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Americanism

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Wow, I can't believe it's already April. Where the time has gone? By the time you get this your annual reports will be done. I hope that all the Units reported 100% participation because if you don't hold meetings where you could be saying the Pledge of Allegiance well that's okay because if you fly the American flag in your yard or go to a sporting event that sings the National Anthem you participated!!!

I was really excited about the Americanism Essay contest this year because the theme was "What can I personally do to promote Americanism in my school or community". I did receive essays from all the categories but I was a little disappointed that I didn't hear from more Unit participation, Still, I am so proud of how much our children understand what they could do to promote Americanism. Units this is one of the easiest way to promote Americanism to our young people. They are our future. Have your Americanism Chairman go to the schools and post community posters of the American Essay Contest, you can do this as soon as you know what the theme will be which is usually in the first Department mailing and if it isn't there just go to the National Website Alaforveterans.org and get your Americanism Essay Contests started, to promote Americanism. Remember the importance of the essay cover page and fill it out completely!!

I am also excited about Memorial Day preparation, distributing poppies, decoration of graves, raising avenue of flags and being asked to be a Memorial Day speaker this year.

The excitement doesn't stop there! I will have for the first time ever, be going to Girls State. As your Department Americanism Chairman this is an honor and privilege to share knowledge about our national flag and the American government with these young adult girls. Girls State week is June 11-17 at Bethel University in the cities.

Reminder of National Poppy Day, May 25th, do something unique and special to promote the Poppies that are made by Veterans. Put something about the Poppy origin in the local newspaper and emphasize the value of the Poppy donations, which is used strictly for our Veterans. National Flag Day, June 14th, Americanism Chairman this will be your last duty of the year, get out there and encourage your community to fly their American flags and have your city scream, "RED, WHITE & BLUE!" GOD BLESS AMERICA and our FREEDOMS.

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