



## **Americanism 2022-2023**

### **#AuxiliaryPatriotism**

This month begins our new program year and I can't wait to see all the ways that our Auxiliaries are serving our Veterans, their families, and our communities! But have you ever considered that by promoting Americanism you are serving our Country? You are!

Placed prominently in the front of our "Bylaws and Rituals" book is this definition: "Americanism is an unfailing love of country; loyalty to its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity." By promoting and teaching these traits to others, we **are** serving our Country; not only now but unto posterity! (posterity definition: all future generations)

This is such an important task that it received front page! Think about it. YOU, as an Auxiliary member, have been selected to impact others today and in to the future.

Look at our Americanism report form. There are only six items listed to report on but each of those six can make an impact.

1. By utilizing the materials and/or resources on the National website you educate yourself and can obtain tools to help educate others. <https://vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do/>
2. Promoting our great patriotic days or branch of Service birthdays instills pride and gratitude for our Country and those who serve her.
3. Giving a Flag encourages the recipient to recognize its importance.
4. Educate/share what you know, and why we all should show our patriotism.
5. Giving out certificates of recognition for displays of American pride, which is seen by many others, encourages the continuation of that and it's actually helping us do our job of promoting Americanism!
6. Hosting a patriotic event for the community shows our appreciation for our Country and encourages others to join us in that.

I hope each of you recognizes what an important role you play in serving our Country and I want to say how proud I am of all that you have done!

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\*Tell me 3 other things on the report form and who the form should be sent to be entered in the April prize drawing.