



## Department of Missouri

### AMERICANISM/

### Patriotic Instructor

JANUARY/FEBRUARY  
"2012"  
PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL

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WOW, I can't believe "2011" has went by so quickly. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and brought the New Year in with family and friends to create some wonderful memories.

I want to first start off with Patriotic Instructors. As Patriotic Instructors we should strive to teach everyone, young and old alike, in our communities to properly respect the flag. Special programs to show the proper way to display and salute the flag can be conducted in our schools with the children and in our communities. Make arrangements with school officials to have a program on Flag Etiquette. Instruct the children how to do a proper Heart Salute when saying the Pledge of Allegiance and when the National Anthem is being played. Hand out the bookmarks of the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. This would also be a great time to hand out the pencils with the Pledge of Allegiance on them order from [www. vfwstore.org](http://www.vfwstore.org) (item #1470).

It is also your duty to teach new Auxiliary members what is expected of them. Verse them in the Ritual activities, such as no one is allowed the leave the room during opening and closing ceremonies, unless required to do so by work of the Ritual or ordered by the President. There should be NO MOVEMENT or NOISE when Chaplain is on the floor opening or closing the Bible.

Instruct ALL members in the "PARADE REST" order from the President. The Left Foot should be moved slightly to the side while bringing the arms to the small of the back, clasp the Left thumb in the palm of the Right hand, and slightly bow the head. Instructions should also be giving about how to be at "Attention" and how to do the Heart Salute correctly. These things are most important about our Ritual.

Please remember that the Coloring Contest deadline is approaching fast. All pictures need to be in my hands no later than February 1, 2012.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan. 1----New Years Day (FLY FLAG)
- Jan. 1----Betsy Ross's birthday (1752), according to legend, assisted George Washington in making the first flag.
- Jan. 16---Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, (FLY FLAG) Civil Rights Leader, winner of the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize.
- Jan. 17---Persian Gulf War Began ( 1991)
- Jan. 27---Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord (1973)
- Jan. 30---Franklin D. Roosevelt birthday (1882) 32<sup>nd</sup> U.S. President and world leader during W.W.II.
- Feb. 1----National Freedom Day
- Feb. 8----Boy Scouts of America Founded (1910)
- Feb. 12---President Lincoln's birthday (1809) (FLY FLAG), 16<sup>th</sup> President who lead the Union during the Civil War.
- Feb. 14---St. Valentines Day
- Feb. 20---Presidents Day, George Washington's birthday observed. (FLY FLAG)
- Feb. 22---George Washington's actual birthday. 1<sup>st</sup> President of the United States.

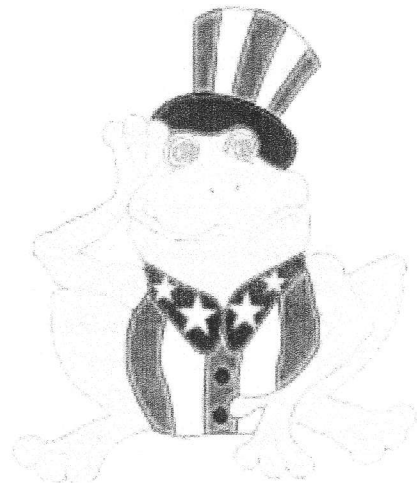
I have also included information about Presidents Day with activities and website.

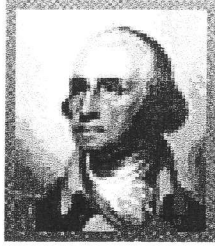
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Respectfully,

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February 22nd



February 12th

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## PRESIDENTS DAY

FEBRUARY 20, 2012 / PRESIDENTS DAY OBSERVED

The Federal holiday was originally implemented by Congress in 1880 for government offices in the District of Columbia and expanded in 1885 to include all federal offices. On January 1, 1971 the federal holiday was shifted to the third Monday in February by the Uniform Monday Holiday Act by Congress.

February 20, 2012 will be when most people celebrate all Presidents Birthdays.

There is a excellent website to look up activities for all ages, Preschool, Kindergarten and Elementary School. Please take the time to check it out, [www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/presidentsday](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/presidentsday) this website has tons of activities with instructions on how to complete them.

This is a great time to go into the schools and hand out the US PRESIDENTS RULERS (item # 4410) order from [www.vfwstore.org](http://www.vfwstore.org)

**“HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY”**