

# Quarterly Americanism Pep Talk

## From Andy

Well, the New Auxiliary year has begun and reports are starting to trickle in. The reports I have received have been informative but still many are missing the event date. I see some of you are using last years reporting form and the request for date information is missing. This is a very important piece of information for me as I must record dates on a monthly report. With out this information I may not be able to give your Auxiliary credit for what they have done.

### **Now for the pep talk.**

As the end of the year approaches there are several patriotic days that need to be acknowledged.



**National POW/MIA Recognition - Friday September 26, 2015.** This is the one of the six days specified by law on which the black POW/MIA flag shall be flown over federal facilities, cemeteries, post offices, and military installations. By custom it is on the third Friday in September.



### **Gold Star Mother's/Family Sunday September 28, 2025**

This day honors mothers and families who have lost a service member in the line of duty or in support of military activities. There are three colored stars that represent the service member's situation.

A Blue star represents a family in active-duty service.

A Silver star represents a family member wounded in a war zone.

A Gold represents a family member killed during active duty and stands for sacrifice made for honor and freedom.



### **Veterans Day**

This day is an opportunity for the public to commemorate the contribution of living veterans.



### **Pearl Harbor Day - Sunday December 7, 2025.**

On this day Japan staged a surprise attack on the United States military forces in Hawaii. 2,403 service personnel lost their lives. 20 battleships and 300 airplanes were destroyed. On December 8<sup>th</sup> 1941 the United States declared war against Japan. On December 11, 1941 Germany and Italy declared war against the United States, thus thrusting the United States into World War 2. Surprising enough this day is not a federal holiday.

So, as you can see there are four days that are representing different aspects of Americanism. It is hard to believe that there will not be any displays, parades or gatherings honoring each of these events. If you attend, witness or organize any of these, that is a report. Just tell me what you saw, what you spent, how far you traveled and how many members were involved and most important the date.

Thank you for supporting the Americanism program.

God bless you and God bless our Veterans.

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