

Americanism Program



Council of Administration

October 24 - 25

Our Goals include:

- *Flag Education*
- *POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremonies*
- *celebrating Patriotic Holidays*
- *support of our Star Families.*

October

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.



Statue of Liberty Birthday October 28

- **Crown**- each of the seven spikes on her crown represent the seven oceans and the seven continents of the world. This is said to represent the universal concept of liberty. It's not only about fashion!

- **We will always have Paris** Her head even spent some time in Paris at the World's Fair before it was given as a gift to celebrate the centenary of the American revolution and the friendship among the two countries. That's cute, right?
- **Let there be Light!**- If you were thinking she has no use and is just a big hunk of metal, think again, she actually served as a lighthouse, guiding ships and sailors home after a long trip on the ocean.
- **Off with her HEAD!**- In 1982, people discovered that the head had actually been installed 2 feet off center. Whoopsie!
- No **visitors** in the Torch- In 1916 the statue suffered minor damages from the Germans and nobody has been allowed to go into the torch since. Well, surely they could have had it all sorted by now?
- **Lightning Strikes!** It is thought that the Statue has actually been struck 600 times by lightning... what would you expect from a huge monument made of metal?
- **Chains**- Though you cannot see at the statue's feet there are broken shackles symbolizing the country moving forward from oppression and slavery. She is also moving her right foot towards a new, free era.
- **Green Color?** The statue is green because of the oxidation of copper. It's not paint! The metal is slightly damaged and corroded.
- **Pin up Gal**- The girl isn't that skinny. Being 35 feet across the waist and with a size 879 shoe, she really is on the larger side. Big is beautiful!
- **What a disaster!** 'Disaster movie star, rather. The statue destroyed in the movie *Independence Day* (1996) has been a feature in many other films.



Make a paper crown and celebrate the birthday of Lady Liberty !!!

See template on the website.



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!

November

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.

If you attend or participate in a parade or / hand out flags – that's a report!

December

Operation Holiday Salute

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Cards will be delivered to Veterans across the United States.

1. Address your holiday cards to "Dear Hero" or "Dear Veteran"
2. Deliver your holiday cards to your local AGSM, Inc. Chapter

or

Mail your cards to:
American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.
c/o Patti Elliott
275 Rudd Road
Youngsville, NC 27596
Please postmark by November 12th, 2024

For more information please visit [AmericanGoldStarMothers.org](https://www.AmericanGoldStarMothers.org)

Deadline is November 12, 2024!

December

December 7- Pearl Harbor Day



December 25 – Christmas

Why not make Christmas a Patriotic holiday as well! Decorate your Christmas tree and house using a Patriotic theme Recognize your neighbors who use red, white and blue lights by writing a note of appreciation for showing their Patriotism.

Reports-

I know you all do great things promoting Patriotism 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.

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.



QR Code

Starting this year, we have a QR code that takes potential members right to the fillable application online.

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

Loyally,

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