



Americanism/Patriotic Instructor ~School of Instruction~

A·mer·i·can·ism “*AMERICANISM* is an unfailing love of America, a loyalty to its ideals and Principles, a readiness to defend America against all enemies both foreign and domestic, and undivided unquestionable allegiance to the American Flag and to the Constitution of the United States, with a desire to secure the blessings of Liberty to ourselves and posterity”

As we strive to continue honoring our POWs, MIAs, and KIAs, let us remember the power of words. By speaking their names, we ensure that their sacrifices are never forgotten and their memory lives on. Let us embrace the National Americanism Ambassador's call to action and make a far greater impact by speaking the words "Prisoners of War," "Missing in Action," and "Killed in Action." Together, we can pay tribute to our heroes and ensure that their legacy endures for generations to come. **#MoreThanLetters**

- *Acknowledge them daily
- *Learn to say their names
- *Have a dedication ceremony
- *Write about them in your newsletter
- *Share their stories
- *Meet their families
- *If your State Capitol has a POW/MIA Day ceremony, GO or attend a local ceremony the 3rd Friday in September

To encourage the display of our Nation's Flag(s) throughout our community, the Auxiliary should present a new business with an American Flag and a POW/MIA Flag. This act serves as a reminder of the values and principles that our country stands for, while also recognizing the importance of honoring those who have served and continue to serve. In order to acknowledge and appreciate individuals and organizations that proudly display our Nation's Flag(s), the Auxiliary should distribute "Certificates of Appreciation". These certificates should be given to new flag holders and existing flag holders, including homeowners, who demonstrate their patriotism by flying the U.S. Flag. This gesture aims to show our gratitude for their dedication and commitment to our country.

Remember, as the Auxiliaries Americanism Chairman and Patriotic Instructor, you have a unique and influential position within your organization. By embracing this role with enthusiasm and dedication, you can make a significant impact on the lives of those you mentor and the overall sense of patriotism within your community.

- *Educate members, school children (Americanism in the Classroom) and community on the proper salute to the U.S. Flag
- *Educate all on proper recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance
- *Keep the meeting room in keeping with the Ritual
- *Host a Flag Retirement event
- *Show your American Spirit by recognizing National Holidays and Special Military Days
- *Honor our Veterans by signing up for Wreaths Across America
- *Honor Blue-Gold- Silver -White -Star Families
- *Seek Military families that have lost a loved one during conflict. Encourage them to apply for a Fallen Hero Banner. Order Fallen Hero banners for an event you may be having (dinners-parades-events)

In conclusion, promoting Americanism requires the active involvement of various stakeholders within the community. By inviting the director of the local museum, mayor, local law enforcement agencies, Armed Forces recruiters, local teachers, neighbors, senior centers, and friends, we can create a cohesive and inclusive environment that fosters a deeper appreciation for American values. Furthermore, keeping the user informed of our activities ensures their continued support and involvement in our efforts to encourage Americanism. Together, we can cultivate a stronger sense of patriotism and a shared commitment to upholding the principles that define our great nation.

Do it for those who Can't

Loyally,

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