## VFW Auxiliary Department of South Dakota Americanism

May Bulletin - 2025

National Theme: From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans Department Theme: United in Service for Veterans





US Flags will be an integral part for Americans as we celebrate Armed Forces Day and when we honor the deceased military on Memorial Day. Why? You know the answer. The US Flag is a symbol that reaches from the mind into our heart and bursts forth a deep patriotic feeling of love and respect for Americans and our country! As an Auxiliary Program Chair, you are a key leader in ensuring others learn about Americanism (a big task; but worth it).  $\mathfrak{F}_{oni}$ 

---Thank you for your year-end-report! --

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## Armed Forces Day - May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025





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Armed Forces Day is a day of celebration for the United States Armed Forces military branches!

\*Celebrated 3rd Saturday in May\* Promotes unity among the branches

To honor those who serve **You can:** say Thank You—Fly a US Flag —Attend Special Events 😊

This year is the **75**<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Armed **Forces Day Celebrations** 

Armed Forces Day is a reminder of the importance of our military and the sacrifices they make to protect our freedoms and way of life.

## Memorial Day – Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the **United States for** honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the **United States Armed** Forces.



- On Memorial Day the flag should be flown at halfstaff from sunrise until noon only, then raised briskly to the top of the staff until sunset, in honor of the nation's battle heroes.
- 'Flags In' is a long-standing tradition On Memorial Day. Traditionally United States flags are placed at the graves of veterans to honor their service and sacrifice.
  - > Flags are typically inserted into the ground, with a small distance from the base of the headstone.
  - > The flags are generally removed the day after Memorial Day.