

**Americanism Action Plan
2018-2019 Year**

Welcome to Americanism, a program where our ALA can help educate our youth, support our Veterans and involve our communities in the fundamentals of Patriotism. We can help with the education of proper Flag etiquette. During my year as Chairman, I'd like to see more involvement in the Americanism essays. I believe it's very important to hear from our young citizens, the future leaders of this Country. I look forward to a successful year working with your units.

District Chairmen: This year keep in contact with the units in your District, what they are doing and report it at your District meeting.

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The Americanism program promotes patriotism and responsible citizenship help us fulfill our brand promise (Goal 5) by giving U.S. citizens a chance to participate in our mission by feeling patriotic and demonstrating their support in an active, visible way.

Programs that involves Americanism:

Flag History—disposal of flag—flying the American flag high and proud

Deployment of our Troops—welcome home—Yellow Ribbons

Pocket Flags for our deployed troops. www.pocketflagproject.com

Support the amendment to protect the United States Flag. “OLD GLORY”

Americanism Essay Contest: 3rd—12th grade in our schools

Promote Auxiliary participation in The American Legion Americanism programs

Support American Legion Baseball

Hold a fundraiser

Support Oratorical Contest—understanding of the Constitution

Support Junior shooting sports—Gun safety

How Can You Help?

* Contact state and federal representatives and ask them to support the flag amendment.

*Participate in Get Out the Vote and Kids Voting USA campaigns. Refer to www.legion.org/vote and www.kidsvotingusa.org

*Work with local schools to further education of the U.S. Constitution, either whole or in part.

Americanism Reporting:

Mid-Year Reports reflect the program work of units in the Department and are intended as an opportunity for mid-year correction. Each unit chairman is required to submit a mid-year report to the Department Chairman, no later than **December 21, 2018**.

Annual Reports:

Reflect the program work of the units in Department, and may result in a national award for participants if the award requirements are met. As part of your narrative report please include answers to the following questions:

**How did you promote the Americanism Essay contest?

**How did you promote the flag program?

**How did you promote Patriotic Holidays?

**How did you encourage support of the flag amendment?

****Did you support The American Legion Americanism programs? How?**
****How did you promote Americanism in your community?**

Submit the year- end report to Department Headquarters no later than **May 1, 2019**

2018-2019 Americanism Essay Contest: “How can we address and prevent veteran homelessness in our communities?” Grades 3rd-12th
Due to the Department Chairman by **April 1, 2019**. Cover Sheet for the Americanism Essay Contest is included in this Action Plan.

Unit Award: Dorothy Pearl Most Outstanding Unit Americanism Program
Deadline to the Department Chairman by **May 15, 2019**

Traveling Plaques: Sally Arcuri 1st place
June Harbert 2nd place

National President’s Award for Excellence guidelines is found under “General Information” in the 2018-2019 Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan.