

# AMERICANISM

## AMERICANISM – DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS – MID-WINTER CONFERENCE 2026

**Thank You**, Kansas Auxiliaries, for your dedication to promoting Americanism through patriotism education and activities. You never know when the seed planted will grow and blossom! Continue sharing your VFW Auxiliary elevator speech and sign-up like-minded individuals to share the fun & fellowship. Your reports are enlightening and inspiring, and please let me know if I didn't forward pictures for attachment. Keep reporting. You can do it!! And, most important – have FUN!!

We have numerous opportunities to celebrate in the next few months of the New Year, so don't hold back on planning and please REPORT. I believe this program is the easiest to complete because it encompasses everyday volunteering & service for veterans, their families & your communities. Make sure you report flag donations & certificates to businesses for flying the American flag, proper disposal of flags, Color Guards using flags for events, parades, or games, and any educational patriotic programs to schools or youth groups. Many are reporting donations & upkeep of community Blessings Boxes, helping with blood drives, and planning for Wreaths Across America next year. **You are awesome!!**

February activities to consider: (1) National Freedom Day (1) First Day of Black History Month (2) Groundhog Day (2) Army Nurse Corp Est. (3) Four Chaplains Day (3) USO Inc. (4) USO Birthday (4) World Cancer Day (4) Rosa Parks Day (4) World Read Aloud Day "Celebrate Learning" (4) National Girls and Women in Sports Day (6) National Wear Red Day – supporting women's heart health (8) Super Bowl 2026 (8-14) National Salute to Veteran Patients (11) International Day of Women & Girls in Science (13) Marine Corps Women's Reserves Est. (13) World Radio Day (14) Valentine's Day (16) Presidents' Day (17) Lunar New Year (17) Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras or Pancake Day (18) Ash Wednesday (19) Coast Guard Reserve Birthday (23) Iwo Jima Flag Raising (28) Persian Gulf Ceasefire

### **REPORTING - BREAKING IT DOWN TO DATE:**

District 1 – 7 Auxiliaries reported 23 projects (56, 1175, 1367, 3084, 5531, 7285, 9271, 12003)

District 2 – 5 Auxiliaries reported 37 projects (846, 2709, 5901, 6397, 7397)

District 3 – 7 Auxiliaries reported 65 projects (704, 1022, 1165, 1174, 1254, 3544, 6324)

District 4 – 7 Auxiliaries reported 69 projects (1141, 1281, 1432, 1786, 7515, 7743, 7830)

District 5 – 4 Auxiliaries reported 17 projects (2715, 3111, 5982, 6957)

District 6 – 7 Auxiliaries reported 115 projects (1133, 2981, 3449, 7521, 8873, 9076, 9139)

District 7 – 3 Auxiliaries reported 39 projects (1714, 7349, 7972)

**\*\*\*Totals as of this report: 40 of 60 Auxiliaries reported 365 Projects!! AWESOME!!**