



## **PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR**

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“Let us be ever mindful of our duties as members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, to see that our Flag is never desecrated and to teach the people of our land what this means and to see that all are instructed in the Pledge to the Flag.”

Congratulations Patriotic Instructors! Please notice that in the above charge that we give to members during the meeting, it states, “let us” and “our duties as members”. Let this be a reminder that it is not just up to you to do patriotic activities for your Auxiliary but up to the entire membership. Keep a record of all patriotic holidays and initiate programs but your part is to inspire and encourage the members to be involved.

You can do this by keeping members aware of upcoming patriotic dates and events. Make sure that new members are made aware of our time-honored Auxiliary traditions. These include, but are not limited to, what the gavel raps mean, how we stand at parade rest, proper respect when the Chaplain and/or Flags are on the floor and speaking under the Good of the Order.

If you are not also your Auxiliary’s Americanism chairman, work with them to coordinate patriotic activities. Work with community members, schools, youth organizations and any others to teach Flag etiquette, proper Flag disposal and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Always be thinking of Patriotism and what can be done to help instill it in others.

Remember, “Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime” – Adlai Stevenson.

### **Awards**

1. Plaque to the Patriotic Instructor in each Membership Division with the **Best Program for Teaching Youth the Pledge of Allegiance and Flag Respect**. Citation 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.
2. Plaque to **Most Outstanding Patriotic Instructor** in each Membership Division. Citation 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**“We Tip Our Hats To Vets”**

**“Soaring Above & Beyond”**