

Americanism

January

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Happy New Year to all. The next few months the department of Defense will be very busy, but first I'd like to mention a few things.

Thank you to all Auxiliary members and Units that participated in and or sponsored a wreath for **Wreaths Across America Day**. As a register volunteer unloading trucks and laying of the wreaths at Riverside National Cemetery, was very heart warming and touching for me. The American Legion, Auxiliary and Legion Family is very much apart of this program. Riverside National Cemetery is the 2nd largest VA Cemetery in the U.S. A total of 10,284 wreaths were placed this year at R.N.C. The mission will continue to remember and honor as many of the more than 310,000 laid to rest at R.N.C. and increasing an average of 30 to 40 burials a day.

To give a jump start for 2024, please consider participating in the wreath matching program. From now to January 16, 2024, all wreaths sponsored through a registered W.A.A. sponsored group will be matched by HQ for placement for next years Wreaths Across America Day – Saturday Dec.14, 2024 (save the date) in effect, your wreath sponsorship during this period will have double the impact the number of wreaths for R.N.C. Please visit online, WAA direct link to participate: <https://wreathscrossamerica.org/cm0664P> or contact your favorite WAA sponsorship group.

Do you want to learn more about ALA National Scholarships? Thursday January 11, 2024, from noon -12:45pm. Join the Academy Live! Register now – <https://bit.ly/3vaorTT> or visit www.ALAforVeterans.org

Reminder: The Western Division Americanism Chairman had made a challenge! She will donate \$100 to the Departments in our western division that starts / has the most Flag Corps (introduced by ALA members this year). She is asking for a photo, the chair's name, and unit number. The winner will be announced at our Zoom meeting on January 25th.

Thank you to all that sent in mid-reports.

February is Americanism Month. Let's keep showing our patriotism.

- * Recognize businesses and individuals with certificate's
- * Present certificates to each member of the Flag Corps in our schools
- * Present Flag Etiquette in our schools and in the community
- * Promote Americanism Essays to schools or individual students

Dates to remember.

January 15 Martin Luther Kings Jr. Day

February 1 Blue Star Mom's Day

Challenge Winner for Best patriotic photo

Congratulations District 28 Unit 589. Thank you to all that sent photos, they were all amazing photos.

Cindy Rogers,

Americanism Chairman