

Americanism ~ Patriotic Instructor

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I would like to wish every member of the Department of Washington VFW Auxiliary a very happy new year. I Hope your holiday was spent with family and friends, and that you are all doing well.



I'm sorry if you were unable to attend our Zoom meeting in November. The forum provided a great opportunity to ask those unanswered questions. For those who attended, we appreciate your participation.

Although the first half of our year is already behind us, we aren't taking our hard work for granted. The Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters have much more to do. Now is an excellent time to jot down everything you have done to promote Americanism and Patriotism.

After reviewing my additional document from our last bulletin, I am eager to hear about the Great American Shakedown challenge I suggested. I encourage you to share your progress on this challenge before year end. The work you have done in your Auxiliaries should be something you are proud of. You have done a great job, and I look forward to seeing it.

I started a campaign in my neighborhood to order American flags. I sent the information in our newsletters, emails, neighborhood Facebook or flyers stating that I would order American-made 3 x 5 flags for my neighbors (once payment is received). With a stream of American flags flying everywhere, won't your neighborhood look great? Maybe you can ask your Auxiliaries to cover the shipping costs! You can get these flags from a variety of sources. Don't forget to order your citations for "appreciation for displaying the American Flag" from the VFW Store. Maybe you can ask your Auxiliaries to cover the shipping costs!

Some things you may want to pay close attention to in your next six months if you haven't already done so...

- A Citation to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event that educates their community that our VFW Auxiliary acronyms are "more than letters". Entry forms required and available in the Malta Member Resources. Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Americanism Chairman by March 31, 2024 for judging. Citations will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters. Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community that our VFW acronyms are "more than letters".

Have you participated in

- Flag Education-•Patriotism in the classroom•Respect for the Flag-engaging your community
- Promoted Patriotism-Celebrated Patriotic Holidays

And don't forget to review the material handed out at School of Instruction. There are many great tools that you may have forgotten or missed.

Loyally,

Doreen Dale/Chairman

