

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
AMERICANISM NEWS
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ALA Americanism Program – “What” & “Why”

The Americanism Program allows members to be visible in our schools and communities as we exemplify patriotism. Through our service, our communities', and students' knowledge of patriotism, and civic responsibility and the U.S. Constitution increases thereby creating better citizens. If our members take to heart the quote of Eleanor Roosevelt we will inspire patriotism, involvement, and grow our organization to serve the Auxiliary mission in the years to come.

“With freedom comes responsibility.”

Star-Spangled Kids

National Americanism Committee is promoting the Star-Spangled Kids Program. Each Department has been sent a Star-Spangled Kids Kit to share among the department: I have divided up the items I have received into 15 envelopes to be giving to each District President at Fall Conference. District Presidents please share this information with your Units so they can get into the schools with this.

Kits include:

1. Pledge of Allegiance Comic book (emblem Sales item #755.302)
2. Our Country's Flag Comic book (emblem Sales item #755.200)
3. 4 x 6 Stick Flags
4. Declaration of Independence/Constitution of the United States (emblem sales item # 755.200)
5. USA Flag Key chain
6. Flag pins

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AMERICAN ESSAY CONTEST

“What does freedom mean to me?”

The Contest is open to all Public, Charter, Home & Private Schools. Please get the winning essays to Mary Thorsten by MARCH 15, 2024, as I have a deadline to get the department winners to our Division Chairman.

National Essay 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.



Be Sure to "LIKE" us on Facebook.

National ALA is @ALA Americanism Program

Department is @American Legion Auxiliary Dept of NC

Feel free to like both pages to BRAG about your programs.

Did you know that National has a BLOG? <https://alaforveterans.wordpress.com/> No log in required but a lot of information to be gained.

Please send information to ME throughout the year as I have already started my end-of-year report. Please include Pictures (tell me the Unit number, what is going on, who is in the picture and money & Hours Spent)

Americanism Ideas:

Flag Disposals, Educate the community on the proper disposal of the flag. Hold ceremonies at ALA Girls State, schools, town meetings. Junior meetings and Scout meetings.

Do a display at Libraries, community parks and Youth areas to promote Americanism.

Americanism Activity Tracker 2023-2024

https://www.alanorthcarolina.com/files/ugd/15fcf7_615a558fa0754a6aafad17208c5951e2.pdf

Americanism Resources (found on the National Americanism Committee page of the National website:

Americanism Essay Flow Chart: <https://member.legion-aux.org/Member/Committees/Americanism/Americanism-Essay-Flow-Chart>

Wreaths Across America: <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org>

The American Legion's Flag Advocacy: <https://www.legion.org/flag>

The Citizens Flag Alliance: <https://www.citizensflagalliance.org>