

AMERICANISM/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR – 2019-2020

We've all heard this many times, and have volunteered to carry out these ideals for the coming year. "Americanism is an unflinching love of country; loyalty to its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the Flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity." Following are the major parts of the Americanism program which need to be addressed for the coming year: flag education, promote patriotism, POW/MIA Recognition, Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Award. To accomplish this mission, following are some guidelines.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR:

- Educate members, school children, and community on the proper salute to the U. S. Flag
- Educate all on proper recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

FLAG EDUCATION:

- Educate members, school children, and community proper care of U. S. Flag
- Educate all on proper respect of U. S. Flag
- Educate all on proper etiquette of U. S. Flag
- Educate all on proper display of U. S. Flag
- Educate all on acceptable conduct around U. S. Flag
- Educate all on acceptable retirement of U. S. Flag

RESPECT FOR THE FLAG – ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY:

- Educating youth about patriotism is an important step on the path to good citizenship
- Recognize citizens and businesses when they take care and time to display our "Stars and Stripes"
- Have a Flag Retirement ceremony

PROMOTE PATRIOTISM:

- Celebrate any and all patriotic holidays which can involve the entire community (there are many, many patriotic holidays per month – I will advise in my quarterly bulletins)

POW/MIA RECOGNITION:

- Have a ceremony (i.e. Missing Man Table) to educate the community and honor special veterans

SMART/MAHER VFW NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER AWARD:

- Nominate an elementary school, middle school, and high school teacher who promote good citizenship education topics and civic responsibility, Flag etiquette, and patriotism

FAMILY FREEDOM FESTIVAL:

- Start thinking now about what you will do as a Family Freedom Festival to share with your community
- Submit a photo collage of this event so I can forward to the Americanism Ambassador as requested

Let's continue lighting our way to unwavering support for uncommon heroes.

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