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Greetings to All!

**Patriotic Holidays – November 11<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Day      December 7<sup>th</sup> - Pearl Harbor Day**

**Veterans Day** – Veterans Day honors all of those who have served the country in war or peace — dead or alive — although it's largely intended to thank living veterans for their sacrifices. How will you celebrate? With your schools, with your community, with your VFW and Auxiliary, or with just your immediate family? The decision is yours and I want you to stay safe. I'm sure a lot of VFW's and Auxiliaries will be holding outdoor celebrations. Unfortunately, most of us won't be able to enter the school setting like we have done for so many years. Let's all be creative and come up with alternative methods, with the one goal in mind, to celebrate the sacrifices that men and women made for us.

**Pearl Harbor Day** – President **Franklin D. Roosevelt** addressed a joint session of the U.S. Congress on December 8, the day after the crushing attack on Pearl Harbor. "Yesterday, December 7, 1941—a date which will live in infamy—the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan." He went on to say, "No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory. I believe I interpret the will of the Congress and of the people when I assert that we will not only defend ourselves to the uttermost, but will make very certain that this form of treachery shall never endanger us again." In all, the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor crippled or destroyed nearly 20 American ships and more than 300 airplanes. Dry docks and airfields were likewise destroyed. Most important, 2,403 sailors, soldiers and civilians were killed and about 1,000 people were wounded.

This is an excellent opportunity to host a remembrance ceremony at your Post or speak to students about the honor, sacrifice and dedication of America's "Greatest Generation" and the "date which will live infamy" that pushed America into World War II and changed Hawaii and America forever.

**Flag Education** – Our normal ways of reaching out to youth and our communities to provide Flag education continues to be different this school year. We can utilize technology such as email, social media, and video conferencing. Is it time to review flag etiquette and the flag code with your auxiliary? The VFW Auxiliary provides many resources to help us at <https://vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do/americanism/>. Please contact your local school staff to determine how you can best continue to promote patriotism.

**Smart/Mayer VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award** – Applications were due to local posts by 10/31/21. If you didn't participate this year, please consider participating next year.

"Don't Fudge on Care for Veterans" while "Soaring Above & Beyond."

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