

**AMERICANISM**

For those who are **NEW** and may not know me I am Jean Haggard. I joined the Auxiliary in 1966 at the age of 17 in the now defunct Auxiliary of Post 2552 in Franklin under my brother David Lee Rogers. Even before I joined my step-father was commander of the Post and he believed it was our patriotic duty to support our servicemen, our community and our family. We traveled to many district meetings (back then they were held on Saturday and we could party afterwards), marched in parades for the community, attended dances at other Posts and met with many others who felt the same way. One of my fondest memories was at the Ernie Pyle Post in Indianapolis. They had a spoon dance for kids on Friday ("Tiny" was my partner) and then Saturday was meant for the adults. Every Sunday we spent hours cleaning our Post. This is from The American Heritage Dictionary:

**AMERICAN** – Of, relating to or characteristic of the United State of America, its people, culture. Government or its history.

**AMERICANISM** – A custom, trait, or tradition originating in the United States; Allegiance to the United States and its customs and institutions.

**PATRIOTIC** – Feeling, devotion, expressing or inspired by love for one’s country.

(From our Bylaws and Ritual) **PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR** – A person who is meant to teach patriotism and good citizenship to the people of our country; to assist in the floor work ceremonies and perform such other duties as the Ritual may require.

**PATRIOTISM** – Love and devotion to one’s country.

This year I believe we need to see that **Americanism** and **Patriotism** should be conducted in all of our programs, in our churches, schools, hospitals and throughout our communities to every man, woman, child, serviceman, servicewoman, community and State events that seek our help when, where, and **if** we can. I am asking for your help to do this. I would like to know what **YOU** think we can do to make this a better program for the Department of Indiana in Americanism. Good – positive suggestions are always needed. I will not accept anything by e-mail or text. **Snail mail only as it is my written confirmation and dated information from you.** I seldom get on the computer. I don’t do facebook.

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**Your First assignment is this – send me the following form before School of Instruction. Prizes will be awarded:**

**Auxiliary # \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_ (if known)**

**Auxiliary Chairman’s Name**

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**Auxiliary Chairman’s Street Address**

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**City, State and Zip code**

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**Auxiliary Chairman’s Phone #**

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**AMERICANISM - LET’S HAVE FUN – LET’S WORK TOGETHER**

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For July General Orders - Jean