



Americanism ~ Patriotic Instructor

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Let me begin by thanking those who have provided feedback on their Americanism program so far. Getting your feedback allows us to SWAP (Share Wonderful Auxiliary Projects & Programs). It's important to remember that we are all here for the same reason, to serve our veterans and to support and educate our communities. There are so many wonderful things we can do to help those who served our great nation as well as educate tomorrow's leaders. Consider asking others who have strengthened their programs before you for advice, but be sure to create new ideas to assist others who need it.

As we begin the new quarter, I would like to focus on how we can support our Missing in Actions, Prisoners of War, and Killed in Actions. While it is common for most to say POW/MIA/KIA, these men and women deserve far more recognition and remembrance than just letters (#morethanletters). **SAY THEIR NAMES.** Although efforts to recover the remains of those lost in action are ongoing, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) estimates that more than 80,000 individuals never returned home, 79,000 from World War II. The DPAA reported that it recovered the remains of 127 service members in fiscal year 2023, including 88 WWII Veterans, 35 Korean War Veterans, and four Vietnam Veterans.

What can we do to help?

Wear a lapel pin and/or bracelet to show your support for the families of POWs and MIAs.

If you would like a knowledgeable speaker for your district meeting, contact the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

Provide factual information at a local recruiting event by setting up a booth or table.

Whenever you participate in a parade, include and carry the POW/MIA flag

Maintain a clean and well-organized Missing Man Table to show respect for those who have not come home

Americans still missing and unaccounted for need the strong unified voice of our nation's VSO's to support their families. Together with the United States and relevant foreign counterpart governments, we will conduct the fullest possible accounting for American Unreturned Veterans, Prisoners of War, and Missing in Action.

Contact the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency at dpaa.mil for more information and ways to help. **Until they all come home!**

Loyally,

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