.S. Army Corp established and Made in America Day; (4th) Independence Day – Declaration of Independence signed 1776; (27th) National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day and Hire A Veteran Day; (28th) National Buffalo Soldiers Day; (29th) Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary. Let me know how you relaxed and made others smile celebrating **Lesser-Known Holidays...**

***Just for FUN:** How many 3+ words can you make from the word **AMERICANISM**? Text or email me (address above) your list of words for a drawing in Arkansas City.

Enjoy a Happy & Safe 4th of July!! I’m looking forward to seeing you at Mid-Summer Council of Administration and School of Instruction in Arkansas City, KS August 22-23, 2025 to provide more information, share your accomplishments, and visit with you about promoting Americanism through the Department of Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary.