

Americanism Promotion

August 2020-2021

It's time for August activities and GLT. I look forward to seeing each of you at GLT. This is going to be another fun year. As we celebrate patriotic holidays please take the time to educate yourself, so that we can educate others. Go to www.vfwauxiliary.com for resources and publicity items. This site is there for you!

Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award

The VFW launched the Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher Award in 1999 to recognize classroom teachers for promoting citizenship education. Teachers who promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism are prime candidates for the award. If you know a teacher who plans field trips to city hall, organizes community volunteer projects or invites local veterans to speak in class, anything to help students develop a better understanding of democratic values and beliefs, this award is for them.

Be sure to read the Chairman Manual (before you get started), the rules and the brochure for entering, at the follow address. www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/teacher-of-the-year

Here are the local deadlines for submitting:

October 31, Teacher Nominations to the Post

November 15, Completion of Post judging

December 15, Completion of District judging

Here are a few days to remember for the coming month:

NATIONAL COAST GUARD DAY – August 4

National Coast Guard Day observed annually on August 4. This is a day set aside to celebrate and honor the courageous work of the Coast Guard. If you are close to a Coast Guard facility, find out what they have plan and help out. Post on social media using #NationalCoastGuardDay.

PURPLE HEART DAY – August 4

During the American Revolutionary War, the Badge for Military Merit decorated six known soldiers. Purple Heart Day commemorates the creation of the oldest American military decoration for military merit, the Purple Heart and honors the men and women who injured during a war time effort. Host a dinner for a Purple Heart recipient, create a Purple Heart Ribbon and hand it out to bring awareness. Use #PurpleHeartDay to post on social media.

NATIONAL AIRBORNE DAY – August 16

National Airborne Day is observed each year on August 16. Designated by the United States Congress, National Airborne Day honors the nation's airborne divisions of the Armed Forces. National Airborne Day was created in 2001 by 43rd United States President, George W. Bush. August 16, 1940, marks the date of the first official Army parachute jump at Ft. Benning, Georgia. The successful jump validated the innovative concept of inserting United States ground combat forces behind a battle line by parachute. These sky soldiers represent some of the most prestigious and effectively trained forces in the United States Army. See what your local Army base has going on to celebrate and ask if your Auxiliary and Post can help. Host a parade. Thank a paratrooper and use #NationalAirborneDay to post on social media.

Be sure to tag me on Facebook or email me what you do for our veterans. That way you will credit for it, when it comes time for awards. We had some wonderful reports last year, now, let's top that.

Thank you, for all you do for our veterans. Remember, if we **FOCUS**, we are “**Fulfilling Our Commitment of Unwavering Support**”.

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