

Americanism/Patriotic Instructor



September 2024

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

Wow, we have FOUR special days coming up soon in September!

This year's focus in our Americanism program is to remember and recognize not only the holidays we are accustomed to celebrating or having special events for, but also the "lesser-known" patriotic observances that sometimes sneak right by.

Don't forget to add these days to your calendars, newsletters, Facebook Pages, and maybe even put out a poster or two as reminders. At my Post, we are determined to get together bright and early on September 11 and start the day with a Flag Retirement Ceremony to honor all of those who were lost that day and keep our promise to never forget. Then maybe a breakfast or brunch with our veterans who have stood against enemies that have threatened our freedom and our way of life here and abroad. I believe it is always a good thing to give our veterans a chance to gather and share camaraderie, stories, and time together.

We also have Constitution and Citizenship Day on September 17th. To be honest, I haven't come up with an observance of that day. It's the day our Constitution was signed in 1787. What can you come up with? Let me know. 😊

Here's an easier one: September 18th is the birthday of our U.S. Air Force in 1947! Should we make a cake (with two big "7" candles on top? And little model jets?) Hmmm... this one should be fun, I like birthdays!

Next will be National POW/MIA Recognition Day September 20th, and we are thinking about holding the Missing Man Table Ceremony. It's been quite a while since we have done this, and there are likely people in our Post that haven't had the chance to observe the ceremony and learn the symbolism behind that important display. Contact me if you would like more information about that ceremony. It is really beautiful.

Yes, September is right around the corner, and it's not just about pumpkin spice! What will YOUR Auxiliary think up to make these patriotic days special? Be sure and report your efforts, and take some pictures, too—you can win awards for your creative observances of these days! Let's do this!

Yours in Service,

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