

AMERICANISM / PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR



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Present day America is the only nation on earth which was established as an ideal. Other nations rely upon the tribal bonds (racial and/or ethnic) of their people or the geographic constraints of their traditional homelands to be recognized as a nation or people. America is solely unique in that it was “conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.”-Abraham Lincoln.

AMERICANS ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT BEING AMERICANS!

Americanism is:

- Freedom and opportunity
- Ideal of loyalty
- Cultural, political, and moral virtue
- Public ideology
- Honoring diversity
- A declaration of unity
- Defined by its rights and responsibilities.
- A shared vision and security
- Chosen Daily by its people.
- United under and honoring the flag.

MORE THAN LETTERS

The words we use are immensely important! Just as our nation was “spoken into existence” so too we must speak the words we need people to hear to manifest the reaction we want to see. We tend to use acronyms, while accurate, they don’t pack the same punch as saying the entire word. This year and going forward, we encourage you to use **#MoreThanLetters** especially when referring to our **POWs, MIAs and KIAs**. They are more than letters. Encourage the use of words: **Prisoner(s) of War, Missing in Action, Killed in Action.**

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS

Promote Patriotism- Celebrating Patriotic Holidays

Using our “Wind Beneath Our Veterans Wings” we start this year with Promoting Patriotism that comes from within. Patriotic holidays are an opportune time to involve the whole family and bring community attention to your Auxiliary. When fun family events are presented to the community, prospective new members will walk through your door.

Flag Education

A large part of demonstrating Americanism and patriotic spirit is respecting and properly caring for the U.S. Flag. Flag etiquette covers everything from proper display of our Flag to acceptable conduct around this symbol of our nation.

#AUX TRIBE*

When many of our servicemen and service women leave the service, they can feel displaced and depressed to solution and lost without the identity they shared with their comrades often this is identified as post-traumatic stress. Their feelings are chopped up to battle fatigue or exposures to the extreme experiences of combat ponder with me if you will the PTS might also be defined as post tribal separation. The extreme feeling of being without uniforms without their comrades and lacking a common mission with those around them along to talk about their shared experiences and be amongst those who not only value their service but understand it this is where we come in we provide the community that they are looking for we become their auxiliary tribe our auxiliary traditions uniforms and mission to serve veterans and their families are recognizably similar to their traditions uniforms and mission they had in service. When we know and adhere to the auxiliary traditions and rituals, we create the environment that these veterans are yearning for:

- Embody brother/sisterhood!
- Protect the peace of our Post(s)
- Be there for each other.
- Learn and practice your VFW Auxiliary rituals!
- Proudly wear our uniforms/and gear
- Encourage #AuxTRIBE mentality.

Everything we do should build up our #AuxTRIBE and draw in our veterans!

*Tribe: A social group made-up of many families of generations that share the same language, customs and beliefs; a group of people with common character, occupation or interest.

STATEWIDE PROJECT

Having an activity and/or event educating their community that our VFW Auxiliary acronyms are “more than letters.”

AWARDS For Auxiliaries

Most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community that are the VFW Auxiliary acronyms are “more than letters.”

National Awards are found on VFW Auxiliary Malta.