

GENERAL ORDERS APRIL 2026  
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 April! I am keeping it short and sweet this month! I would like to extend a  
thank you to those who have already sent year end reports! It has been exciting to see  
what everyone has done this past year. Just a reminder, reports are due to me on April  
15, 2026. Just think Auxiliary reports along with your taxes!!!*

*April is the month of the Military Child. April 5 is Gold Star Spouses Day; April 14 is Air  
Force Reserve Birthday and April 23 is the Army Reserve Birthday. As always, 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!*

Sincerely,

Michelle Payne