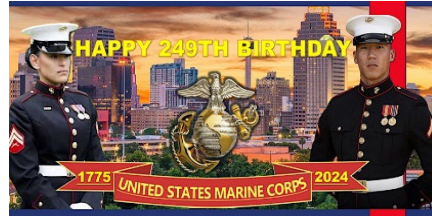
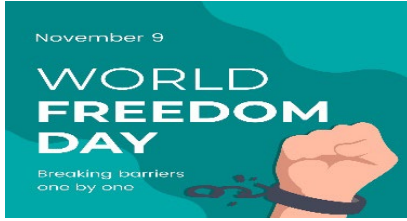


Americanism/Patriotic Instructor



November 2024

Greetings to our NM Dept. Officers, Auxiliary Chairpersons, members, & National Ambassador Katlyn Burke

Where has this year gone?

The holidays are right around the corner, can you believe it? So far this Auxiliary year, I have really enjoyed searching for information about our “lesser known” patriotic holidays. I found an interesting one for the coming month—November 9th is World Freedom Day, which commemorates the end of communist rule in Eastern and Central Europe and the fall of the Berlin Wall. That one was new to me, I admit. American troops were a part of the Cold War in the Berlin area while the Wall was up, including US veterans who were involved in the Berlin Airlift for 15 months from 1948-49.

We also have another Branch of Service BIRTHDAY this month, too! This time we can put another 249th candles on the cake and sing “Happy Birthday” to the US Marine Corps!! By the way, it’s traditional to cut the cake with a sword. I won’t hold you to that, though—it sounds a bit too dangerous to me! 😊

November has my favorite patriotic holiday, Veterans Day, which was called Armistice Day when it marked the end of the World War I, the “war to end all wars.” In the wake of even deadlier conflicts, November 11 became a day to honor all military veterans, and in 1954, it was officially changed to Veterans Day. We now honor all who have answered the call to defend and protect our freedoms. Parades, flag retirements, and special gatherings at VFW Posts around the world will commemorate this important day. How will YOUR Post family celebrate?

Please consider sending some pictures and info to me by email or even snail mail of your patriotic celebrations, and if those are “lesser known” celebrations, you can win awards for those reports! Be sure and submit them to me along with the form on MALTA in Member Resources under “Americanism”.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving at your Posts and homes. May you be blessed to gather with others and share the upcoming season of gratitude in peace and comfort.

Always yours in service,

Marsha Short

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