



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
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February 2024 Bulletin**

We had a great time at DEC and I hope that what I presented at the Program fair has reached the Unit level. The American Legion Family Day was established to be observed annually on the last Saturday of April. It encourages Posts to open their doors to members of their community for a day to celebrate the accomplishments of Legionnaires, American Legion Auxiliary, American Legion Riders, and Sons of the American Legion members. American Legion Family Day will also include the program "Be the One." The American Legion has activated a national program to reduce the rate of Veteran suicide, Be the One, which is a campaign that encourages all members of the American Legion Family to participate in by raising awareness of the prevention of veteran suicide, which, will be included in the American Legion Family Day.

I would like to encourage all Unit's to write your mayor's requesting a proclamation for American Legion Family Day. Enclosed in this bulletin is a sample letter requesting a proclamation and the American Legion Family Day Resolution. Please post your proclamation photos with your mayor's, thank you.

Feb. 3, 2024 – Four Chaplains Day – A Day to remember the four U.S. Army chaplains who made the ultimate sacrifice when the USAT Dorchester sank during World War II.

National Salute to Veteran Patients - February 11-17, 2024 (Week of February 14 - Valentine's Day) **G.I. G.I. Joe Day - February 1**

National Freedom Day - February 1

USO Day - February 4 **International Day Against the Use of Child Soldiers - February 12 (Also Known as Red Hand Day)**

Remember the Maine Day (U.S.S. Maine) - February 15

Coast Guard Reserves Birthday - February 19

Iwo Jima Day - February 19

President's Day - February 19, 2024 (Third Monday in February)

Washington's Birthday - February 19, 2024 (Third Monday in February). Some State and Local Governments refer to this day as President's Day. His Actual Birthday is on February 22

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American Legion Auxiliary Apple Valley Unit 256

SAMPLE LETTER

February 1st, 2024.

Your Name

Your Address

Your City, State & Zip Code

The Honorable **Your Mayor Name**

Mayor of **Your City**

Address where Mayor presides.

City, State, Zip Code where Mayor presides.

Dear Mayor, **Full Name** and Council members

I am writing on behalf of the The American Legion Auxiliary, Apple Valley Unit 256. We are proposing a proclamation from the Township of Apple Valley, CA proclaiming that the last Saturday in the month of April as American Legion Family Day.

Mayor **Your Mayor last name**, American Legion Family Day was established to be observed annually on the last Saturday of April. It encourages Posts to open their doors to members of their community for a day to celebrate the accomplishments of Legionnaires, American Legion Auxiliary, American Legion Riders, and Sons of the American Legion members. American Legion Family Day will also include the program "Be the One."

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Enclose is a copy of the National Executive Committee of the American Legion Resolution No.7: America Legion Family Day.

Your Name, American Legion Auxiliary **YOUR Unit number**

Include your title.

Your contact numbers.

Your email address

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
October 12-13, 2022 Indianapolis, Indiana

Resolution No. 7: American Legion Family Day Origin: Internal Affairs
Commission Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, The founding fathers of The American Legion established their principles through the creation of the Four Pillars of The American Legion, which are Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth programs; and WHEREAS, The American Legion through resolve urges all members of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, the American Legion Riders, and the Sons of The American Legion, known collectively as the American Legion Family, to assist in carrying on efforts in their locales by developing plans in support of the Four Pillars by remaining informed and assisting veterans, families, schools, workplaces and communities in their time of need; and

WHEREAS The American Legion Family continues to remain steadfast in their commitment to these principles in meeting the ever-expanding needs of their local communities throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion is increasing their efforts to reduce the number of veteran suicides by promoting a program titled, "Be The One," and encouraging all members of the American Legion Family to participate by raising awareness and funds to donate to charities that assist in the prevention of veteran suicide; and WHEREAS, The American Legion Family is an integral component supporting those in need within their local communities and does so in an unselfish manner without want of notice, personal gain or recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 12-13, 2022, That a special day known as "American Legion Family Day" be established and observed annually on the last Saturday of April, when all American Legion posts throughout the nation would open their doors to their members and the members of their local communities with the intent of celebrating all great deeds and works of the American Legion Family with the intent to educate, recruit, recognize and to give back to those members that continually support the gift of giving; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the American Legion Family shall place special emphasis and awareness on the "Be The One" program on American Legion Family Day