

GENERAL ORDERS NOVEMBER 2025
AMERICANISM
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The following definition of “Americanism” was originated in February 1927: “Americanism is 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.”

Welcome to November! I would like to start off by saying thank you to those who sent my Father-In-Law birthday cards, he truly appreciated it!

November 11 – Veterans Day

I have so much gratitude for those who have put on the uniform and sacrificed their personal time and choices for us, so we can go on living a normal day to day life...

I came across this quote from Roy Rogers, “We can’t all be heroes; someone has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by.” As long as I remember, Plankinton VFW and Auxiliary have worked together to put on a Veterans Day program at our school. Some have criticized the fact that the kids don’t get to observe the day as a holiday, but I have always felt they should be in school that day, so they actually go to the program. Last year a Senior took the program on as their Senior Project and again this year we have a Senior working to plan the program. This has been successful in many ways, but mostly bridging the VFW, Auxiliary and youth together. Let me know if your town does a program or how you pay tribute to Veterans Day.

I 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 great November!

Sincerely,

Michelle Payne