

GENERAL ORDERS DECEMBER 2025

AMERICANISM

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**Department Theme: Saluting Our Heroes**

*The following definition of "Americanism" was originated in February 1927: "Americanism is an unflinching 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."*

Holiday cheers to you! Some ideas to promote Americanism this month may include using red, white and blue or incorporating the US Flag in your holiday decor.

December 7 - National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

This is the day we honor and remember the 2,403 service members and civilians who were killed during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor (1941).

December 13 - United States National Guard Birthday

Founded in 1636 as a citizen force in the Massachusetts Bay Colony; their motto is "Always Ready, Always There!"

December 13 - Wreaths Across America Day

This event will take place at over 5,200 locations across the country where volunteers will gather to honor and remember fallen heroes.

December 20 - U.S. Space Force Birthday

Established in 2019 with a mission to secure the nation's interests in, from, and to space. Their motto is "Always above".

I also encourage you to check out our websites: <https://vfwauxsd.org> and <https://vfwauxiliary.org>; you can find a lot of great information and more ideas!

Have a safe and joyous Christmas season!

Michelle Payne