AMERICANISM

DEPARTMENT OF NORTH DAKOTA

As we all know Americanism is an unfailing love for our country, locality to its institutions and ideas; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiances to the flag; and a desire to secure the blessing of liberty and posterity.

Many people get a sudden surge of patriotism around national holidays. Patriotism should last for more than a few hours and come from more meaningful feeling than exciting over a few fireworks. There are many easy ways to show your Patriotism.

As we run errands, hangout at the mall, or at a your favorite cafe it’s likely that you will pass a man or woman in uniform hand them a coin or simply say thank you for your service. Writing it on Facebook is one thing but saying it to their face goes along way.

One of the simplest ways to show patriotism is to fly a flag. Also keep in mind ,a lot of businesses , schools and senior citizens fly flags, if you see one that is looking rough ,if possible buy a new one and ask if you can replace the old one and properly retire the old one.

Helping homebound citizens in your community is a true act of patriotism, Meals on Wheels delivers groceries to the elderly and disabled donate a few hours now and then, maybe they just need someone to talk to.

The most overlooked act is to buy local. No one likes seeing made in china on the American flag.

Show your patriotism and pay your respects to the fallen. Visit a cemetery having military members buried there. Say pray or/and leave flowers for the fallen. You can also leave a coin on a soldiers grave. The coin is a sign to the soldier family that someone stopped by the grave to pay their respects. Pennies can mean simple respect or that you knew the soldiers who died. Nickels and dimes have been said to mean that you and the soldier trained in boot camp together or served in the same company. Quarters are meant to indicate that you were with the soldier when they died. The coins are an easy way to show respect to those who died defending their nation.

Don’t forget to show respect to the living. If you see a soldier in a coffee shop cover the cost of his/her drinks.

Another way to show patriotism is to obey the law; we are not only being watched by our own children but by children and citizens of other countries.

Last register to vote , then vote.

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