

National Theme: From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans

Department Theme: United in Service for Veterans



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November is filled with a variety of opportunities and events to promote the Americanism goals. Personally, you are the patriotic leader that teaches and promotes to your auxiliary the importance of patriotism and ways to learn how to create a clearer understanding of Americanism. Take time to consider the following suggestions and select ones that best fit your auxiliary and community. Whatever you select will impact others and add to their personal feeling that they are 'PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN'!

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## Marine Corps

### Promote the Military Birthday

- \*Send cards thanking the person for serving in the Marine Corps
- \*Post on the local access channel, Facebook page or other sites the notice of the Marine Corps 249<sup>th</sup> birthday—encouraging people to thank them for their service.
- \*Create a Birthday Flyer to be displayed on bulletin boards around the neighborhood
- \*Personally know a Marine; then present him/her with a treat to enjoy on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>



Founded On  
November 10,  
1775  
making this  
its  
**249<sup>th</sup>**  
year!

### Info to share:

- \*3 Key values guide a Marine: "Honor-Courage-Commitment."
- \*The Marine's vision statement is "Promote peace and stability and to defeat our nation's foes!"
- \*There are more than 200,000 active-duty & reserve Marines.
- \*4 Divisions: Camp Lejeune, NC; Camp Pendleton, CA; New Orleans, LA; Okinawa, Japan. Each division has one or more expeditionary units ready to launch major operations on two weeks' notice anywhere.
- \*Motto is Semper Fidelis "Always Faithful"

### Historical-Patriotic Calendar:

- Nov. 2nd (1889) South Dakota 40<sup>th</sup> State to join the Union
- Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> (1960) John F. Kennedy elected 35<sup>th</sup> U.S. President
- Nov. 10 (1775) U.S. Marine Corps founded by Congress
- Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> (1921) Tomb of Unknown Soldier established in Arlington Cemetery.
- Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day (1918) Armistice Day
- Nov. ---- 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday: **Thanksgiving Day**---
  - 1<sup>st</sup> proclamation was by President Lincoln on Nov. 28, 1863

### Election Day

November 5<sup>th</sup>

#### Share with members:

Absentee and Early In-Person Voting Begins Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> and ends on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

**Election Day Voting** Polls will be open from 7:00am – 7:00pm local time.

#### Report Voting



Share with members that your Auxiliary can count their voting under Americanism or Legislative. (not both)



- \*Encourage members to vote.
- \*Provide rides to the polls.
- \* Inform members what to do if he/she receives an "I Voted" sticker. They are to share a picture of it to Facebook or Instagram using the hashtag #VFWAuxVOTE with your state. -----(The member may be in the photo or just a snap of the "I Voted" sticker.)

**November is...  
Military Family Appreciation Month**



is designated for acknowledging the exceptional challenges and sacrifices made by family members of those who are serving/served in our nation's military. A few suggestions to share with members to increase awareness and support for the military family.

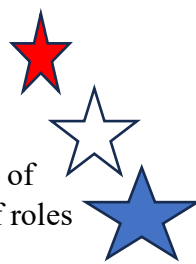
You can show the heartfelt feelings of Americanism by creating a care package for the service member, spouse, or kids and leave at the door anonymously.

Fun and More Fun when you do something different such as flocking the yards of military families with flamingos. Dress them in red, white, and blue or even paint them. You can even place small yard US Flags with them. Add a sign of thanks to show our military neighbors that we do appreciate them. Truly, a fun way to show the Spirit of Americanism. Several military families in the neighborhood; then do one yard for two days and move the flock onto the next yard.

\*Visit a Veterans Memorial with your family to honor the sacrifices made by military heroes and their families. Taking time to learn about the military and sharing with your family will increase the awareness of the lives of military families. Tour the South Dakota memorials. They are created by those that are truly promoting Americanism.

**Friendship:** a key ingredient military families need.

**Honoring Veterans & Service Members on Veterans Day**



On Veterans Day we HONOR and SALUTE the American Veterans throughout our history that have served in every war, conflict, or period of peace. These Armed Forces service-members contributed in a variety of roles to ensure Democracy will remain for the United States of America.

The U.S. Flag should be displayed, from sunrise to sunset on Veterans Day.

- What the Americanism Program could promote for Veterans Day:
- Flying the US FLAG at members' homes.
  - Auxiliaries conducting Americanism programs in community locations; in which, VFW members representing the different branches of the service participate or are the honored audience.
  - Distributing US FLAGS to those in attendance at Veterans Programs to wave during special moments.
  - Personally, thanking a Veteran for his/her service.
  - Presenting US FLAGS and mounting poles to community veterans that have no flag flying upon their home.
  - Hosting an open-house on Veterans Day for VFW Post members to display their memorabilia from their military service. Inviting family, students, and community to come view and visit veterans about their displays and service.
  - Giving veterans in the community a 'Sweet Treat' for their service. One suggestion would be to bake a home-made sugar cookie and decorate it to represent the US Flag.



Ideas on:  
<https://www.pinterest.com> & Youtube

