

# Americanism

## May 2024

Our year is coming to an end. You have all done a wonderful job this year and I hope it continues for the next one. A lot of hard work has been put in and I thank each and everyone of you for helping to promote Americanism throughout the year. Remember that the acronyms have a name: MIA (Missing in Action) and POW (Prisoner of War). We need to remember all of our military throughout the year, not just patriotic holidays but everyday.

This month we have several Patriotic Days to observe:

### **May 1<sup>st</sup> is Loyalty Day.**

Loyalty Day is a day set aside for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States and for recognizing the heritage of American freedom.

### **May 8<sup>th</sup> is V-E Day (Victory in Europe)**

Victory in Europe Day (commonly known as V-E Day), marks the formal acceptance by the Allies of World War II of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces, therefore marking the end of World War II.

### **May 27<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day. (The last Monday in May)**

Memorial Day is a day to honor the men and women who died while serving in America's Armed Forces.

Originally called "Decoration Day," it originated after the Civil War to commemorate those who died in the war by decorating their graves. It was declared "Memorial Day" by federal law in 1967, by which time the remembrance had been extended to honor all Americans who died while serving in America's armed forces. Many people celebrate Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials; volunteers place American flags on every grave in national cemeteries.

All U.S. flags should be displayed at half-staff during the morning hours. At noon, they should be raised back to full-staff.

**The DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
2024 CONVENTION is JUNE 6-9 in TOPEKA, KANSAS**

We want to see as many people there as possible. It will be a time of learning and information for all and a chance to talk to others about things that they are doing in their posts.

You can find the Registration form in the Sunflower Express for the month of April. Get it sent in and be ready to go.

National Convention will be held July 27<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 in Louisville, Kentucky

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