

# AMERICANISM

So "Team California" our continuing goals this year are Patriotism, U.S. Flag Education, POW/MIA Remembrance, The Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher Award and Gold Star Mothers.

## Patriotism:

"Americanism" is an unflinching love of country! What a great start to introduce Patriotism into our communities and schools as well as introducing who the VFW Auxiliary is and what we stand for. Make up "America and me" handouts to kids with stickers, patriotic coloring sheets and pledge bookmarks. Use your resources from National, Department, VFW but most of all your ideas that all of you share for events, remembrances, youth activities and the list goes on. Remember to involve the media to promote your events. (Local news, flyers, facebook and other social media)

Important Dates to celebrate Veterans:

August 16: National Airborne Day

September 2 VJ Day

Remember: Everyday can be a day to remember our Veterans!

## U.S. Flag Education:

Reach out to your neighbors and communities and give them a flag certificate to let them know we acknowledge and appreciate their patriotism when they fly their flag. Participate in a parade or event and pass out 3 X 5 flags to the community and the kids or as our National Ambassador has relayed to us get our youth involved to pass out flags, participate in parades make up items to send to our Veteran homes, VA Hospitals or write letters to our troops or Veterans. Remember "No matter what people tell you words and ideas can change the world". Robin Williams



## POW/MIA Remembrance:

We are coming up on September which is National POW/MIA Remembrance on the third Saturday of the month. Please plan a remembrance ceremony or have a combined ceremony with other Auxiliaries and use the "Missing Man Table" in your ceremony. We have seen in the news recently what diligence can do "Leaving no man or woman behind". I will update you for our North and South Ceremonies as soon as confirmed by our VFW POW/MIA Chairman.



I am looking forward to receiving more of your really great reporting so California can shine because we are 360 Degrees for Our Veterans & Their Families, so BELIEVE - We Can Do It!

Loyally,

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