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AMERICANISM

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February is Americanism month and now is a great time to get out to the schools and talk about the essay contest. With Presidents Day coming up, schools are doing things relating to Americanism.

Here are a few reminders:

- The essay title prompt is **“How can we address and prevent veteran homelessness in our communities?”**
- There are six classes for the contest.

Class	Grade Level	Word Requirement
I	3 and 4	150-250
II	5 and 6	250-300
III	7 and 8	350-400
IV	9 and 10	450-500
V	11 and 12	450-500
VI	Students with special needs	Word count should correspond with student's grade level.

- Each essay **MUST** have an attached cover sheet that has been filled out by an auxiliary unit member.
- Essays are due to me by March 27, 2019.
- Send me the **winning** essay from each class. Ideally each unit will send me 6 essays.
 - *It is not acceptable to send me all the essays you receive to have me judge those. I am judging essays from all across MN, if every unit sends me all their essays; I will be getting several thousand.*
- Please make sure the word counts are within the requirements. I am counting **ALL** words on the page.
- I am hoping we get essays in each class this year, last year there were several classes that had zero entries.

I look forward to reading all the essays.

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