

# AUGUST FLAG CLUB – Welcome

## Focus on getting the Flag Club organized and students trained.

- Discuss expectations for the year,
- Make sure all forms are completed and turned in. All forms are found in this handbook and online at [www.theflagprogram.org](http://www.theflagprogram.org) under the resources tab
- Set up daily/weekly schedule for crews to raise and lower the flag. (Monthly Flag Crew Schedule can be downloaded at [www.theflagprogram.org](http://www.theflagprogram.org) under the Resources tab under Flag Club Forms.)
- Review the Training video and information on at [www.theflagprogram.org](http://www.theflagprogram.org) under the resources tab as well as the flag folding pages found at the January Flag Club meeting.
- Practice Flag folding, raising, lowering and gathering your flags.
- Discuss Patriotic Community Service Project ideas for the year. (The F.L.A.G. Program is offering a grant of up to \$250 per Flag Club, per year, to financially assist with these projects. Find the application for these grants online at [www.theflagprogram.org](http://www.theflagprogram.org) under the resources tab.

## Possible Patriotic Community Service Projects suggestions:

- USO in-kind donations for military. Go to USO.org and click on “find a USO” in your area. Look up the local chapter to get a contact person and phone number.
- Airborne Angel Cadets of Texas prepares Comfort Food Packs for Soldiers overseas. Go to [www.airborneangelcadets.com](http://www.airborneangelcadets.com) for more information. This group in Carrollton, TX. Email them at [support@airborneangelcadets.com](mailto:support@airborneangelcadets.com) for a list of needed items.
- Contact local Nursing Homes, Veterans Hospitals, VFW and American Legion Posts to assist these organizations or find local veterans these organizations serve. Have the students create birthday or get-well cards to these Veterans.
- Contact your local Fire and Police Departments for ideas on how your club can show appreciation.
- Jr High and Highschool students contact the Travis Manion Foundation at [www.travismanion.org](http://www.travismanion.org) and look over the “Character Does Matter” section. This organization will send a trainer to your school to speak to your students on character and leadership.
- Fundraiser for a military, first responder or patriotic organization that needs funds or specific items for a specific need or program. These could include:
  - Patriotpaws.org, provides service dogs to Disabled Vets.
  - America’s Mighty Warriors, Supporting our Troops and the Families of the Fallen, [www.americasmightywarriors.org](http://www.americasmightywarriors.org), Impacting and honoring our Military and Fallen and their Families for their selfless service and sacrifice. Debbie Lee, Gold Star Mom, email her at [debbie@americasmightywarriors.org](mailto:debbie@americasmightywarriors.org)
  - Snowballexpress.org through the Gary Sinise Foundation provides free trips to Disney World for families of fallen soldiers.
  - Texas Gold Star Moms organizations needs help donating funds and placing wreaths on the graves of soldiers <http://www.txokgoldstarmoms.com/wreaths-across-america.html>