



Americanism Chair and Patriotic Instructor August 2023 Report

Greetings brothers and sisters of the Department of Wisconsin. It is my pleasure to share information from our National Ambassador Linda.

This month we will focus on:

#MoreThanLetters (POW/MIA/KIA)

- A POW is a number, a *Prisoner of War is a person*.
- Those who have *Fallen* or are *Missing* are people, not acronyms (POW, MIA, KIA).
- Vow to educate and motivate the change to use the words rather than the acronym.
- Honor our promise to *use the words* publicly.
- Never Forget.
- #Morethanletters

#AuxTRIBE

- Service to country builds Americanism/work together while having fun/volunteering builds you up in many ways/a simple sacrifice of time makes a big difference
- Unified in effort and purpose/different perspectives working to one end for our VETERANS/learn something new/making a difference makes you a different person
- Common goals and lifestyle/tribes have similar goals and work as a team/work together/work smarter
- Ideals of equality are realized/end results make us proud/broaden our base/come together as a unit, a tribe, a family
- A community of familiar speech and culture/know your goal/work toward it with others/strengthen your strengths and others will teach you to strengthen your weaknesses while you help them get stronger/all for one and one for all/together



It's time for PATRIOTIC celebrations all over the city/town/village/county/department/country!

Encourage your Auxiliary to promote any patriotic community activity by volunteering the assistance of your Auxiliary. *Consider community involvement "enlarging your AuxTRIBE" and please send pictures my way.*

Network with other organizations or community-based groups to meet new people. They may become your new member, offer a new way to fundraise or just help with the workload. Wear patriotic clothing or your pins to start a conversation. Show others the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their Auxiliary are out in the community *and proud to be there!*

Soon I will email District Presidents and District Americanism Chairs to provide details about Patriotic Holidays, #MoreThanLetters and #AuxTRIBE to be shared at your next District Meetings.

Thank you and God Bless America as we "Bond Together for our Veterans" & "Bee the Change."

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