

# Americanism

The National Federation of Republican Women and the Arizona Federation of Republican Women's **Americanism** program promote respect for our Flag and foster allegiance to the United States, its customs and history, and its institutions that underpin our exceptionalism.

The federated Republican women's clubs throughout the United States carry out this mission in their local communities through educational and inspirational programs and projects. Examples include:

- Teaching the rules of Flag etiquette, especially placement of the Flag at meetings; (always to your left as you face the stage, while our state flag is on the opposite side)
- Donating patriotic books to our local libraries and schools; (we also do this through the **Mamie Eisenhower** Library Project and the **Barbara Bush** Literacy Program)
- Sponsoring patriotic essay contests for schools (which is also covered in our **Scholarship Program** when students are asked essay questions involving our Flag and patriotic customs)
- Presenting American Flags to schools and community groups; it is also important to retire a tattered Flag in a ceremony usually conducted by the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, or the Boy Scouts of America

To assist clubs in their local efforts, the NFRW Americanism Committee assembles historic and patriotic material and provides resources and project ideas to promote what our Flag symbolizes.

If you have any ideas on how to better promote Americanism to our club or in our community, please contact RWOP Americanism Chair Susan Cohen at [PrescottHomes360@gmail.com](mailto:PrescottHomes360@gmail.com) or text her at 928-550-0111.