



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



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March is a month to teach members about the retirement of the United States of America's Flag. This special symbol represents who we are as the American people and connects us all under its Red/White/and Blue. Truly, this beautiful Flag without question is valuable and as Americans we must treat it with highest respect as we retire The Flag. *Toni*

When to Retire a US Flag

U.S. Flag Code 1 simply reads: 'The flag, when it is in such a condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.'

US Flag Retirement

According to the VFW the proper procedures for flag disposal-

- The flag should be folded in its customary manner.
- The fire must be large and intense enough to ensure the complete burning of the flag.
- Place the flag on the fire.
- Individuals may come to attention, salute the flag, recite the Pledge of Allegiance and have a brief period of silent reflection.
- After the flag is consumed, the fire should be extinguished and then the ashes buried.



March Dates to Share with Members

March 3, 2025 – Navy Reserve Birthday

March 13, 2025 - K-9 Veterans Day – The date is the official birthday of the United States K9 Corps and a day to honor their service.

March 25, 2025 - Medal of Honor Day – A holiday to honor the heroism and sacrifice of Medal of Honor recipients for the United States.

March 29, 2025 – Vietnam Veterans Day – A national holiday to recognize and honor Veterans who served in the military during the Vietnam War.

Reminder: **Year-End Reports for Americanism must be completed and emailed or mailed to Toni by April 15, 2025. Take time to review this documentation again.**

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South Dakota VFW Auxiliary
Department Year-End Report
 2024-2025
AMERICANISM

Auxiliary Name & Number: _____ Location: _____

Program Chairman Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____, SD Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

1. Did your Auxiliary promote, participate in, or recognize any patriotic day and/or branch of service birthdays, i.e., Marine's birthday? YES _____ NO _____

2. How many American Flags and/or POW/MIA Flags were distributed or presented within your community to individuals, businesses, or schools?

American Flags # _____; POW/MIA Flags # _____

3. Record the number of citations or certificates that were presented by your Auxiliary for:

Certificate of Appreciation for Displaying the American Flag-	#
Patriotic Appreciation (i.e. individual or business lending support for veteran, patriotic project etc.)	#
Displays of American Pride (i.e. Americanism presentations, activities such as participating in parades/ special patriotic projects etc.)	#
Respect for the American Flag (i.e. recognition of outstanding Flag etiquette, Flag Retirement, etc.)	#
POW/MIA Flag Displayed	#
Total Citations or Certificates presented =	

REPORT DEADLINE: Send to Chairman by April 15, 2025

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