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WHAT WE BELIEVE DETERMINES HOW WE BEHAVE, AND BOTH DETERMINE WHAT WE BECOME

Can you believe it? June is here. Reports are due. This is the time for everyone to really shine. Every activity counts. Include the number of flags you hand out to the community -at -large, as well the schools.

You may think the year is winding down. Not so! It's never too early to put your 2016 strategic plan in place. Outline your fund raisers. Identify the school districts in your state. Encourage each Voiture to participate. We need to support the flags in the school system. This is America and every American has the birth right to post a flag. No American should be offended by our National Stars and Stripes. We need to saturate the system. We served to keep America free. Remember our oath of enlistment has no expiration date. Many died fighting for our rights. Let's honor their sacrifices by flying our colors.

May was an exciting month for the State of Washington. Voitures focused on placing flag packets in the hands of first graders and the US Constitution on the desks of 5th and 10th graders. Fifty people (from the Lions Club and the 40 & 8) gathered on May 2nd. We had assembly lines everywhere and were able to box up over 7,000 flag packets. They went into sixteen school districts and more than eighty public schools. We also covered many private schools. Voitures 83, 94, 96 and 99 turned in glowing reports. I will be collecting the rest of the reports at the Grande du Washington Prom in June.

Many Grande Voitures have posted excellent photos on the computer. Please bring hard copy albums to National so that everyone can enjoy the fruits of your labor.

This has been a great year for Americanism. Each State has been creative. You used the LOCI to draw the crowds, handed out flags, attended Veteran and Military functions, you supported your communities. One interesting discovery I made was that many of you belong to other organizations. You have expanded. Remember, almost all activities count for community hours. Give yourselves a hand – you earned it!

It has been a pleasure to serve as the local Voiture 99 Americanism Chairman (actually chairwoman), the Grande du Washington Americanism Directeur and the National Americanism Sous Directeur for Area A. Thank you all for giving me this opportunity. Can hardly wait to see what next year will bring!

We have designed another handout for the flag packets. It addresses Flag Day. It is a tri-fold entitled, THIS IS OUR FLAG. It features seven of the original flags. I will bring copies to National for your comments and opinions. It is my vision to supply the packets with pamphlets teaching what each Patriotic Day means. Next we will be working on a July 4th handout. Feel free to share your ideas with me.

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS; LET YOUR WORDS TEACH AND YOUR ACTIONS SPEAK.

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