

Americanism

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Bulletin 2

The Star Spangled Kids is the American Legion Auxiliary Initiative to educate our youths about United States history, Americanism, and the US Constitution. I will be sending one "Star Spangled Kids Kit" to all District Chairmen. Chairmen, please pass this information to your units to educate our youth in local communities. The Kit includes various exciting items that make teaching our youth about patriotism fun! Please use these items as a launching pad to promote patriotism and educate our youths about the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and the freedoms unique to our country.

This is the first year that we are launching this initiative in such a fashion. We are to gather data on how these items were used as well as how they have helped to foster plans for teaching children in your community about the history and heritage of our country. Take pictures for you to send with reports.

National Essay title 2023-24 – "What does Freedom mean to me?"

Instructions are on the American Essay Contest 2024 Cover Sheet. Which can be found the Department website and National website under Americanism.

Please make note of all Essay Deadlines. Unit chairmen will pick up essay from schools on the 1st Friday in March. The Unit shall forward the winning essay in each group to her District Chairman by the fourth Friday in March. The District Chairman will forward the winner in each group to the Department Chairman by the third Friday in April.

Fly the Flags Dates to Remember

October 3, 2023 – Fallen Firefighters Day (Half Staff)

October 11, 2023 – Columbus Day

October 13, 2023 – Navy's Birthday

October 27, 2023 – Navy Day

Now is the time to start planning for Veteran's Day. **I have a challenge for all Americanism Chairmen!**

The Unit that sends me the best patriotic Veterans Day picture, including decorations, by December 1, 2023, will receive a gift from me. The pictures should be sent to me at the email shown below. Let's see how creative you can get and have fun with this.

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