

## AMERICANISM - KANSAS

August 2025

Promoting Americanism can be a fun and engaging way to strengthen community bonds this summer. Get creative with parades and patriotic displays. Gather the community for a flag-raising and Pledge of Allegiance ceremony, perhaps incorporating a local color guard or veterans' group. Perfect time to present certificates of appreciation and new flags damaged during storms. Spark patriotic pride with educational activities by assisting with a living history presentation and inviting veterans or local historians to share stories about American history and the meaning behind holidays and why they are important. Teach the proper way to display, salute, and care for the American flag. Encourage summer reading focused on American history, influential figures, and the principles of our nation. Embrace community spirit through service by organizing a community-wide clean-up event like beautifying a park or public space. Engage in community service projects that benefit local charities or organizations. Focus on creating an inclusive and enjoyable environment that fosters a sense of unity and shared American values within your community this summer by hosting a community BBQ or picnic with classic American fare and backyard games complete with patriotic music or movies and other entertainment. Don't forget to capture the memories in photos and videos and post them on social media.

*"I was rich, if not in money, in sunny hours and summer days." -Henry David Thoreau*

### AMERICANISM DATES FOR AUGUST:

4- Coast Guard Day 1790	7- Purple Heart Day
8-13 VFW Nat'l. Convention Columbus OH	10- Agent Orange Awareness Day
14- Navajo Code Talkers Day	16- National Airborne Day
22-24 Dept. School of Instruction Arkansas City	22- Never Been Better Day
26- Women's Equality Day	

### PLANNING AHEAD FOR SEPTEMBER:

1- Labor Day	2- VJ Day
11- Patriot Day-Nat'l. Day of Service/Remembrance	13- Uncle Sam Day
14- Nat'l. VFW AUX 111th Birthday	17- Constitution & Citizenship Day
18- Air Force Day	19- Nat'l. POW/MIA Recognition Day
21- Johnny Appleseed Day	28- Gold Star Mother's & Family Day
29- VFW Day 1899	

Check out [National Day Calendar](#) for new and fun days to celebrate. Let me know what you pick to do!! Don't forget September 7 is Grandparents Day and September 22 is the first day of Autumn. I look forward to seeing you in Arkansas City for School of Instruction. Enjoy your summer break! It's a great time to relax, recharge, and have FUN! I hope you learn something new and consider taking part in preparing for the upcoming school year by taking part in collecting school supplies. "When the sun shines, so does my happiness!!" In Service, ~ LaVeta Darbro