

October 2022 Promotion



Americanism Program

Department of California



It's Fall y'all!

What happened to summer! I hope everyone is doing well!

#AuxiliaryPatriotism is back...report when you use the hashtag on social media i.e., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc.



Patriotic Pumpkin Project-

Need ideas on how we can incorporate Holidays, Youth and promote Patriotism?

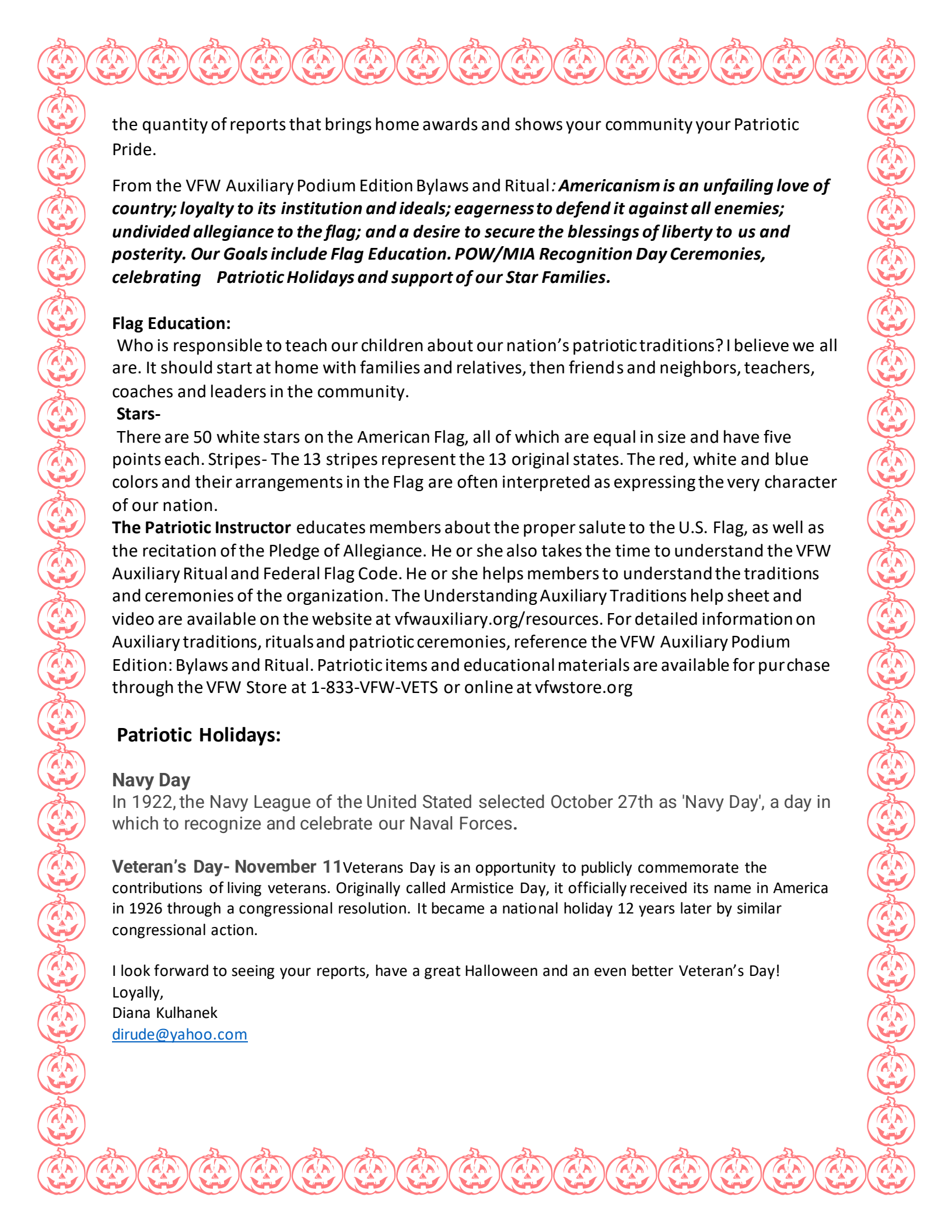
Why not team up with your Youth Activities Program Chairman and have a Patriotic Pumpkin carving, painting or decorating day! Use any type of pumpkin, decorate in a patriotic theme using paints, markers, stickers etc.,

Also, if you are passing out Halloween treat bags why not include an American Flag in it? You could also tie it with a Buddy poppy! The options are endless- let's see how creative you can get! Donate your finished pumpkins to a local Veterans Home or nursing facility to be displayed.

Happy Trick or Treating!

Reports-

I know you all do great things for our Veterans, their families and our communities. Please report what you have done! Flag Day? Memorial Day? July 4th? Did you pass out flags, help your Post, or participate in parades? Remember it is the quality of the report, not necessarily



the quantity of reports that brings home awards and shows your community your Patriotic Pride.

From the VFW Auxiliary Podium Edition Bylaws and Ritual: ***Americanism is an unfailing love of country; loyalty to its institution and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to us and posterity. Our Goals include Flag Education. POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremonies, celebrating Patriotic Holidays and support of our Star Families.***

Flag Education:

Who is responsible to teach our children about our nation's patriotic traditions? I believe we all are. It should start at home with families and relatives, then friends and neighbors, teachers, coaches and leaders in the community.

Stars-

There are 50 white stars on the American Flag, all of which are equal in size and have five points each. Stripes- The 13 stripes represent the 13 original states. The red, white and blue colors and their arrangements in the Flag are often interpreted as expressing the very character of our nation.

The Patriotic Instructor educates members about the proper salute to the U.S. Flag, as well as the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. He or she also takes the time to understand the VFW Auxiliary Ritual and Federal Flag Code. He or she helps members to understand the traditions and ceremonies of the organization. The Understanding Auxiliary Traditions help sheet and video are available on the website at vfwauxiliary.org/resources. For detailed information on Auxiliary traditions, rituals and patriotic ceremonies, reference the VFW Auxiliary Podium Edition: Bylaws and Ritual. Patriotic items and educational materials are available for purchase through the VFW Store at 1-833-VFW-VETS or online at vfwstore.org

Patriotic Holidays:

Navy Day

In 1922, the Navy League of the United States selected October 27th as 'Navy Day', a day in which to recognize and celebrate our Naval Forces.

Veteran's Day- November 11 Veterans Day is an opportunity to publicly commemorate the contributions of living veterans. Originally called Armistice Day, it officially received its name in America in 1926 through a congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar congressional action.

I look forward to seeing your reports, have a great Halloween and an even better Veteran's Day!
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