



Department WI Americanism Chair

Patriotic Instructor Bulletin

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This is a great time of year to present a U.S. flag. Here are a few ideas:

Invite a Scout troop to help with a flag retirement ceremony. Contact a local school and, with permission, work with a class to teach students how to present and fold the flag properly. The Department of Wisconsin has provided President Charlene and each District President with enough flags for every Auxiliary to participate. Start planning which youth group your Auxiliary will present a flag to.

Many patriotic days of celebration are coming up, and I hope you will join me and our Auxiliary sisters and brothers in honoring them. Our work is not only to celebrate holidays, but also to show our patriotism every day. We are Americans. We raise the flag. We thank our veterans. We support our troops. We honor our fallen heroes. We support the families of those who serve and have served. And we are proud to do so.

Here is an update on our partnership with the VFW Teacher of the Year Program: Please begin thinking about teachers in your community whom you would like to nominate. As soon as the VFW finalizes the application and program guidelines, I will send them to you by email. By working together, we can help make this year's Teacher of the Year entries stronger than ever.

26-27 NOMINATIONS

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**SMART/MAHER VFW NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP
EDUCATION TEACHER PROGRAM**

Teachers who encourage civic responsibility, flag etiquette, and patriotism are ideal candidates for this award. If you know a teacher promoting democratic values through special projects, honor them today

WHO CAN ENTER
Elementary, middle, and high school teachers (certified/licensed) are invited to participate.

HOW TO ENTER
Teacher nomination entries must be received at a local participating VFW Post by the Oct. 31 deadline.

When making arrangements to interview your nominee, ask if you may present a 3X5 foot US Flag at an assembly and show them the proper way to fold and present Old Glory!