



**Americanism/Patriotic Instructor**  
**Bulletin Four**  
**Doreen Dale ~ Chairman**

I am amazed at how fast the 25-26 year has gone by. Having been told as a child that time passes faster as you age, I now understand. All of the amazing things you have done to promote Patriotism in your communities makes me so proud to see. You and your Auxiliaries have done a great job recognizing the contributions that our Veterans have made to keep this country free. A major part of our mission is to help and recognize our Veterans for all they have sacrificed.

The weather is warming up, so now is the perfect time to get outside and continue with all the good things you have already accomplished. As parade time approaches, we know it's going to be a busy time for us all. Are you handing out small parade flags to the children and Veterans in the crowd? Have you had a chance to get into schools and educate our youth on Patriotism? Have you promoted our United States Semisequential Anniversary? Although many of you may not have been able to experience our Bicentennial I was able to! Here we approach celebrating 250 years of this great nation and the freedoms we have. I hope you are sharing some stories with your neighbors, friends, family, and youth about what you have seen and experienced in our country. Are you replacing neighbors flags that are worn and that should be retired? Are you presenting an "Auxiliary Patriotic Citizen Certificate" to those flying our American Flag (VFW store code 04332).

I wish you and your Auxiliaries continued success and may they strengthen the patriotism so desperately needed in these United States. We still have several Patriotic Days to celebrate this year, but you don't need to wait for them to show and share your patriotism. See what we can do to deepen our love of country and how we can encourage and share why we love this great nation with your Post members. Welcome our veterans home when you see them and acknowledge their dedication.

It will be interesting to see your year-end reports and learn about all the things you accomplished this year. In my capacity as your Department Chairman, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for all you have done to promote patriotism. It's going to be a great convention in Wenatchee! I look forward to seeing you all there! (Don't forget your Statue of Liberty Crowns handed out at mid-winter).