



Best wishes to each and every member of this wonderful organization and a very Happy New Year. I hope that you all had a very Merry Christmas. The year seems to have just begun, so it is hard to believe that we are already half way through. The Americanism program I'm so passionate about will never end in my heart, which is why I'm dedicated to it!

As a young child, I recall that every time I was with my parents, and an American Flag passed before us, my sisters and I were to stand still and place our hands over our hearts. And yes, that included television. You may find that funny and rather silly and truth be told I thought so too at the time. However, looking back it taught me Patriotism to our country and I was educated by my parents why this was so meaningful.

Since we are starting the second half of our year, what can you share that your auxiliary has done so far this year?

Have you

- \* educated our youth in Flag Folding & Flag Education
- \* held an POW/MIA ceremony
- \*shown our younger generation about the "Missing Man Table" and educated them on what everything means surrounding the table
- \*educated both children and adults the appropriate parade etiquette
- \* recognized Lessor Known Patriotic Holidays

In December alone we had

Military Family Month

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 12/7

National Guard Birthday 12/13

Wreaths Across America Bill of Rights Day 12/14

Space Force Birthday 12/20

And here we are with January, 2025

New Year's Day 1/1

Martin Luther King, Jr. 1/20

Inauguration Day 1/20

If you are reading this bulletin, please share with me what you have done so far. You don't need to wait until end of year reporting. The department is an inspiration to me and I want to share what you have accomplished so far with National. It's OK to brag by recounting stories, pictures and how recognizing these lessor known holidays made your auxiliary feel. #WaAmwerica

Keep those American Flags flying and recognize those who do by awarding them a certificate of recognition for being a proud American.

Loyally,  
Doreen Dale/Chairman