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Our new National Americanism Ambassador/Patriotic Instructor Jason Estell has provided the Department with his message early. Yes, Auxiliary members, our first male Patriotic Instructor at the National VFW Auxiliary level. What a welcome site to see younger members stepping up at all levels.

“Americanism is an unfailing love of country, loyalty to its institutions and ideas; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the Flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty and posterity.”

So how do we keep it alive? I agree strongly with Jason that Patriotism begins at home. As traditions get shoved aside and/or not passed down to future generations, it is important for us to revitalize patriotic traditions at home. Teach your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren how to display through acts of kindness and patriotism a love for America.

We have a perfect time to show by example during our Independence Day Celebrations on July 4th. Get out in the community and show yourself wearing patriotic colors, clothing with your VFW Auxiliary Logo or Post Name. What a perfect way to start conversations with what we are all about. I know Post 7591 and Auxiliary are participating in the Monona Fireman’s 4th of July Festival. Partnering with community organizations, not only lets us raise awareness about Patriotism, the VFW and Auxiliary, it can also serve as a great teaching moment, as well as a recruitment and fundraising strategy. I am sure there are more events coming up in your community this summer where they need volunteers for special events. Make yourself available.

I would like to thank President Mary for giving me this opportunity and Debbie Manthey for doing such a splendid job in this chairmanship last year.

“Giving Hope to Veterans and Families” as we “Serve our Veterans with Aloha”

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