



Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary  
Department of Wisconsin  
September 2021

**Promote Patriotism – Celebrating Upcoming Patriotic holidays:**

Patriotic holidays are an opportune time to involve the whole family and bring community attention to your Auxiliary. When fun family events are presented to the community, prospective new members will walk through your door. Patriotic holidays can serve as a perfect way to show that your Auxiliary supports Patriotism, Veterans, and their families as a top priority. For more information about Patriotic holidays and ways to celebrate, visit [vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do/americanism](http://vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do/americanism).

Patriot Day, 09/11. This day is to perpetuate the memory of those who perished in the attack on America that occurred on this date in 2001.

POW/MIA Recognition Day, 09/17. This day honors the commitments and the sacrifices made by our nation's prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action. POW/MIA day is one of the six days specified by law on which the black POW/MIA flag shall be flown over federal facilities and cemeteries, post offices, and military installations.

Gold Star Mother's & Family's Day, 09/26. On this day, Americans are encouraged to display the Flag and hold appropriate ceremonies as a public expression of our nation's gratitude and respect for our Gold Star Mother's and Families.

**National Achievement Awards:**

Award for members – Citation to one Patriotic Instructor in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the best Patriotic education. Criteria and entry form (required) available at [vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://vfwauxiliary.org/resources). Entry forms are due to the Department Americanism Chairman (Me) by March 31, 2022.

**Awards for Auxiliaries** – Citation to every Auxiliary that uses the #AuxiliaryPatriotism hashtag on social media. Criteria and entry form (required) available at [vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://vfwauxiliary.org/resources). Entry forms are due to the Department Americanism Chairman (Me) by March 31, 2022.

Citations will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.

Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences with the most outstanding use of the #AuxiliaryPatriotism hashtag in a social media post.

**Department Achievement Awards:** One Auxiliary will receive an achievement award and \$10 for the best promotion of a POW/MIA program.

One Auxiliary will receive an achievement award and \$10 for the best promotion of recognizing Blue Star Mothers and Families, Gold Star Mothers and Families, Silver Star Mothers and Families and/or White Star Mothers and Families.

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

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