

“Unity”  
 1 Family  
 1 Voice  
 1 Team



*Americanism/  
 Patriotism....  
 How  
 Passionate are  
 you?*



## WELCOME 2025

### “From Our Roots to Our Branches – Extending Service to Our Veterans”

**Americanism** versus **Patriotism** - are closely related concepts, but they have distinct nuances:

**Patriotism** is a general love of one’s country. It encompasses feelings of pride, loyalty, and a desire to support and defend one’s nation.

**Americanism** is a more specific term that refers to the ideals and principles that define the United States. It often emphasizes concepts like democracy, liberty, equality, and individual rights.

**Key Differences:**

**Scope:** Patriotism is a universal concept applicable to any nation, while Americanism is specific to the United States.

**Focus:** Patriotism focuses on love and loyalty to one’s country, while Americanism focuses on the specific values and principles upon which the United States was founded.

**Overlap:**

Both Americanism and patriotism involve a deep connection to one’s country,

Americanism can be seen as a specific form of patriotism that is unique to the United States.

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**In Summary:**

You can be patriotic to any country, but you can only be an Americanist in the context of the United States.

It’s important to note that both terms can be used indifferent ways and sometimes interchangeably.

“This American system of ours, call it Americanism, call it capitalism, call it what you will, gives each and every one of us a great opportunity if we seize it with both hands and make this most of it.” Al Capone

Have you been out there teaching our children flag etiquette. The answer is simple, the flag embodies what the United States stands for, love of country and national purpose, liberty, justice, and freedom. It has flown in every war this great country has been involved in. It is recognized in every country in the world and respected most.

Flag education should be taught beginning around 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. We need to get permission from school principals to attend classes, or better yet to attend rallies and teach children flag etiquette to include .....

- How and when to fly the flag
- What the red and white stripes stand for and what the blue and stars represent.
- How to properly salute the flag and when to salute it
- What does each fold of the flag mean?
- How to properly fold the flag, with student participation
- How to properly dispose of the flag.

**January:**

- 24 -26 – Mid-Winter Conference
- 27 - Vietnam Peace Accord

**February:**

- 2 – Auxiliary Appreciation Day
- Groundhog Day
- 3 – Four Chaplains Day
- 15 – Sinking of the Maine
- 19 – President’s Day
- 20 – Inauguration of the President of the United States
- 22 – Washington’s Birthday
- 28 – Liberation of Kuwait



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