## Americanism / Patriotic Instructor

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Re: August Americanism / Patriotic Instructor Promotion

Hello VFW Auxiliary Department of California,

I am Wm. (Steve) Medellin Sr., your Americanism / Patriotic Instructor Chairman. I thank you all in advance for all your hard work you will be doing this year by promoting the Americanism / Patriotic Instructor Program Promotions. As this year gets started and schools are starting soon, let's keep in mind that the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Program is available. Each year the VFW recognizes three exceptional teachers - one each from the elementary, junior high and high school levels - for their outstanding commitment to teach Americanism and instill patriotism in their students. For more information, visit: https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-andeducation/teacher-of-the-year Patriotic items and educational materials are available for purchase through the VFW Store at 1-833-VFW-VETS or online at vfwstore.org.

Keep in mind of the following days to help promote Americanism & Patriotism to all veterans, family and friends.

National VFR Day is the first Saturday in August on the National Day Calendar and let's show our support for veterans and first responders needing mental health services. Let's use National VFR Day to provide veterans, first responders, and their families with the tools and support they need to allow them to thrive as individuals and as a family. National VFR Day brings awareness to the mental health of all veterans and first responders. Our veterans and first responders put everything on the line to protect our freedom. We may never be able to repay them for their sacrifice, but we can show them appreciation for everything they have done to keep us safe.

# Hug A Veteran & Show Your Patriotic Support

American Family Day falls on the first Sunday in August. I encourages everyone to enjoy the waning summer rays with those dearest to us, veterans and family. American Family Day encourages families to spend time with one another, the observance urges focusing on family relationships by having fun, relaxing, and catching up on the lives of family members. Show your patriotic family that you all care for them.

Please don't forget that we have our own QR code an over view of the VFW Auxiliary. The QR Codes are used on just about everything. Members can use it as a talking point to explain about the VFW Auxiliary Americanism and patriotism. Most people will open it up and then they can find important information on the Americanism Program. This also shows Fact Sheet, Membership Application and Membership Brochure.



Thank you all for this opportunity to be your Americanism / Patriotic Instructor Chairman. May God Bless you all and God Bless America.

Best wishes,

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