

GENERAL ORDERS OCTOBER 2025
AMERICANISM
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Department Theme: Saluting Our Heroes

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 October! October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. October 14 – 20 commemorates National Baking Week, so send me your patriotic cookie, cake and dessert recipes and I will share them! Other important dates to educate others about this month include:

October 2 – International walk to school day. Maybe your Auxiliary can arrange an event at your local school to sponsor this, hand out something patriotic, wear your patriotic shirts or costumes! I’m picturing Ms. Nancy Worth in her blow-up costume greeting kids at the cross walk!!!

October 12 – Paul Payne’s 85th birthday! Paul is my father-in-law and as a young man he served in the Army. He is also a current member of the VFW Auxiliary. If you know him, you know he is quite the character and has a big heart. Feel free to send him birthday wishes: PO Box 126; Plankinton, SD 57368. (Ha ha, I guess I will see if he actually reads these!!!)

October 13 – U.S. Navy (USN) Birthday

October 16 – National Veterans BBQ Day – This day is for celebrating our local veterans by cooking them some BBQ or taking them out for a BBQ meal.

October 17 – Women in Military Service for America Memorial Anniversary – This day pays tribute to the military women who have lost their lives in service.

October 21 – National Pets for Veterans Day – This day is dedicated to bringing together veterans and shelter animals looking for loving homes, promoting the benefits of animal-assisted therapy for veterans.

October 26 – Day of the Deployed - Day of the Deployed is a day to honor our deployed troops and their families for their bravery and sacrifices they are making for our country. Ways to support include sending care packages, positive messages and other morale-boosting activities to those currently deployed and their families.

October 27 – Navy Day

What is the difference between Navy Day and the Navy Birthday? Both holidays recognize the service and sacrifices of those in uniform. Navy Day is specifically about military service. Navy birthday celebrates the origins and history of the U.S. Navy.

October 31 – Halloween. A great opportunity to hand out educational pamphlets along with a sweet treat to the little ghosts and goblins!

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 October!

Sincerely,

Michelle Payne