

Americanism

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Hello Department of Defense,

This month is a good time to team up with both the Education and Children & Youth chairmen to promote our flag education program. Information is now available on the Department website under Americanism on how to promote the Star- Spangled Kids. Various exciting items can be used to make teaching our youth about patriotism lots of fun! Use these items as a launching pad to promote patriotism and to educate our youth. Special pricing is available from American Legion Emblem Sales at emblem.legion.org

Suggested items include:

- **“The Pledge of Allegiance” comic book / “Our Country’s Flag” comic book**
- **4 x 6 Stick flags**
- **Declaration of Independence / Constitution of the United States**
- **USA Flag key chains**
- **Flag pins**
- **Patriotic stickers**
- **American Legion Auxiliary coloring book**
- **Other patriotic items**

The 2024 **National** Essay Contest title is: **“What does freedom mean to me?”**. The information is now available on the Department website under Americanism. It’s not too early to start contacting schools and teachers about participation. The contest information should be distributed prior to the end of January 2024. **Reminder: the National Essay Contest is separate from the Department Essay Contest.**

This is also a good time to promote the Americanism Program by recognizing area businesses and residents for flying the American Flag, by leaving a “Thank You” card or perhaps offer to replace worn out flags. Consider handing out a small flag and a poppy at the Veteran’s Day Ceremony. In December and January communicate with legionnaires and let them know that you would like to help with the Oratorical Contest.

<u>Dates to Remember:</u>	November 07, 2023 -	Election Day
	November 10, 2023 -	Marine Corps Birthday
	November 10, 2023 -	American Legion Auxiliary Birthday
	November 11, 2023-	Veteran's Day
	November 23, 2023 -	Thanksgiving Day

I have a fun challenge for all the Americanism Chairmen or Units. Please submit a picture of your Unit or event decorations for Veteran's Day to the email listed below no later than December 1, 2023. I will award a gift for the most patriotic photo.

Let's not forget to send in your title suggestions for next year's **Department Essay Contest!! Be sure to have them to me no later than November 15, 2023!!**

Remember: Unit Mid-year reports are due to the district chairman by Dec. 1st and District reports are due to the department chairman by Dec.15th.

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