



Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary **Department of Wisconsin**



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

National Americanism Ambassador/Patriotic Instructor Patti Leitner’s program goals are as follows:

- Flags Across America
- Flag Education
- Promote Patriotism
- POW/MIA Recognition
- Safety In America/Disaster Preparedness
- Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher Award

Educating our youth about patriotism is an important step on the path to good citizenship. Patriotic holidays such as Veterans’ Day, Presidents’ Day, Memorial Day are opportune times to get into the schools with information on Respect for Our Flag, the National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, the proper way to do a Heart Salute. Auxiliary volunteers can partner with VFW Veterans to visit individual classrooms or conduct a presentation at a school assembly.

And don’t forget about your public library. Most offer ongoing youth and children’s programs, so check with your local library director or children’s librarian to see if you can come and present a patriotic program. You may also wish to hand out small American flags, patriotic pencils, bookmarks or rulers, which can be ordered from the VFW Store. If you have poppies left over from your poppy drive, wrap a poppy around each pencil that you hand out. Be sure to contact your local newspapers and media in advance to let the public know of your upcoming program.

Wisconsin Highway 32, which runs the entire length of Wisconsin from north to south, is dedicated to the gallant men of the 32nd Red Arrow Division who made supreme sacrifices in both World Wars. The 32nd Division was organized in 1917 and comprised National Guardsmen from Wisconsin and Michigan.

A 32nd Division memorial is located near each state border – the northern memorial is located on Hwy. 32 about 1 mile from the state line in Land ‘O Lakes and the southern memorial is located on Hwy. 32 about 1 mile from the state line in Kenosha. Five flags are flown at each memorial: a U.S. Flag, Wisconsin flag, POW/MIA flag, U.S. Army flag and the Red Arrow flag. Due to weather and the elements, the flags need to be replaced twice per year. The VFWA Department of Wisconsin maintains a fund to support the flag replacements. Our Hwy. 32 flag

replacement project represents an element of our “Flags Across America” program goal, so I am requesting that every Auxiliary please consider making a donation to support this project. Checks should be made out to **VFWA** and earmarked “**Americanism.**” Send your donation to **Lenore Otto, 1383 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Oconomowoc, WI 53066.** Thank you in advance for your generosity. My late father was a patriotic and proud VFW and 32nd Red Arrow Division WWII Veteran. I think I see him saluting you all from “beyond the stars. . .”

Continue “**Reaching For The Stars For Veterans**” as we “**Believe. . . We Can Do It!**”

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