

## Americanism / Patriotic Instructor

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Re: January Americanism / Patriotic Instructor Promotion

Hello VFW Auxiliary Department of California,

Happy New Year to you all! Let's welcome 2026 to our VFW Auxiliary Department of California. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work on their reports. You have all made a huge contribution to the Americanism / Patriotic Instructor Promotion and reporting. Let's keep up the great work and we will see you all at the C of A in Sacramento on January 31, 2026 start at 8am - 5pm.

Here are some ideas to think about as follows:



It's a tiny act that means much more than people seem to realize. On Fridays, civilians back home wear an article of red clothing — a shirt, a tie, anything — as a reminder to all to *Remember Everyone Deployed*. These Fridays became known as R.E.D. Friday.

Today, you'll see this tradition honored by most military family members, and supporters of the troops. So, let's show our patriotism by wearing Red on Fridays and spreading the word on to why wear Red on Fridays.



Please don't forget that we have our own QR code an overview 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 & your family.

Best wishes,

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