

# Americanism Bulletin July 2022

Greetings! I don't know about you, but I have had a busy July thus far. I attended my local Aberdeen Founders Day Parade and carried the Department Colors. It was wonderful to represent Washington and honor our flag and what it symbolizes! Don't forget that any parade you participate in with your auxiliary counts as Community Service as well as Auxiliary Outreach. Don't forget to keep track of these activities and report them to your auxiliary so you get credit on your annual reports.

## Happy Birthday, America!

July is an important month for patriotism. We celebrated Independence Day on July 4th. This Patriotic Holiday reminds us what our ancestors sacrificed so we can enjoy freedom. We are only free because of the brave men and women who have served our country. "This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave," Elmer Davis. This is why we do what we do: to serve veterans and their families and make them feel at home.

### Other Upcoming Patriotic Holidays:

- July 25 National Hire a Veteran Day.
- July 27 Korean War Veterans Armistice Day (1953)
- July 29 Army Chaplain Corps Birthday

### August

- August 4 Coast Guard Birthday
- August 7 Purple Heart Day
- August 8 Victory over Japan Day (1945)
- August 29 Marine Forces Reserve Birthday

Here are some ways you can incorporate Patriotism into your auxiliary service activities:

- Volunteer in local schools or with a youth organization to teach flag education classes. Topics could include:
  - U.S. Flag history and symbolism
  - The Pledge of Allegiance
  - Flag Etiquette: how to handle and properly fold the flag.

Invite a veteran or two to add and make it hands on to engage the kids.

- Hand out small flags at school or in your community around Veterans Day and Flag Day.
- Team up with others and place flags at cemeteries to honor veterans who have passed on.

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