

Americanism/Patriotic Instructor

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Greetings to all our NM Dept. Officers, Auxiliary Chairpersons and members, and our National Americanism Ambassador, Linda Roloff.



I sincerely hope your Thanksgiving was full of peace, love, and warmth. In the next several weeks, as the Christmas season ramps up, please consider doing something special this year, in the midst of holiday preparations, to mark a very special day to start off the month of December.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, also referred to as Pearl Harbor Day, is a day dedicated to honoring and remembering the 2,403 victims who were killed in the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor during World War II on December 7, 1941. Though Pearl Harbor, Remembrance Day, is not a federal holiday, it is still a significant day in American and World War II history. Ideas for planning a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day event might include:

- **Create a brochure with historical information to share with the community at events.**
- **Hold a service or a flag retirement dedicated to honor those who perished in the attack.**
- **Look for a Pearl Harbor survivor in your community; invite them as a guest and ask them to share their experience. If they choose not to share, at least ask them to be your guest of honor at an event.**
- **Think about alerting your local media (radio station, newspaper, magazine, TV station) as you plan, and take pictures to share.**

In conclusion, winter months will be getting hard on some of our members and our veterans. Please remember to reach out to your members and our veteran community, especially with the holidays quickly upon us. No one likes to be alone on the holidays, but it is especially hard on our veterans and our elderly.

Don't forget to use the resources available at www.vfwauxiliary.org for your Americanism needs. When you take pictures of your events and activities, post them to social media, add the information to your report that you send to me, or record them on our department website, www.auxnm.org.

Thank you, as always, for all you do for our veterans. Remember, as you work together with your members, the community, and the VFW, to take care of YOU as well. With nurturers and caretakers, it is common to "burn out" and find ourselves exhausted or sick during this time of year. Remember to relax, rejuvenate, and enjoy this time of year with those you love, and have FUN! May God bless you all, and watch over you, as you do so much for others. Happy Holidays and much love.

Yours in Service,

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