



American Legion Auxiliary

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AMERICANISM

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The American Legion Auxiliary Programs Action Plan is to promote patriotism and responsible citizenship.

What can you do?

As a Member:

- Model respect for the flag at public events, such as sporting events.
- Visit schools at the beginning of the year to give some basic facts about our flag, our National Anthem and when we stand and put our hands over our heart at parades and ball games.
- Publish flag etiquette tips in your newspaper and on social media.
- Volunteer for a local patriotic event.

As a Unit:

- Work with your Legion Post to increase respect for the flag in your community; invite the public to participate in a flag disposal ceremony.
- Teach proper handling, displaying and respect for the American flag, as well as our National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance.
- Organize a patriotic holiday event or participate in local patriotic holiday events (i.e. march in a parade)
- Encourage Legion Family members to fly an American Flag at their home.

These are just a few ideas to promote Americanism in your Unit and Community.

Remember to support Veterans and Military families as their loved ones are deployed. Wear RED on Friday's to support those who are deployed.

Support the American Legion programs and work together as a Family encouraging membership by carrying a membership application for the entire American legion Family. Wear branded clothing of the American legion, American legion Family, Sons of the American Legion and the Legion Riders where applicable.

This year's theme for the Americanism Essay Contest 2017-18 is: "What can I do to promote Americanism in my school and community?" Have your Americanism Chairman collect information that is needed to promote and encourage participation.

www.ALAforVeterans.org is where you can find this information and if you do not have access, Pat Hanson is also available to help. She can be reached at pathanson@wiktel.com or myself at jkrantz@wiktel.com

Veterans Day is November 11th, which will probably be celebrated in our schools Friday, November 10th. This is a wonderful opportunity for your Unit to get involved with local school staff to participate in the Veterans Day Program to HONOR OUR VETERANS. Units, work with your Senior Citizen Groups to serve a FREE meal for a Veteran that day or serve a meal at your local Legion. Make it known the American legion Auxiliary is there by wearing branded clothing or your Unit uniforms, vests and/or aprons. Let it be known our Veterans are deserving of a great big “THANK YOU” for their SERVICE.

Americanism can be supported as we approach National American Education Week November 13th-17th. Units show your appreciation to the teachers, staff, cooks, bus drivers and janitorial staff that educate and assist children throughout the school year. Serve an Appreciation Luncheon, a simple pan of cinnamon rolls or bars, or fruit topped with a toothpick flag are a few ideas to mention. Use your imagination and be creative.

“FOREVER BE TRUE TO THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE.”

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