



# Patriotic Instructor



**September 2026**

**Department President's Theme**  
"Growing Stronger for Our Veterans"

**National President's Theme**  
"Serving America's Heroes"

## Remembering Service and Sacrifice

September reminds us to honor those who sacrificed for our Nation while teaching respect for our country's symbols. As we remember the heroes of **September 11** and observe **National POW/MIA Recognition Day**, take time to participate in or host ceremonies that honor those who served, those who were lost, and those who remain missing.

### Patriotic Instructor Spotlight

Explain why members should:

- Face the Flag
- Remove hats
- Place the right hand over the heart
- Remain silent during ceremonies

### The Federal Flag Code

Discuss:

- When the Flag is flown
- Proper illumination at night
- Weather considerations
- Never allowing the Flag to touch the ground

### Community Outreach

Host a community **Flag Education** program and participate in or organize **9/11 Remembrance** and **Prisoner of War/Missing in Action** Recognition Ceremonies to honor our nation's heroes.

### Auxiliary Challenge

Invite a local school, Scout troop, or youth organization to learn proper Flag etiquette and attend or assist with a **9/11** or **Prisoner of War/Missing in Action** remembrance ceremony.

### Recognition

Recognize a **Gold Star Family**, a former **Prisoner of War**, or the family of a **Missing in Action** service member within your community.

### MALTA Reminder

Don't forget to report every patriotic activity, **9/11 ceremony**, **POW/MIA ceremony**, classroom presentation, and Flag education event.

**"Patriotism begins with education and grows through example."**

### Patriotic Days

September 11 – Patriot Day 9/11  
September 17 – Constitution Day  
September 18 – U.S. Air Force Birthday

September 18 – POW/MIA Recognition Day  
September 27 – Gold Star Mother's & Family's Day

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