

AMERICANISM SEPTEMBER



POW/MIA Remembrance:

September 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".

POW/MIA Ceremony Central:



13th District Veterans of Foreign Wars

and

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

Cordially Invite you to the

POW/MIA Recognition Program

Friday, September 21, 2018 at 10AM

Castle Air Museum

5050 Santa Fe Dr., Atwater

Please all Post/Auxiliary bring their Flag and Banner

For those who are participating in the program

please arrive by 9:30 AM

If you know of any POW/MIA or family member of

Please invite them to the program

For more information contact Denis Wells

Home: 209-852-9068 or vfw8327@gvni.com

POW/MIA Ceremony South:



Veterans of Foreign Wars and It's Auxiliary

Present the POW/MIA Ceremony South

At Miramar National Cemetery

5795 Nobel Drive

San Diego, CA

September 16, 2018 at 9:00AM

For more information, please contact Doug Scholl

619-890-6876 or doug.scholl.vfwpost3783@gmail.com

This is a wonderful opportunity to get everyone involved! How about having your Youth Chairman contact and involve youth groups to attend your ceremony. How about asking your local ROTC to perform the Ceremony at your POW/MIA event or working with your Hospital Chairman to share with the residents in the nursing home? Invite your active duty, Veterans and their families. Remember to use all your media tools, flyers, newsletters, local papers and social media.

Reports need to be received by me no later than October 15, 2018 for the Auxiliary to receive your POW/MIA citation. I also will need to know the number of POW/MIA flags presented (at least 2" x 3" or larger).



Patriotism and U. S. Flag Education: Now that school is back in session let's get back to the basics to teach our next generation the true meaning of patriotism. This includes proper etiquette and respect for our flag promoting how to present, display and educate to bring back the importance of patriotism in our schools and communities. Resources are available (U.S. Flag Code, VFW Auxiliary Flag Education, Etiquette of the Stars and Stripes, Flag Education Award Cards, Bookmarks and Coloring Books to name just a few)

Days to Remember: September

- Labor Day – September 3, 2018
- International Literacy Day – September 8, 2018
- **World Suicide Prevention Day – September 10, 2018**
- **LADIES AUXILIARY VFW BIRTHDAY – September 14, 2018**
- International Day of Democracy – September 15, 2018
- Constitution Day and Citizenship Day – September 17, 2018
- **National POW/MIA Recognition Day – September 21, 2018**
- International Day of Peace –September 21, 2018
- **Gold Star Mother's Day – September 30, 2018**
- **VFW Birthday – September 29, 2018**

Smart/Maher Teacher of the Year: Make sure that you drop off or send to the principals of the schools in your area applications and recommendations for this excellent award.
<http://www.vfw.org/TeacheroftheYear/>



A good teacher is like a candle. It brightens the room to bring the light of knowledge to others.
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Gold Star Mother's Day: September 30, 2018



National Gold Star Mother's Day, also known as National Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day, is observed annually on the last Sunday in September. This day was created to recognize and honor those that have lost their son or daughter while serving our country in the United States Armed Forces. A gold star symbolizes a family member who died in the line of duty while serving the United States Armed Forces.

Each year on Gold Star Mother's Day the United States president calls on all Americans to display the nation's flag and hold appropriate meetings to publicly express their love, sorrow, and reverence towards Gold Star Mothers and their families. Government buildings are also required to display the flag.

I am looking forward to receiving more of your great reports as our members are "360 Degrees for Our Veterans & Their Families and WE BELIEVE – We Can Do It!"

Loyally,

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