## DEPARTMENT OF NEW MEXICO AMERICANISM/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

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TO: Diana Russell=Milton, National Ambassador

Jeanette D. Garcia, Department President New Mexico

Welcome to fall!

As a Department Americanism Ambassador, it is with so much pride to serve our Veterans in so many ways. To be able to spread what Americanism means, not only to me but to so many Americans.

Americanism means so many different things to so many people. To instill Allegiance to our flag, promote pride in our country, and many more. I have always been taught to respect our flag and our Veterans. My whole family has served in the military, WW 1-grandfather, WW2 my dad and uncle, Vietnam my husband, brother and many friends.

I have celebrated many Patriotic holidays, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Patriot Day, just to mention a few. There are many more Patriotic holidays, how do you celebrate them? Go to a parade, a celebration at a park, or join friends at your local VFW Post.

What does Americanism mean to you? Let me know how you celebrate Patriotic holidays. Use email of tabb\_n@yahoo.com.

Do you know about our blue, Gold, and silver Star families? Blue Star families can display a flag or banner with a white field and a red border, with a blue star for

each family member serving in the United States armed forces during any period of war or hostilities.

Gold Star Families can display a flag or banner white a white field and a red border, with a gold star that represents a family member who died during military operations.

Silver star families can display a flag or banner with a blue field, and outer red and inner white border, with a silver star that represents a family member who was injured, wounded or became ill during or as a result of combat.

Proud to be American

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