



AMERICANISM

PATRIOTISM:

Election Day November 6, 2018

October is the month to “GET OUT THE VOTE”

Make a commitment to get involved:

1. Work at a voting station.
2. Drive someone who needs some assistance to vote.
3. Have a function at your Post/Auxiliary.
4. Help someone register.

Voter registration must be postmarked no later than October 22, 2018 and you can pick up a voter registration form at your county elections office, library or Post Office. Remember make a report if you voted in the Primaries and/or the General Election.

Voter information for your use:
elections@sos.ca.gov or 800-345-8683

IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER:

October 1, 2018 – Day of Unity

October 5, 2018 – World Teacher Day

October 7, 2018 - Ms. Veteran America Pageant

October 8, 2018 - Columbus Day: A day set aside to commemorate Christopher Columbus' arrival to the Americas on October 12, 1492.

October 13, 2018 - Navy Birthday Established : 1775

October 26, 2018 - National Day of the Deployed: A day set aside to honor the brave men and woman who have been deployed and are sacrificing, or have sacrificed, their lives to fight for our country and acknowledges their families that they are separated from.

October 27, 2018 – Navy Day Navy Day is designed to give recognition to the naval service. The Navy League of New York proposed that the official observance be on 27 October in honor of President Theodore Roosevelt, who had been born on that day.

October 31, 2018 – UNICEF Day and Halloween



FLAGS ACROSS AMERICA: As so beautifully stated by Our Americanism National Ambassador, Patti Leitner

“The American Flag is a powerful symbol of pride and the freedoms we hold dear. Though we may fly the Flag year around, there are numerous patriotic holidays that provide an opportunity for the Flag to be prominently displayed in your community. It’s a goal of the Americanism Program this year – and really every year – to promote Flags Across America.”

Auxiliary-organized Flag placement programs in your community. Line the following with American Flags:

- City streets
- Business driveways and/or properties
- Subdivision/neighborhood entrances
- Individual property
- **Place American Flags on graves of those who served our nation**
- **Present a new Flag to a Veteran or neighbor to replace a missing or damaged flag on behalf of the Auxiliary and invite them to an upcoming Flag Retirement Ceremony.**



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS:

Make a Plan: Families

Step 1: Put together a plan by discussing these 4 questions with your family, friends, or household to start your emergency plan.

- How will I receive emergency alerts and warnings?
- What is my shelter plan?
- What is my evacuation route?
- What is my family/household communication plan?

Make a Plan: Military

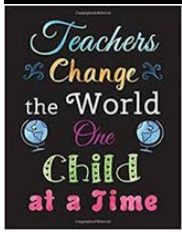
The installation plan for emergency management is the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) 10-2. Military members should ensure their family members are aware of the CEMP 10-2 and supporting checklists.

- Every time you relocate, learn the types of emergencies likely to affect the area and update your emergency kit and plan with new materials if necessary.
- If you live off base, threat levels or other circumstances may keep you from getting back on base for day-to-day activities following an emergency. Know alternative places to shop or obtain things you normally get on base.
- During or after an emergency, you need to report to your command. Learn and follow the established procedures.

RESOURCES: All are available at Ready.gov website

[Family Emergency Communication Guide \(PDF\)](#) [Emergency Plan for Parents\(PDF\)](#) [Emergency Plan for Kids \(PDF\)](#) [Emergency Plan for Commuters \(PDF\)](#) [Pet owners PDF](#) [Steps to make a plan \(PDF\)](#) [Tips on emergency alerts and warnings \(PDF\)](#) [Document and Insure Your Property \(PDF\)](#) [Emergency Financial First Aid Kit and Critical Documents \(PDF\)](#) [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Disaster Checklist \(PDF\)](#)

SMART/MAHER NATIONAL TEACHERS CITIZENSHIP AWARD



Now that school is back in session let's check in with all our teachers. Do you have any great teachers who coach in your schools? Talk with them and sign them up for this great award and let's give them the recognition they deserve! **Please make sure you submit your application to your Post by October 31, 2018. Judging occurs November 1-15th.**

National Awards: Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Awards include the items below:

- A national \$1,000 Past Commander-in-Chief John Smart award for each of the top K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 teachers for professional development expenses.
- \$1,000 award for each winning teacher's school.
- Plaques for both the winning teacher and school.
- An all-expenses-paid trip to attend the VFW National Convention.
- Top 10 high school teacher's invitation to attend a summer Graduate Seminar at Freedoms Foundation in Pennsylvania.



POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremonies:

I have attended multiple remembrances ceremonies and each one moves me. Our members pay tribute and honor to our missing with immense dignity. I am proud to be there and consider it an honor to participate through your gracious invitations. Thank you and keep up the good work and I appreciate all of you posting your pictures on our website/facebook. I will be attending more in the future and I look forward to that, just wish I could attend every one. Please get your reporting into me by October 15, 2018 so I can make sure you receive our special citation.

Please keep reporting all you do for our Veterans, Youth and Military. Let's get California fully reported for President Ellie so we can do some "California Dreamin". Let me know if there is anything I can assist with.

"360 Degrees for Our Veterans and Their Families"

BELIEVE – We Can Do It!

One Team, One Organization

Loyally,

Laura Ashley

Department Americanism Chairman/Patriotic Instructor