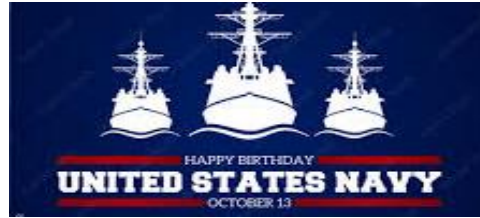


Americanism/Patriotic Instructor



October 2024

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

Happy Fall, Y'all!!

It's still plenty warm here in Southern NM, but cooler mornings and evenings give us hope! ☺

We have another Branch of Service BIRTHDAY this month! Another chance to eat CAKE!! Happy 249th Birthday to the US Navy on October 13th-- Wow, that's a lot of candles!! Oh, and try to sneak in a special recognition of the National Day of the Deployed October 26th before all the Halloween madness begins! Of course, we should honor all the service members who have been deployed or are currently on active duty all over the globe EVERY day. And don't forget their families and all the sacrifices that they have made so that their loved ones can serve defending our country and our freedoms. It takes a special strength, patience, and resolve to support a soldier in your family and keep the home fires burning bright for their return even in the face of challenges and hardships that may arise.

Here are ways I found online to recognize our troops overseas:

- Send care packages. Visit [www. Support Out Troops.org](http://www.SupportOutTroops.org) to find out what and where to send care packages worldwide.
- Locally, attend ceremonies honoring the military when they are available.
- If you know a military family, ask what support they need. Needs vary by family. Some just need a listening ear, or just to know they are in your thoughts.
- Offer to support military personnel who have no family. They deploy with no one back home to send care packages or other support.

Last, but certainly NOT least, I really need to hear from our Auxiliary Americanism Chairmen!! Is anybody out there? I have heard directly from very few. Please resolve to send in just ONE report per month for your Post electronically through our state website, or by email, text, snail mail, whatever works for you! Thanks in advance. ☺

Yours in Service,

Marsha Short

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