**Veterans of Foreign wars of the United States Department of Maryland**

**Official 2022-2023 Loyalty Day Contest Questions and Answers**

**Q1-Why is Loyalty Day so important to our Country?**

 A- Loyalty has been and will continue to be the key to our continued freedom. Without Loyalty

 to our Flag and our Country, we could not survive as a major power in world affairs.

**Q2-When is Loyalty Day?**

1. May 1st is the specific time each year when the VFW highlights the patriotism we advocate all through the year.

**Q3-What was the original intent of Loyalty Day?**

1. Loyalty Day began in the 30’s as Americanism rallied to offset Communist celebrations.

**Q4-When did the VFW adopt Loyalty Day?**

1. The VFW adopted a resolution at the Golden Jubilee Convention in 1949, seeking legislation to recognize Loyalty. It was passed into law in 1958.

**Q5-What is the purpose of Loyalty Day today?**

1. The purpose is to counteract Communism and the radical elements in our society, and to promote loyalty to our country and respect for our flag.

**Q6-What does the VFW do yearly to celebrate Loyalty Day?**

1. The VFW holds parades, loyalty contests, flag presentations, and other patriotic programs across the United States.

**Q7-How many stars and stripes are there in our Flag?**

1. There are 50 stars in a field of blue and 13 stripes, alternating red and white.

**Q8-What do the 50 stars and 13 stripes represent?**

1. The stars represent the 50 States in the Union. The stripes represent the 13 original colonies.

**Q9-Do you know the meaning of red, white, and blue in our Flag?**

1. The red denotes courage and readiness to sacrifice. The white symbolizes purity and purpose. The blue suggests vision, loyalty, and unity.

**Q10-Who wrote “The Star Spangled Banner?”**

1. Francis Scott Key.

**Q11-Recite the PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE to the Flag.**

1. “I pledge allegiance to the flag

of the United States of America,

and to the Republic for which it stands:

one Nation under God, indivisible,

with Liberty and Justice for all.”