

Americanism/Patriotic Instructor



December 2024

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

Season's Greetings to All

Here we are, in the final month of year 2024. I hope that you all had a chance to be with family and friends and reflect on shared blessings over the Thanksgiving holiday. During both Thanksgiving and Christmas, there are also lots of opportunities to serve those veterans who may be alone or needing help, and I know our Auxiliaries are kept very busy serving others throughout this sometimes hectic time. Be sure and carve out some “extra” time to celebrate **YOURSELVES** for all you do. Making wonderful memories together with our Post families and of course in our own homes is so precious, I hope you take that well-deserved time and enjoy!

Two of the lesser-known patriotic days this month are branch of service birthdays, our US National Guard on December 13th, and the youngest of all, the US Space Force on December 20th. I would love to hear some creative ideas about commemorating these at your Posts. Of course, another chance to eat cake is never out of the question!

On a more reverent note, early this month on December 7th I know everyone will find a way to recognize the tremendous losses suffered by our soldiers at Pearl Harbor in 1941. So many American service members lost their lives on that day to a surprise attack which led to our country's involvement in World War II. The next day, December 8th, the United States declared war against Japan, and on December 11th, Germany and Italy declared war against the United States.

Several of our New Mexico Post and Auxiliary officers and members had the sacred experience of visiting Pearl Harbor memorials in Hawaii while attending Western Conference this Fall. Everyone from my Post who attended these hallowed places in our history expressed having emotional moments that they will never forget.

So many of our members have lost loved ones over the years, and I know our Auxiliary members are reaching out sending messages of love and care throughout the year, as well as inviting them to your Post celebrations. It makes me so proud of our organization and its awesome members. A blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

Always yours in service,

Marsha Short

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