



Americanism Bulletin Five-2024/2025

What a year it has been. It has flown by so fast. I am amazed at what all of you have done to promote Patriotism and lesser-known holidays. Your thoughts and actions, and those of your Auxiliaries, were inspiring to me.

Are you or your Auxiliary members planning on visiting a historic site this year? It's amazing how many you can find in the most unlikely places. I even saw one at a rest stop in the state (I know, odd location). Nevertheless, they exist everywhere, even in your local communities. There are 54 official state landmarks in the state, and they have significant effects on American history. If you have visited one of these wonderful landmarks, tell me about your experiences.

We celebrate Military Children (MOMC) in **April**. It is to recognize the commitment, service and sacrifice of military children and youth. Founded in 1986, the month of April represents all military branches through the color **purple**. For 2025 the theme is "Celebrating Military children and youth: Building stronger Character and Relationships". Could April be a lesser-known holiday to celebrate? Wear **purple** and encourage others to do the same. Even host a "Military Brat" day. Make it fun for everyone.

Blue Star Mothers day is celebrated on May 11th. Have you ever wondered what the origins of Blue Star Mothers Day were? This is to support mothers with active duty military sons or daughters. WWII was the beginning of this movement. Please describe how you have recognized any **Blue Star Mothers** you may know.

It is nearly parade season in Washington State, rain or shine. We wouldn't be able to do anything here if we didn't do events in the rain. Ask children to pass your small American flags at your parade events to the crowd. Despite the fact that it is not the candy the children expect remind them that our flag is part of our patriotism. Share with the children that our nation's symbol is not a toy but a symbol of our freedom and should never be put on the ground. So grab your flags, your hooded jackets (if you use an umbrella, you may be called a tourist) and be proud of your commitment to Patriotism.

On a final note, I wonder how many people read their bulletins. Are you aware of how much effort your chairmen put into these programs and how much time they devote to writing the bulletins? These bulletins are designed to help you with your chairmanship and to give you ideas on how to improve your programs. So, here is a challenge for you. If you have read this bulletin, please contact me via Facebook, email, phone or text. I would love to see how many of you read what we do for you. **Remember June 12th!!!** See you at Convention

Loyally,
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