



Americanism ~ Patriotic Instructor
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When I was approached by Madam President to take the role of the 2024-2025 Americanism Chairman, I pondered over the responsibilities of this prestigious position. I began envisioning the goals and aspirations that I would like to see the Department of Washington Auxiliary members achieve during the upcoming term.

In order to ensure the success and inclusivity of our programs, it is crucial to involve each and every chairman and all Auxiliary members in the decision-making process. By including them in our thought process, we can tap into their diverse perspectives, expertise, and experiences, leading to well-rounded and effective program outcomes. This document explores the importance of involving chairmen and Auxiliary members in program decision-making and provides strategies to ensure their active participation. Examples:

- * Get coloring pages for your kindergarten, first and second grade students. Encourage them enter in a contest the same time Youth Essays, Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy are announced. ~ *include your Youth Activities Chairman*
- * Work with your kindergarten teachers to celebrate their reciting of the Pledge Of Allegiance. Reward them with a certificate and a small American Flag. Make them feel proud of themselves and of our Country-*include your Auxiliary Youth Activities Chairman*
- * Have elementary students write notes to Veterans in the hospital or Veterans Home-*Include Hospital Chairman*
- * Attend High School functions and register students to vote (16 or over)-*include your Legislative Chairman*
- * Set up a Wreaths Across America Program at your local cemetery (also a fundraiser for your Auxiliary)-*include your Veterans and Family Support Chairman*
- * Recognize Patriotic Holidays, events and include the Lesser-known Patriotic Holidays.
- * Participate in parades and pass out small American Flags to children showing patriotism

As your Auxiliary Americanism Chairman, you also have the responsibility of the Patriotic Instructor. Your main responsibility is up to you to keep the meeting room within the ritual (*see current podium edition under RITUAL*)

I am hoping some of these ideas have helped spark some ideas of your own through the year and beyond. I have an open door policy and I look forward to any questions you may have along the way.

Loyally,

Doreen Dale/Chairman