

Americanism

“MY HEART REVS FOR HEROES”

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PROGRAM GOALS

Flag Education
Promote Patriotism
POW/MIA Recognition
Star Family Recognition

This Program is one of the easiest to promote in our Auxiliaries. If we demonstrate patriotism in our daily lives we are leading by example. Americanism is defined as “an unfailing love of country, loyalty to its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the Flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity”. Patriotism is defined as “devotion to one’s country”. As the relatives of Patriotic Veterans, we understand the sacrifices made for these values, so let our actions as VFW Auxiliary members not only reflect these principles but strive to instill them in others.

Patriotic Instructors: Make sure you are up-to-date on the VFW Auxiliary Ritual and the Federal Flag Code. Teach your members the traditions of our Auxiliary Ritual and the Auxiliary ceremonies. Hold at least one training session to show the proper salute, the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, how to stand at ease, and the meaning of the gavel raps.

Promote and Teach Flag Education: Respect the Flag – Engage the Community

Flag Education in the Classroom Teach and hold Flag Retirement Ceremonies
Recognize Outstanding Community Flag Displays

Promote Patriotism by Celebrating Patriotic Holidays

Loyalty Day - May 1 Armed Forces Day - May 15 Memorial Day - May 31
Flag Day - June 14 Independence Day - July 4 Patriot Day - September 11
POW/MIA Recognition Day - September 17 Gold Star Mother & Family - September 26
Veterans Day - November 11 Pearl Harbor Day - December 7
National Vietnam War Veterans Day – March 29

Promote POW/MIA Recognition: Explain & display the Missing Man Table

Participate in the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award

Examples of Activities from Award-Winning Teachers: Field Trips to City Hall, Community Volunteering, hosting Veterans in the classroom, projects that foster development of democratic values and beliefs.

Auxiliary Awards

- 1) Outstanding Performance Awards as outlined on page 13 of this program book.
- 2) Citation in each Membership Group for the most unique **Patriotic Holiday** promotion.
- 3) Citation in each Membership Group for the best promotion of **POW/MIA** program
- 4) Citation in each Membership Group for the best promotion of **Recognizing Businesses or Citizens** for their displays of U.S. or POW/MIA flag or American pride
- 5) Citation in each Membership Group for the best recognition of either, Blue, Gold, Silver and or White Star Mothers and Families.
- 6) Citation in each Membership Group for the best promotion of Patriotic education both in the Auxiliary and/or in the community.

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Aux. # _____ District # _____ City _____ Membership Group _____

Chairman's Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Always use additional paper if necessary, to provide details of your project or program

Report Deadlines: November 15, 2021 and April 15, 2022. **Date of this report:** _____

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1. Did your Auxiliary conduct Patriotic Holidays? _____. How many? ____ Describe the best patriotic holiday or special programs that your auxiliary planed or participate in? _____

2. Number of American Flags presented (at least 2" x 3" or larger)? _____

3. Did your Auxiliary participate in POW/MIA Programs: _____

4. Number of POW/MIA Flags presented (at least 2" x 3") _____

5. Number of certificates presented to businesses or citizens for displaying the U.S. and/or POW/MIA flags or other displays of American Pride? _____

6. Did your Auxiliary recognize Blue, Gold, Silver and or White Star Mothers & Families? _____

7. Did your Auxiliary conduct patriotic education in the community? _____

For example, assist the Post, taking the contest into schools or make a donation.

How many? ____ What did you do to promote patriotic education in your Auxiliary and/ or community? _____

Attach or list any media you may have used to promote this program _____

Attach any media used to support these activities.

Total Projects For this report	Number of Members Participating	Total Hours Worked	Total Number of Miles (value .14 each)	Total Value or Dollars Spent