

VFW Auxiliary Department of South Dakota
Americanism

September Bulletin – 2024

National Theme: *From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans*
Department Theme: *United in Service for Veterans*



September is 30 days long that moves us from summer into autumn occasions. Specifically, taking a closer look at the many special patriotic days this month and sharing information will ensure others embrace the importance of September's Patriotic Days. Contact your local radio stations, newspapers, and schools to ask them to educate and promote these days in your communities. *Toni Huber*



September 11th

Patriot Day- on September 11th every year will be a day of honor and remembrance for those that were killed by terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Virginia, and those who perished when the hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 crashed in Pennsylvania on 9/11/2001. This video of the tragic terrorists' attacks on the United States of America- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2wVb> -and President George W. Bush's Response is a tool to reinforce why we must never forget 9/11.

Ways to tribute the heroes and victims who lost their lives.

- U.S. flags flown at half-staff.
- a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 am, Eastern Standard Time, the time that the first airplane struck the World Trade Center
- to teach the young about 9/11
- ceremonies of remembrance and candlelight vigils

Constitution Day— September 17th every year commemorates the creation and signing of the U.S. Constitution

- On 9/17/1787 at the U.S. Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania the Constitution was signed by 39 delegates.
- Document established
 - the framework of our government
 - rights and freedoms that 'We the People' have today
- Name Changes by Congress
 - ❖ 'I am an America' -3rd Sunday in May set in 1940
 - ❖ Citizenship Day - moved to September 17th (in 1952)
 - ❖ Constitution Day & Citizenship Day- September 17th (renamed in 2004)
- Since 2004 Congress mandated that all public schools and government offices must promote constitutional literacy on this day. **Ideas:**
 - special programs and discussions about the Constitution's history and relevance
 - Reciting the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution in unison



September 17th



September 20, 2024

POW/MIA Recognition Day—Third Friday in September

POW-Prisoners of War

MIA-Missing in Action

On this day of recognition, we honor the commitments and the sacrifices every prisoner of war has made and those still missing in action. It is specified by law that the black POW/MIA flag be flown on this date and five others over federal facilities and cemeteries, post offices, and military installations.

- One way to honor these veterans and educate others is by having the Missing Man Table Ceremony. Place in a prominent location in your community where many may view it. There is a [Missing Man Table Ceremony](#) located on the SD VFW auxiliary website under the Americanism program or in MALTA.

Gold Star Mother's/Family Day---Last Sunday in September

This year September 29, 2024 is Gold Star Mother's/Family Day for people to recognize and honor mothers and families who have lost a military service member while serving the United States Armed Forces in the line of duty or in support of military actions. It is an opportunity for us to pay tribute to their sacrifices and support those who remain behind.

Honor Gold Star families in your community:

- through ceremonies, luncheons, or teas
- Sending a card or other items

Note: The Service Flag with a gold star symbolizes a family member who died in the line of duty while serving the United States Armed Forces.



**GOLD STAR
MOTHER'S &
FAMILY DAY**



September 29, 2024

CELEBRATING in September

September 14th

**VFW AUXILIARY
110 Years of Service**

September 29th

**VFW
125 Years of Service**

1899-2024

Celebrating the Legacy: History of the VFW

View on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x5_VE mXekNg



Air Force
09/18/1947

Happy

77th

Birthday



*U.S. Air Force has defended this country in the air, space, and cyberspace through the skill and the bravery of American Airmen.

*The mission of the United States Air Force is to **fly, fight, and win...airpower anytime, anywhere.**

*The Air Force and Air Force Command were created from the Army, which had been in charge of airborne operations through both World Wars.

*There are approximately 319,000 active Air Force personnel.

Timeline of Events September 11, 2001

REMEMBERING 9/11
We Must Never Forget!

American Airlines Flight 11 takes off from Boston, bound for Los Angeles	7:59am	
		8:14am United Airlines Flight 175 takes off from Boston, bound for Los Angeles
Ground officials first notified of trouble by Flight 11 crew	8:19am	
		8:20am American Airlines Flight 77 takes off from Washington, DC, Los Angeles bound.
United Airlines Flight 93 takes off from New Jersey for San Francisco	8:42am	
		8:46am Flight 11 crashes into the North Tower of the World Trade Center
Officials notify South Tower tenants to remain in the building	8:55am	
		9:02am South Tower tenants are now ordered to evacuate the building
Flight 175 crashes into the South Tower of the World Trade Center	9:03am	
		9:37am Flight 77 crashes into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.
The FAA grounds all flights over or bound for the United States	9:42am	
		9:59am The South Tower of the World Trade Center collapses
Flight 93 crashes into a Pennsylvania field after passengers fight back	10:03am	
		10:20am The North Tower of the World Trade Center collapses