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September provides many ways in which to show Patriotism to our country by remembering respectfully the very important Patriotic Days that fall during this month.

September 11 – **Patriot Day** – Also known as National Day of Service and Remembrance in memory of those killed during the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Those lost will forever hold a place in our hearts and in the history of our nation. Appropriate ceremonies and activities include a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. EDT, remembrance services and candlelight vigils. Flags should be flown at half-staff on Patriot Day.

September 17 – **Constitution Day and Citizenship Day** – This day commemorates the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787 by 39 delegates to the Constitutional Convention. This document established the framework of our government and the rights and freedoms that “**We the People**” enjoy today.

Third Friday in September – **POW/MIA Recognition Day** - Honors the commitments and the sacrifices made by our nation’s prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action. National POW/MIA Recognition Day is one of 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. Please make sure your POW/MIA table is always set up appropriately. Hold a Missing Man Ceremony at your Post.

Last Sunday in September – **Gold Star Mothers/Family Day** - Honors mothers and families who have lost a service member in the line of duty or in support of military activity. The name comes from the custom of families hanging Service Flags in the window of their homes. The Service Flag has a star for each family member in the armed services. A blue star represents a family member in active duty services, a silver star represents a family member wounded or injured in war zone and a gold star represents a family member killed during active-duty and stands for sacrifice made for honor and freedom. **Please remember when rendering a heart felt salute to any gold star mother or family – it is done solemnly and without applause.**

There are plenty of resources to be found on the National VFW Auxiliary Website for Americanism at the following URL: <https://vfwauxiliary.org/resources/> Don’t be afraid to look and use.

Giving Hope to Veterans and Families/Serve our Veterans with Aloha.

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