

# Americanism/Patriotic Instructor

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Greetings to all Auxiliary Americanism & Patriotic Instructor Chairmen, our Dept. of NM Leaders, our members, and National Ambassador Linda Roloff:



Can you believe it's NOVEMBER?? We were just talking in our October Auxiliary meeting about how FAST time seems to start flying as you get older. I think I'll reserve comment on that one. 😊

Just a few days ago, our post hosted a Stand Down to benefit homeless and near-homeless veterans in our area. We began the day's activities with a Color Guard presenting our country's flag and our Post colors, as well. As always, the ceremony had me fighting back tears. I am so proud to be in an organization that makes it a priority to honor and salute our nation's most revered symbol at every chance, in every gathering or event. It also reminded me that Americanism is everywhere, across all our programs. At our Stand Down, Americanism was on display from beginning to end. I am always thankful for so many opportunities to share the symbol of our great nation and remind ourselves and others to never forget those who fought for what it stands for.

With that said, we have another golden opportunity on November 11<sup>th</sup> to celebrate and honor ALL of our citizens who have served across the six branches of our United States military forces. Veterans Day is a chance to once again say a big THANK YOU to everyone who has ever served—all the soldiers who were willing to step up and defend our nation and its people no matter what it took.

In my town, we will have a parade that day, and for days before, members of our Post will be working together to put together a float so we can be part of the celebration. Afterwards, we will meet back at the Post for food and camaraderie, and to look over the cards and pictures we always receive from the students of our area Elementary and Middle Schools. It is one of my very favorite traditions every year.

I would LOVE to hear about the traditions and activities that your Post enjoys on this wonderful holiday. I know all our Auxiliaries do SO much and am grateful for every one of you!! So please let us know by REPORTING what you do to celebrate our country and its heroes on Veteran's Day and every day!

**Yours in Service,**

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