



**2024-2025 VFWA
Americanism Report
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Our National Americanism Ambassador Katlyn Burke has two questions for us: How do you celebrate or promote patriotic holidays? Do you promote a patriotic holiday within your community? When your Auxiliary supports patriotism, it shows your community how much you make veterans and their families a top priority.

Ways to celebrate patriotic holidays:

There are many important patriotic holidays throughout the year; some may be more commonly known than others, but all are equally important. Lesser-known patriotic holidays are just as important as the other patriotic holidays.

Focus on and study the history behind the lesser-known patriotic holidays so you can educate others about them and why they are just as important as the other patriotic holidays.

Participate in a parade. Ask members and youth to help with the parade by handing out Flags.

Fly the American Flag

Do something nice for veterans/ service members on the specific patriotic holiday.

Attend a patriotic ceremony.

Raise awareness about the lesser-known patriotic holidays we should observe:

-Loyalty Day: May 1 and it reaffirms our loyalty to the United States and recognizes the heritage of American freedom.

-Purple Heart Remembrance Day: August 7 to recognize the men and women who were wounded or killed and the sacrifices they made.

-Constitution Day and Citizenship Day is September 17. On this day in 1787 the U.S. Constitution was signed.

-Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day is observed on the third Friday of September to honor those who sacrificed and are prisoners of war and those still missing in action.

-Day of the Deployed is observed on October 26 to honor all the service members who have been deployed in the service of the United States. This day also honors their families and all the sacrifices they have made during deployments.

As your Americanism Chair and Patriotic Instructor I simply to ask you respond to the reports, and send me pictures (text 920.475.0789 or email sslamers@gmail.com) as often as you are inspired by a patriotic celebration, symbol, or event from now until June 3, 2025.

Familiarize yourself with this page on MALTA <https://malta.vfwauxiliary.org/MemberResources>

Thank you for what you do for our veterans, and for promoting Americanism every day!

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