

## Americanism Pictures

*Has someone from your State posted a picture portraying something pertaining to Americanism on the National Americanism Facebook page? Such as this flag raising on Flag Day in Montana?*

*You can email them to Julia Moore at [jamcps54@yahoo.com](mailto:jamcps54@yahoo.com) to post them or post them yourself.*



## Women Veterans Day – June 12

Women Veterans Day was signed into law by President Harry S. Truman on June 12, 1948. Prior to then, only women nurses could serve in the regular and reserve forces during peacetime. But why a Women Veterans Day? The information provided on page 2 is from Missina Schallus, a Navy Veteran and the communications manager for VA's Center for Women Veterans. (<https://news.va.gov>)



## Women Veterans Day June 12th

*Honoring the signing of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act which granted women the right to serve as permanent, regular members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and the recently formed Air Force.*



**"Americanism is a question of spirit, of conviction and purpose, not creed or birthplaces. The test of our worth is the service we render." – Theodore Roosevelt**

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*Women have served in America's wars and conflicts throughout America's history and performed many jobs, playing vital roles in the Revolution, serving as soldiers, raising morale, and spying on the enemy. More than 400 women fought in the Union and Confederate armies during the Civil War. During World War I, about 35,000 women officially served as nurses and support staff, such as the Hello Girls, formally known as the Signal Corps Female Telephone Operators Unit. In World War II, 140,000 women served in the Women's Army Corps (WACs) performing critical jobs, such as military intelligence, cryptography and parachute rigging. In August 1943, the WAFS and WFTD merged into a single unit for all women pilots and formed the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs), who flew more than 60,000 miles in two years. During this time, the 6888th Battalion was formed as the first and only all Black Female Women Army Corps (WAC) unit to be deployed overseas during WWII. Their nickname was "Six-Triple Eight" and their motto was "No Mail, Low Morale." The "6888th" was a Central Postal Directory Battalion and its mission was to clear up a massive backlog of mail for Americans serving in Europe in WWII. (I suggest watching the movie entitled "The Six Triple Eight.")*

*Today there are still many women Veteran history lessons to be taught. The first Women Veterans Day was celebrated on June 12, 2018, and is currently a state-recognized commemoration in California, Hawaii, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin.*

*There are currently almost two-million women Veterans in the United States, Puerto Rico, and Territories/Foreign, according to the VA. We're working hard to ensure that women Veterans are treated with the respect and dignity they have earned and deserve. To help achieve that goal, VA Secretary Dennis McDonough has made it clear since assuming his new role that all VA staff, patients, families, caregivers, survivors, visitors and advocates must feel safe in a workplace free of harassment and discrimination.*

*Women Veterans Day is not a separate day for women Veterans, it is a tribute to a groundbreaking day when women were acknowledged as essential to the war efforts and could serve in the regular armed forces.*

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**Plan a special event for June 12 and recognize the Women Veterans in your community. Present them with an American flag or American flag pin. If they are willing to share, ask them about their service and record it. And, of course, thank them!**

**What would it take to make your state one of the states to recognize Women Veterans Day?**

## AMERICAN EAGLE DAY – June 20

Other than apple pie, what can be more American than our national symbol—the American Eagle. The American Eagle Foundation (a Tennessee organization focused on protecting bald eagles and their fellow birds of prey) launched National American Eagle Day. Bald eagles like to live near large bodies of water, as they mostly eat fish, and are known for their beauty and grace when they soar through the air. They have been known as treasured symbols of the United States since the 1700s.

<https://nationaltoday.com/american-eagle-day/>



### EAGLE PHOTO CONTEST

Sponsor a photo contest for different age levels. Display the winning pictures at your Post or in local businesses windows. Present certificates and/or prizes. And publicize!!

**Every Day is a good day to thank a Veteran!**

### Upcoming Dates

#### JUNE –PTSD Awareness Month

- 6 – D-Day
- 8-14 – National Flag Week
- 12 – Women's Veterans Day
- 14 – US Army Birthday  
Flag Day--Fly Your Flag
- 19 – Juneteenth Day
- 20 – American Eagle Day
- 23 – Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday
- 27 – PTSD Awareness Day



#### JULY –Celebrate America

- 4—Independence Day
- 25—National Hire a Veteran Day
- 27—National Korean War Veterans  
Armistice Day
- 28—National Buffalo Soldiers Day
- 29—Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary

