

## Americanism is the Heart of Auxiliary Work!



Plan this year to participate in an Americanism project in your Unit.

Here are some suggestions:

Promote Americanism on Veterans Day, Presidents Day (or any time) by purchasing one of the pamphlets produced by the Auxiliary and available through Emblem Sales for your local public or private schools. In my home Unit, we purchased *Light of Liberty* for our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and gave the teachers flags to distribute to each student as they completed the study.

Promote *Star Spangled Kids*: focus on educating the youth on history, patriotism, flag etiquette, the constitution and Bill of Rights. See attached information.

Conduct a short lesson on flag etiquette at your schools or a community service organization meeting. Resources are available through National Emblem Sales.

Hold an essay contest, either using the National Americanism essay contest theme or one of your own. Encourage local schools to participate, both public, private and Home School. Ask your Post and Unit members to write essays! Give a local prize if you like, then send your winning essays to me, one for each category. State winners in each category will receive a certificate and cash prize and will be sent on to the national Western Division contest. The Essay Contest guidelines are attached and are available on the Department website.

Assist the Legion Post with their American Legion Baseball, Junior Shooting, Oratorical Contest or Scouting project.

Purchase flags for the Kindergarten classrooms to present when students have learned to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Remember that Girls State is an Americanism program. If you send girls to Girls State, you have promoted Americanism in your schools and community.

### LET'S HAVE A BANNER YEAR FOR AMERICANISM!

Americanism Essays are due to me by April 1 in order to send our winners to National by April 15.

Unit Reports are due by May 1.

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# Americanism Report Form

Due May 1, 2023

Unit Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Number \_\_\_\_\_

Americanism Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_

1. Did your Unit promote patriotic holidays? Describe:
2. Did your Unit promote Americanism in your schools?
3. Did your Unit promote flag etiquette or flag education?
4. Did your Unit promote Star Spangled Kids?
5. Did your Unit hold an Americanism Essay Contest?
  - a. National \_\_\_\_\_ Local \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. How many students participated? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. How did the Unit promote the contest?
6. Did your Unit support the American Legion Americanism Programs? Describe
  - a. Citizens Flag Alliance
  - b. American Legion Baseball
  - c. Junior Shooting
  - d. Oratorical Contest
  - e. Scouting
7. Did your Unit sponsor girls to attend Girls State? How many delegates? \_\_\_\_\_

This report should be submitted by May 1, 2023 to Kay Jones, 2660 E 4256 N, Twin Falls, ID 83301 or by email to [joneska60@gmail.com](mailto:joneska60@gmail.com). To be considered for a national award, please submit a narrative report as well describing your program in depth.