



Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin



AMERICANISM

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National Ambassador Diana Rudeen's program goals this year are Flag Education, Promoting Patriotism, POW/MIA Recognition and the Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.

Now that school is back in session, it's time to concentrate on teaching patriotism to our youth. Flag etiquette pamphlets are available through the VFW Store. They can be distributed with your VOD, Patriots Pen and Young American Patriotic Art Scholarships. How about a coloring contest? Share them with VA hospital residents. Distribute them during your visits or maybe include them in a Christmas card. Patriotic pages for coloring are available from me or online. Also, don't forget the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. It would be great to recognize the "Teacher of the Year" from your area!

Anyone interested in a Gold Star Mother's Pin please contact me. They are available for \$12 each. Profits go to the Gold Star Mother's Tribute in the Veteran's Memorial Park in Schofield, WI. When completed it will serve as the Midwest's Regional Hub to service states of MI, WI, IL and IA and is part of only a few dedicated Gold Star Mother tributes currently located in Washington DC, New York and New Hampshire.

Be sure to keep me updated and stay in the running for this year's Americanism awards. They are as follows and winners will be announced at State Convention in June.

- \$20 and Certificate to an Auxiliary with the Best Promotion at a school.
- \$20 and Certificate to an Auxiliary with the Best Promotion at a business in your community. **Based on number of flags and certificates presented**
- 2--\$25 drawings and Certificate to an Auxiliary that:
 - Participates in a POW/MIA Program
 - Participates in a Patriotic Program (Memorial Day, 4th of July, Veterans Day, Flag Day.....)
 - Presents US or POW/MIA Flags (2" x 3" or larger)
 - Participates in the Citizen Teacher of the Year Award
 - Recognizes an area business for displaying the flag or
 - Participates in the Loyalty Day Parade (in or at parade, purchases an ad)
- \$10 drawing and Certificate to a District Chairman who sends in reports from their District meetings.

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