



AMERICANISM

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Americanism - Ask any number of people what this means and you will probably get as many varied answers.

As members of the VFW Auxiliary Department of Texas, our answer this year is “Ameri-CAN-ism”.

- *We CAN help teach others about proper Flag Etiquette, Flag Education and Flag retirement.
- *We CAN help teach others about America’s patriotic traditions and holidays.
- *We CAN see that Gold Star, Blue Star, Silver Star and White Star Families are recognized.
- *We CAN see that POW/MIAs are honored.
- *We CAN acknowledge outstanding teachers who demonstrate Americanism to their class.
- *We CAN “We Tip Our Hats To Vets”.

Remember to check on the VFW and VFW Auxiliary’s National Websites for information, literature, promotional materials and ideas for the Ameri-CAN-ism program.

Statewide Project

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the 1971 efforts of Mary Hoff, an MIA wife, to recognize the need of a symbol for POW/MIAs; Auxiliaries are asked to create a community awareness program/presentation which includes the Missing Man Table of Honor Ceremony.

Awards

1. Plaque to one Auxiliary in each Membership Division for the **Most Outstanding Overall Ameri-CAN-ism program**. Citation 2nd and 3rd.
2. Plaque to one Auxiliary in each Membership Division for the **Most Outstanding Community Awareness Program/Presentation Honoring POW/MIAs**. Citation 2nd and 3rd. (Statewide Project)
3. Plaque to one Auxiliary in each Membership Division for the **Most Outstanding Program Honoring Gold Star, Blue Star, Silver Star or White Star Families**. Citation 2nd and 3rd.

**“We Tip Our Hats To Vets”
“Soaring Above & Beyond”**