

**Americanism/Patriotic Instructor**  
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**PROGRAM GOALS**

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

Hello to all my brothers and sisters. I hope you all had a wonderful and blessed holiday season. It is hard to believe that one half of the Auxiliary year is over. It is obvious, to me, that many auxiliaries have been busy promoting Americanism/Patriotic programs. I have received reports from roughly one half of all auxiliaries. I plan to contact all district Americanism chairmen to encourage them to encourage those auxiliaries within their districts to submit Americanism reports before the end of the year. Please advise auxiliaries that Americanism is one of the three programs that must be reported to be considered a healthy auxiliary.



I have been asked to provide information about flag etiquette, unparticular which flag should auxiliary members salute during meetings. According to section 4, bullet 6, page 3, of the 2024 edition, Podium Edition, Bylaws and Rituals “Public Law 94-344, dated July 7, 1976, the American Flag shall be placed at the right of the presiding officer at all times.” I have attended auxiliary meetings where the

room was small or they were conducted as a “Round Table Meeting” (page 41), Ritual Section of the Podium Edition Bylaws and Rituals. Under these conditions the auxiliary placed a small, (Student, spectator, etc.) American Flag to the right of the president. IF there is not a flag to the right of the president, salute in the direction of the nearest American Flag. The VFW Store has a very comprehensive Flag Etiquette brochure which I believe is free. The copy I have is Product code 4415, Revised 2016.

Linda Roloff, National Americanism Ambassador’s second Promotional Article, October 2023 suggests that we, as auxiliaries should be prepared for a national or local disaster.



These are pictures of a few that could challenge us at any time. We, in California, know all too well the effects of these disasters, before, during, and after the actual event. Linda challenges all auxiliary Patriotic Instructors to suggest that the auxiliary prepare preparedness packs. Each pack should include medical supplies,

nonperishable food items, water, flashlights, batteries, etc. Most of these items are available at stores like the Dollar Tree or similar discount stores. Each member should have a pack that contains enough food and water to feed all family members for at least a week.

In closing I wish all of you a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2004.



I am sorry, I just could not resist this photo.

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