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## Celebrating Americanism: April Events and Opportunities

As we welcome the brighter days of April, the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Minnesota is excited to highlight the heart of our mission: the Americanism Program. This cherished initiative inspires patriotism, promotes responsible citizenship, and encourages respect for our nation's traditions and values. Throughout the year, our members work tirelessly to instill these principles in our communities and especially among our youth.

April brings a fresh opportunity to rededicate ourselves to Americanism. Many Units are organizing local flag etiquette workshops in honor of Patriot's Day April 19<sup>th</sup>. The due date for the essay contest was March 26<sup>th</sup>, and I look forward to announcing the winners at our Department convention. Locally, you could have students read their essays to your unit or acknowledge them for their participation. Celebrate the creativity and patriotism of Minnesota's young essayists, whose words remind us all of the enduring power of our nation's ideals. The deadline for your applications for Girls State is April 1<sup>st</sup>. We encourage all members to participate in and support these activities, whether by volunteering, donating materials, or simply spreading the word.

Did you know that there are many complete lesson plans on the topic of Americanism to use in schools, found on the Wreaths Across America website? This organization is much more than just laying wreaths on graves once a year. These lessons were focused on teaching K-12<sup>th</sup> grade the history of our country and importance of remembering those who have gone before us. Lessons include flag etiquette, Women's History month, Black History Month, Buffalo Soldiers, MIA/POW table, and many more topics. All the lessons can be found at: [www.wreathscrossamerica.org/Resources/EducationalResources](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/Resources/EducationalResources).

If your unit is looking for ideas on how to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of America check out this official website: [A milestone in the making - America250](#)

And Minnesota's website: [America 250 Resources](#) I encourage your units to plan a 250<sup>th</sup> celebration open to the public giving everyone an opportunity to show their support for our country and it's heroes.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the Americanism Program. Together, we keep the spirit of patriotism alive in Minnesota.