

# AMERICANISM

WHAT IS AMERICANISM? It means different things to different people.

An attachment or allegiance to the U.S. traditions, interests, or ideals, or a custom that is particular to the U.S. or its citizens. It is also associated with American exceptionalism, which claims that the U.S. is qualitatively different from other nations.

In the words of Teddy Roosevelt “Americanism is a **question of spirit, conviction, and purpose, not of creed, or birthplace.**”

To me it is pride of our Veterans, who have given their time and sometimes their lives to protect our freedoms and way of life.

It also means to respect the flag of our nation which is our symbol of pride.

So what does Americanism mean to you?

Do you Know about our Blue Gold and Silver star families?

**Blue Star Families** can display a flag or banner with a white field and a red border, with a blue star for each family member serving in the United States armed forces during any period of war or hostilities.

**Gold Star Families** can display a flag or banner with a white field and a red border, with a gold star that represents a family member who died during military operations.

**Silver Star Families** can display a flag or banner with a blue field, and outer red and inner white border, with a silver str that represents a family member who was injured, wounded, or became ill during or as a result of combat