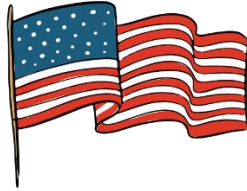


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“Welcome April ! Come with endless opportunities that let us shine brightly.”

Gold Star Spouses Day is observed on April 5 every year. This is a day to honor the surviving spouses of service members who died in the line of duty. This is a day to recognize the sacrifice of Gold Star family members; it's also a day to remember the impact of losing a loved one in military service. It's an opportunity for your Auxiliary and community to support Gold Star spouses. Families would display service flags with a blue star for each family member serving in the armed forces. If a service member died in combat the blue star would change to a gold star. In 2010 Congress designated April 5 to be Gold Star Spouses Day



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For a patriotic Easter egg theme, consider decorating eggs with red, white, and blue colors and patterns, or incorporating symbols like stars, stripes, and eagles. You can also use these colors and patterns on other Easter decorations and treats. Hosting an Easter Egg Hunt? - In your Easter baskets or treat bags, consider adding a small American Flag or other Patriotic novelties.

This will be my last promotion for the year..it's been a pleasure to read all of the reports and see the wonderful events and activities that all of our auxiliaries have participated in! Your actions are a true testament to the spirit of patriotism.

Significant Military Months

- April – Month of the Military Child
- May – National Military Appreciation Month and Month of the Military Caregiver

Dates to Remember/ Lesser Known Celebrations

- **April 5, 2025 – Gold Star Spouses Day** – A day that honors spouses who lost their military significant other in the line of duty or because of their military service.
- **April 23, 2025 – Army Reserve**
- **May 1, 2025 – Silver Star Banner Day** – A day to recognize those who have been awarded the Silver Star Medal and the sacrifices of injured and ill servicemembers.
- **May 9, 2025 – Military Spouse Appreciation Day** – This date recognizes the service and sacrifices of military spouses.
- **May 13, 2025 – Children of Fallen Patriots Day** – A day to honor the children left behind by the brave men and women who gave their lives while defending our freedom.
- **May 17, 2025 – Armed Forces Day** – Observed on the third Saturday every May, this is a day dedicated to paying tribute to men and women currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.
- **May 26, 2025 – Memorial Day** – A solemn occasion to honor the men and women who died while serving in the military. Learn more about Memorial Day [here](#).
- **June 6, 2025 – Anniversary of the World War II Allied invasion in Normandy, France, now known as D-Day.**
- **June 14, 2025 – Flag Day** – A day to celebrate the adoption of the U.S. flag.
- **June 14, 2025 – Army Birthday**
- **June 23, 2025 – Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday**

- **June 27, 2025 – National PTSD Awareness Day** – A day to raise awareness about issues related to PTSD.

AWARDS-

All reports are due by April 15, 2025. Best of luck to all!

My most sincere appreciation goes to each of you for your hard work supporting and promoting the Americanism Program.. I am blessed to have had the honor to work with you this year. From Our Roots to Our Branches, Extending Service to Our Veterans! It has been my pleasure to serve you!