

AMERICANISM/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

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As everyone already has said, it's really been a tough year – and it's not over yet! Most of us have been unable to accomplish the mission for the program to which we have been assigned – from Auxiliary to District to Department to National! However, there are still a few things that can be done to continue supporting our organization and the veterans and families for which we work!

As usual, I will tell you to keep checking your year-end report to make sure you can answer “yes” to as many questions as you can. Coordinating with the report questions, here are some suggestions:

1. Observing Patriotic holidays? If you need some kind of a speech or some kind of way to conduct a remembrance, please contact me. Check the list on the Department website.

2. Number of American flags presented - stick a small flag (must be at least 3” x 5”) in your neighbors' yard or mailbox or plant pot on their front porch.

3. Did you participate in a POW/MIA program? It's never too late to share some information – even during a meeting. Contact me – I'll provide some information that will just take 2 minutes during your meeting!

4. POW/MIA flags presented: I purchased 10 flags last year and presented them to my city's mayor. This year I have presented 10 more to the city's school district along with a list of the days they must be flown.

5. Number of certificates presented to businesses/citizens in recognition of any display of American pride. Sorry to say, I have yet to accomplish any part of this requirement. However, we have presented our personally designed scholarship certificates to students which praise them for their patriotism. Text reads:

In recognition of your energy, hard work, enthusiasm, and obvious belief in the necessity of patriotism being included in your life and learning to understand the sacrifices that have been made to make this country great. You are a shining, positive example and reflect great credit upon yourself, your family, your school system, your community, and your country.

6. Recognition of Blue/Gold/Silver/White Star families. We have found several of these families in our county and District and recognized them during Thanksgiving and Christmas. We are also pursuing membership opportunities for each of these families – remember that it includes not just mothers, but wives, brothers, sisters, grandparents, etc.

7. Patriotic education conducted in our community. AND

8. Promote Americanism in the community.

These are tough ones right now. Facebook and other types of Social Media seem to be the only means of sharing what we do. Since I'm kind of computer ignorant, I haven't been doing this. However, I have several friends who have been doing and sharing with me!

In the meantime, keep attempting to accomplish our mission. It doesn't take us “old” folks to keep things going. Get your kids and grands involved. We need to remember that our Founding Fathers and Freedom Fighters were able to come up with the profound ideas that established this brand-new nation with brand-new ideas on how a nation should look, and most of them ranged in age from 18 to 21 years old! They were, as we are, fighting for liberties still unknown to many nations!

For now, know that (along with you) I miss precedent times, but I am wearing the smile that you gave me!

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