

A Fall/Winter message from your favorite Department Americanism Chairman.

Greetings to my Fellow Chairpersons.

It is that time of year when we give Thanks for the blessings we have received and then turn right around and “GIVE” so others less fortunate may give thanks.

So, what does Thanksgiving have to do with Americanism? I believe everything. You do not have to witness flag waiving or patriotic gestures to write a report to me. Although reports of that nature are always welcome. Right now, I am referring to the deep-down desire that VFW Auxiliary members have “to give” There is nothing more Patriotic than one American giving to another. This is the gift we have received from all the Service Members defending our freedom. It is easy to thank someone for a basket of food or providing a meal for a family, but how do you thank a mother, father, brother, and sister for the gift their family member gave, His or Her’s life. So, is it now our patriotic duty to pay it forward? Absolutely, unspoken Americanism at its best.

Now, how do we give? Here it is again, one American giving to another American regardless of the recipient’s situation. We give food, clothes, money to buy fuel to heat their home rides to grocery stores property clean up, singing Christmas at nursing homes. And the list goes on and on.

We do not knock on a family’s door waving a flag or singing patriotic songs. We simply say “we are here to help.” Please except our gift. We may even say “Happy Holidays” but we really mean “Merry Christmas”.

Please keep sending reports to me especially now that I have given you a new prospective on what Americanism means to me.

In closing I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a fantastic New Year

God bless each one of you and your families.

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Merry Christmas*