



Americanism~Patriotic Instructor Bulletin Two~2024/2025

Holiday Greetings from my home to yours. I wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving and a very merry Christmas. This is a very special time of year and is a chance to spend time with family and friends. But please remember our Military members who may not be home for the holidays to enjoy this magical season.

Taking a look at my calendar, I was surprised to see 12 lesser known holidays have occurred since our last Bulletin. Did your Auxiliary recognize any of the holidays listed, or did you discover any I didn't? Share your experiences with me regarding any of these special dates. It would be great to hear about them.

Did your Auxiliary prepare for October 17th's Great America Shakeout? The challenge was posted on our website in order to see just how many people read the Program Information and took action. The event is ongoing every year, so visit the website to see the many ways you can prepare yourself, your neighbors and your Post and Auxiliary members. For more information, please refer to www.shakeout.org.

Are you preparing to cast your ballot in the presidential election on November 11th? Hopefully you have encouraged others to do the same. Did you help others register to vote? Voting is the foundation of our democracy and history doesn't have to repeat itself. Those that can't vote need you to stand up for them too. America is worth fighting for, and your vote is one of the most powerful fighting tools you have

Will you be attending or hosting Wreaths Across America on December 14th? You're missing out if you haven't hosted this annual event. You can participate in this program to place a wreath on the grave of your Veteran at your local cemetery. Participation is easy, and you can include other programs as well. For Veterans and Family Support, attach a Buddy Poppy to each wreath (National Home Buddy Poppy), add a small American flag to the gravesite for Americanism, invite active military members to the presentations, and ask local schools to help lay wreaths for Youth Activities. There are so many possibilities. For more information refer to wreathsacrossamerican.org. It is also a great fundraising event for your Auxiliary.

Keep your American Flags Flying and encourage others to do the same. We are all proud Americans and want others to see just how proud we are and how lucky we are to live in a free Country thanks to our Veterans and active military.

Loyally,

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