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Americanism/Patriotic Instructor



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HELLO March Madness, this term is commonly referred to when discussing the Collegiate Basketball Tournament which runs from March 1 through early April. Not being a basketball enthusiast, I had no idea what it meant until my early forties when a friend told me. I am still not a basketball enthusiast, but I am borrowing the phrase for a different purpose. I am using it to describe our madness, our passionate and relentless desire to provide services to our veterans and their families, “UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR UNCOMMON HEROES.” I am also using it to inform us all that we are running out of time and there is much left to do.

The first is to get out and vote, get family members out to vote, encourage neighbors to get something our died for. that voting is Legislation. report regardless of the program.



The next item I will discuss is also time sensitive and time is running out. We have less than 45 days reports to have 2023-2024 year. 64,800 minutes or from the date of think about, if we start to finish in 10 would be able to submit 6,480 reports in the next 45 days. We would have to work 24 hours a day, in four-hour shifts, for the next 45 days, but by Jove, it could be done. Obviously, I am joking but what a concept. I know I have beat this to subject to death, but it is very important. I hope you enjoy the infusion of a bit of humor now and then.



There are additional reports that are time sensitive. The first is the Americanism Auxiliary Award No 1. This award is a citation presented to every auxiliary that meets The National Ambassador's criteria, which is on the entry (application) form. The entry form can be found in MALTA under the Americanism Program. The completed entry form is to be mailed to the Department Americanism Chairman (that's me) by March 31, 2024. Winners will be announced at the National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky and the citation will be mailed from National Headquarters directly to each qualifying auxiliary.

The next report is the Americanism Year-End Report Worksheet. This form can be found on page 69 of the 2023-2024 VFW Auxiliary Program Book. It is a worksheet that I must complete and submit to the Department President by May 1, 2024. I am asking for the help of either the District Americanism Chairmen or the

District President to complete. Please contact each auxiliary in your respective districts and have them send you the information requested on the form. Then collate It onto a district report that Can be sent to me. The last day to file program reports for 2023-2024 is April 15. I would appreciate receiving the information no later than April 25, so I can collate the district information and submit it to the Department President timely.

A final report, also one that I will need your help on is the “Auxiliary to Post Community Services Information Form 2022.” Although it is a 2022 dated form, it is still good today. The form is found on the department website under members only, then “Department Headquarters Information” and is the first form under Forms. It may be the most Important report to complete because the information contained will be used as evidentiary information by the comrades to allow us to continue our tax-exempt status. I will have more information to share on where and how to easily obtain the data.

Lastly, I wish you each a Happy and Safe St Patrick’s Day.



### **PROGRAM GOALS**

Flag Education\*\*\*\*\*Promoting Patriotism  
Celebrating Patriotic Holidays\*\*\*\*\*Recognizing Star Families

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