

Patriotic Instructor All Levels

The Patriotic Instructor shall see that the room is in keeping with the Ritual and shall instruct the members in the proper use of and salute to the Flag. They shall also maintain a record of all patriotic days and initiate Programs for their proper observance and perform such other duties as the President may require. (***Refer to Article VIII, Sec. 820***)

- The Patriotic Instructor may carry the Patriotic Instructor Flag in events and parades.
- Each Auxiliary may have a Patriotic Instructor's Flag, four Color Bearer Flags, Flag and Banner Bearer Flag and stands for each. The Flag Bearer Flag is 2' x 3', and the Patriotic Instructor's Flag is 3' x 5'.
- The Patriotic Instructor's Flag shall be placed on the floor level at all times and to the RIGHT of the presiding Officer, between the President's and Secretary's stations.
- A POW/MIA Flag may be posted prior to the meeting. (***Refer to the Ritual, General Instructions***)
- Members of the Auxiliary shall rise and salute the Flag by placing the palm of the right hand flat over the heart, or use the Military Salute if a veteran.
- When Taps is played, all present shall stand, face the Flag and salute (if able).
- When the Flag is displayed and the National Anthem is played and/or sung, all present shall stand, face the Flag and salute (if able).
- When the Flag is not displayed and the National Anthem is played and/or sung, all present shall stand, face the music and salute (if able).
- Review and keep one copy of "Understanding Auxiliary Traditions," available at vfwauxiliary.org/resources.

[NOTE: Patriotic Instructor and Americanism/Loyalty Day in some cases have been one member appointed by the President.]