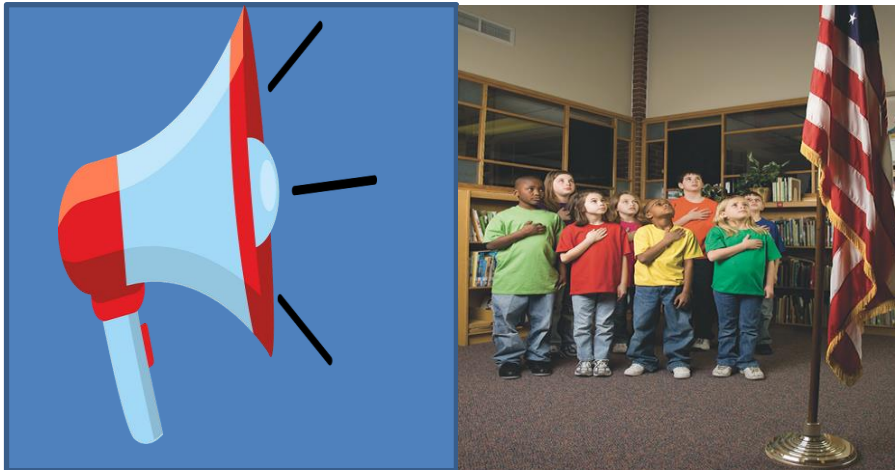


“What does Freedom mean to me?”



2023-2024 Essay Theme

Hot off the PRESS!

Announcing a NEW DEPARTMENT AWARD

As of 2023-2024, the Department will be giving 6 Americanism Essay Awards. As your department chairman, I went to the Finance Committee with a proposal: “To encourage all units in the Department of North Carolina to donate .10 cents per member, (.10 cents time 10 members = \$1.00) to a NEW RESERVED fund for Americanism Essay Awards” This proposal will be carried over each year and the Units will be encouraged to donate each year so we can give our students awards for good work. With all the Units working together WE CAN DO THIS!

Not only was this approved thru the Finance Committee, it was also approved by the DEC of North Carolina starting this YEAR!

You can mail your check directly to Department Headquarters at P.O. Box 46315 Raleigh, NC, 27620 ATTN: Americanism Essay

Help me pass the word.....

2023-2024 National Americanism Program

Unit Award: Dorothy Pearl Most Outstanding Unit Americanism Program

- All unit entries must be submitted by the department chairman (via electronic form) by 5 p.m. EST on June 1.

Department Award: Best Department Americanism Program

- All department entries must be submitted by the department chairman (via electronic form) by 5 p.m. EST on June 1.

Americanism Essay Contest

National Awards:

- Winners will receive \$50.00 and a \$50.00 donation in the student's name will be made to the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship fund.
- Essays are due to National Headquarters Division Chairman by April 15.

Department Awards:

- Winners will receive an Americanism Essay Gold Ribbon with a Participation Certificate in an American Legion Auxiliary Presentation Folder
- Essays are due to Department Chairman by April 1.

STAR SPANGLED KIDS

The Department of North Carolina has a secret WEAPON! Wanda Moore, Unit 109 Benson, has shared with me her Star-Spangled Kids Program. I have scanned her information into my computer and with her permission, I can share it with you. **Please email me** and let me know if you would like a copy of these FILES. Wanda has broken this program down to different grade levels. She has also shared a lot of her posters so I can also send poster ideas if you request them.



Wanda Moore

Is your UNIT supporting your American Legion Americanism Programs?

- AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL
- AMERICAN LEGION AND SCOUTING
- YOUTH CADET LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM
- AMERICAN LEGION JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS
- THE AMERICAN LEGION HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM "A CONSTITUTIONAL SPEECH CONTEST"

Red, White, & Blue Tic Tac Toe Rock Art

Rock art is extremely popular --- why not combine it with a fun game, such as Tic Tac Toe? This would be a great party game for a picnic.

Supplies:

- 10 Rocks
- Paint (red, white, & blue)
- Burlap

Instructions: Gather 10 rocks of approximately equal size. Paint five of them with a red and white design, and paint five of them with a blue and white design. Use a piece of burlap as the game board (draw the board with red pen).

