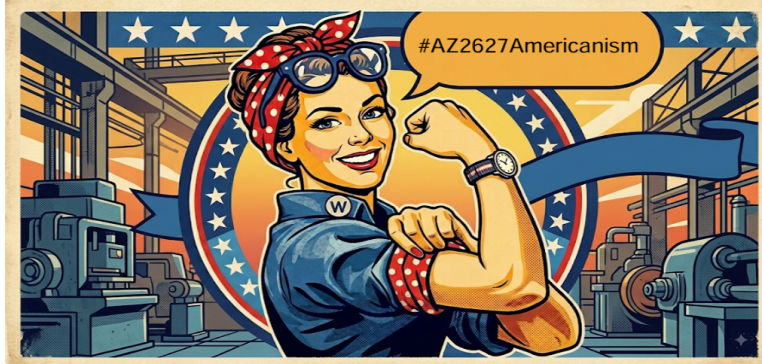




Happy August Arizona VFW Auxiliaries! I hope everyone had a safe and fun 4th of July. Many of us are now ramping up for the new school year and many Auxiliaries also start getting very busy. Unfortunately the weather in Arizona has also decided it is a great time for the monsoon storms to revisit us. At least we have the upcoming MIT training and Fall conference to help distract us through the rough weather!

With the National Convention completed for the 2025/2026 program year the new National Program book is now available on Malta. This is a valuable resource for the 2026/2027 program year that is now in full swing. The new National President Donna Mills and her team have put in so much work to help each Auxiliary "be the shining stars that brighten the lives of our veterans, service members and their families." The auxiliaries are being asked to promote or recognize any patriotic day or branch of service birthdays. To distribute or present American Flags or POW/MIA flags and keep track of how flags you pass out! Please don't forget the Patriotic Appreciation Citations, Certificates of Appreciation to businesses in recognition of their patriotism. These are available on Malta.

The Americanism ambassador Jessica Gardner is also asking to see auxiliaries create a pop art image to use on their social media or print media to help catch people's attention. This is a fun challenge and I can't wait to see what the Arizona auxiliaries create! Of course flag education, promote patriotism, and give attention on Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Remembrance day September 18.

Lastly, don't forget to use the hashtags when posting on social media!