



American Legion Auxiliary

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AMERICANISM

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December: Hope all of you had a Merry Christmas 2017.

January: Wishing all of you the Happiest of the New Year 2018.

The Americanism Program promotes patriotism and responsible citizenship. Our goals for this program are 1) Units should work the Americanism program at their meetings and in the schools and community. 2) Promote and Protect the American Flag. 3) Support Veterans and Military Families with a Blue Star or Gold Star Banners. 4) Support the American Legion programs and work together as a Family encouraging membership. 5) Promote the Americanism Essay Contest. 6) Promote pride in belonging to the world's largest women's patriotic organization, the American Legion Auxiliary.

Since February is Americanism month is it important that the American Legion Auxiliary promote the Americanism Essay Contest in your community and schools. This year's theme is: "WHAT CAN I DO TO PROMOTE AMERICANISM IN MY SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY". Have your Americanism Chairman collect the information needed off the website www.ALForVeterans.org and in this mailing to promote the Americanism Essay Contest.

As Members:

- Encourage your children/grandchildren to participate in the essay contest.
- Offer to contact schools and organization.
- Help judge the essays.

As Unit:

- Contact schools and other organizations such as Young Marines, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts about the essay contest.
- Offer incentives for essay winners
- Encourage Junior members to participate in the essay contest.
- Create information packets explaining contest rules, deadline dates, theme and award opportunities.
- Contact the essay winner's parents and ask if they would bring their child to your next meeting to read his/her winning essay. Provide refreshments.
- Work with school administration to identify guidance counselors, history teachers, etc., whose students would be interested in participating. Arrange for a day with the schools (preferably during a student assembly) to present the essay winner with their prizes. Provide a cash award and/or savings bond.
- Be sure to include this information on your unit report to your District, Department and National Chairman.

As Department:

- Encourage members to promote the essay contest.
- Offer department incentives for essay contest.
- Encourage your Junior members to participate.

February: Recognize Presidents Day with pride, fly your flag and have the Sweetest of Valentine's Day!

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