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## **JANET KAYS, CHAIRMAN**

## **AMERICANISM**

As we start the new year, our work must continue in promoting patriotism and supporting veterans, active military and their families.

National Ambassador Linda Roloff has posted some reminders of what it means to be an American and a loyal auxiliary member.

- The chance for freedom and opportunity
- Honors diversity and declares unity -shares the ideal of loyalty
- Unites itself under and honors the flag and celebrates patriotic holidays together
- · Shared vision and security
- A loyal Auxiliary member reminds others of the American ideals and the importance of celebrating patriotic holidays. They reinforce the principles of Americanism with their actions and speech and proudly practice auxiliary traditions and ritual.

This is a good time to focus on our Department contests- the coloring page (for Pre-K three-year-olds through all Kindergarten children), the poster contest (for first through third grade students) and the essay contest (for fourth and fifth grade students). "We Are Warriors for America" is the theme for the poster and essay contests. These contests in themselves can teach so much to this generation about our country and ideals. Check with your District Chairman on their submission deadlines. I must have all entries by April 15 for them to be included in the judging.

The projects and work that you are doing may qualify for Department and National awards. Please check the program awards for more information. Detailed information, pictures, and applications for Awards must be submitted on time. (March 31st to be considered for an award for your "More Than Letters" outstanding activity and April 10 for "More Than Letters" media promotion and overall best promotion of all parts of the program.)

Thank you for everything you have done this year for our veterans, auxiliary members, and communities. Every member is important and each of you can make a positive impact in your auxiliary and your community. This is a great organization; thanks for keeping it alive and a vital part of our nation's history.