



**Americanism/Patriotic Instructor**  
**Bulletin Three**  
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I can't believe how fast this new year has passed. I hope all who attended Mid-Winter learned new things, met new friends, and had fun! My attempt to dress up as the Statue of Liberty was fun (rather poorly, I might add). For me, the best part was seeing all of you in your Statue of Liberty crowns. You looked fantastic and I hope you bring them along to Convention in June. Let your imagination run wild and decorate them however you like. Perhaps there will be a prize for the top three! My cagey nature is well known to you. Congratulations to the 13 Auxiliaries that were gifted with a semi-sequential USA flag.

Though I see some of you are doing fantastic things with your Auxiliaries, I would love to see more. In either case, you aren't sharing or you aren't using the hashtags that have been provided multiple times. Getting recognized for what you do may be one of the greatest benefits of "SWAPping" ideas with the Department and with Auxiliaries across the country.

The deadline for submission of your National Program Award is March 31st. There is a form on MALTA, as well as in the School of Instruction packet I sent you in September. Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that host the most outstanding activity and/or event displaying or educating others about proper ways to display and respect the American Flag.

It is my hope that you are viewing my monthly calendar on Facebook on our Department page and are planning how you can increase our Patriotism within our Post, Auxiliaries, and Department. It was my display of the Statue of Liberty that made me realize the importance of what she stands for. My discovery of her history, which I had not known before, gave me a whole new understanding of the Monument of freedom to immigrants who came to our country in search of a better life. The best way to get started is to dive into the project as I did with Lady Liberty. Learn about the history of your project and share what you learned, especially what you did not know before.

There's a wonderful America out there. Don't keep your knowledge to yourself. Share it with your children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends. In doing so, you will ensure that history will not be lost as long as we keep it alive.