



## Americanism ~ Patriotic Instructor

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The year 2023-2024 is winding down, and there are plenty of opportunities to continue with the Americanism Program. But when June ends, please don't stop supporting our Veterans, Families, Missing in Action and Prisoners of War. There is still so much more we can do to support our military forces until they **ALL Come Home**. It is still unclear where the remains of our Prisoners of War and Missing in Action are, and their families are also waiting to find them. Do what you can to support those who have given so much for us. (*#morethanletters*)

- The "Welcome Home" celebration at the Washington State Vietnam Veterans Memorial at the State Capitol takes place on March 30th each year. In order of their demise, there is a magnificent wall inscribed "YOU MAY NOW REST IN GLORY" listing 1,124 names of Washington State Vietnam men and women who perished in action. Please visit and respect Washington's Fallen Heroes if you get a chance. But don't wait until March 30th to visit.
- Honor Flight Homecoming is an experience you won't want to miss. Each year, four flights are scheduled, in April, May, September, and October. Veterans love the crowds welcoming them home, especially those who had never had that experience before. Please log on to [pugetspundhonorflight.org](http://pugetspundhonorflight.org) (west side) or [inwhonorflight.org](http://inwhonorflight.org) (east side) to find out the arrivals at your major airport.
- Continue to be part of the Auxiliary Tribe (*#Auxtribe*) supporting our heroes, especially those with PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) and PTS (Post Tribal Separation). There are still Veterans dealing with both issues. See what you can do to help them in whatever way you can.
- Maintain a solid understanding of Auxiliary traditions as an Americanism/Patriotic Instructor. Take pride in leading the pledge of allegiance. We need to maintain an active presence in the classrooms and continue to educate our children. We need to educate them to be proud to be Americans because they are tomorrow's leaders.

I am eager to read every report you have submitted, but keep in mind that this is not a contest to see who can write the best report. What's in the report and what you've done to support Americanism are what matters.

Loyally,

Doreen Dale/Chairman

