

# AMERICANISM



**Welcome to 2019!** I hope that all of you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. So to start this year out, let's get reported to get California to 100%. We are so very near our goal and I would love to get to C of A with a great track record!

**Our continuing goals are:**

- Safety in America / Disaster Preparedness
- Flags Across America
- Flag Education
- Promote Patriotism
- POW/MIA Recognition
- Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher Award

## **PATRIOTISM: Special Days of January**

- **January 1, 1776** - During the American Revolution, George Washington unveiled the Grand Union Flag, the first national flag in America.
- **January 12, 1962** – Vietnam: Operation Chopper, the first American combat mission in the war, takes place.
- **January 21, 2019 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day** A day set aside to celebrate the life and achievements of Martin Luther King, Jr., an influential civil rights leader.



- **January 24** - Compliment Day. The simple act of kindness.
- **January 25, 1961** - President John F. Kennedy conducted the first live televised presidential news conference, five days after taking office.
- **January 26** – Spouses Day (More important than you think)
- **January 27, 1973** - U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War ended as North Vietnamese and American representatives signed an agreement in Paris.
- **January 28, 1915** – The U.S. Coast Guard was created by an Act of Congress, combining the Life Saving Service and the Revenue Cutter Service.
- National Blood Donor Month

# FLAGS ACROSS AMERICA



To date California has reported 2,745 flags displayed in towns, communities, businesses and proudly flown in front yards. Great reporting!!!!

- The American Flag has a long history, and the members of our organization have spent more than one hundred years defending and honoring our nation's most iconic symbol of freedom. A few things to remember about the American Flag: (From the U.S. Flag Code)
- Do not let the Flag touch the ground.
- Do not fly Flag upside down unless there is an emergency.
- Do not carry the Flag flat, or carry things in it.
- Do not use the Flag as clothing.
- Do not store the Flag where it can get dirty.
- Do not use it as a cover.
- Do not fasten it or tie it back. Always allow it to fall free.
- Do not draw on, or otherwise mark the Flag.



## Proper Flag Disposal:

Cut the **flag** in half, vertically — do not cut into the blue star field. Place the two halves together and cut in half, horizontally. You will have four pieces of **flag**, one being the blue star field and the other three red and white stripes. Put the **flag** in a container and **dispose** of it **properly**.



# EARTHQUAKE SAFETY:



## If the Ground Starts to Shake, Will You Be Ready?

**California has seen serious Earthquakes, but tremors occur all over the country. Earthquakes are difficult to predict, but there are ways to secure your belongings and protect your family.**

Secure large appliances and install flexible gas and water connections

Anchor top-heavy furniture to the wall and place heavy objects on lower shelves

Never hang anything heavy above where you sleep

If you're outside when an earthquake occurs, move away from buildings, street lights, utility wires and overpasses

If you are inside, get under a sturdy table or desk and hold onto it; if that's not possible, crouch in a strongly supported doorway or inside corner and protect your head and stay clear of windows

**I look forward to seeing many of you at C of A in Sacramento. We are 360 Degrees for Our Veterans and Their Families! Believe – We CAN Do it!**

**One Team, One Organization**

**Loyally with Love**

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