

Americanism



The purpose of Americanism is to promote patriotism and responsible citizenship.

What can you do?

1. Be knowledgeable on flag history, etiquette, and proper disposal methods
2. Promote the observation of patriotic holidays
3. Participation in the Americanism Essay Contest
4. Encourage participation in Get Out the Vote campaigns
5. Promote the American Legion Americanism Programs

Flag History, etiquette and disposal

1. Publish flag etiquette tips in your local newspaper, social media and community events
2. Work with local schools throughout the school year to share basic facts and history of the flag, proper flag etiquette, National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, Constitution etc.
3. Collect flags ready for disposal and conduct a flag disposal ceremony. Invite the community to attend the ceremony
4. Encourage businesses to display the American Flag, especially on patriotic holidays
5. Order and disperse pocket flag kits to members and the community, veterans and active-duty military personnel
6. Provide American flags to your local schools and/or classrooms

Promote observation of Patriotic holidays

1. Volunteer for and participate in local patriotic events
2. Work with the local Legion Post of Patriotic Day observations
3. Flags on the graves of Veterans/Wreaths Across America

Encourage youth to participate in the Americanism essay contest

1. Distribute essay information at local school administration, guidance counselors, instructors
2. Encourage Junior members to complete an essay

Encourage participation in Get out to Vote campaigns

1. Encourage members to "Vote in Honor of a Veteran"
2. Encourage and stress the importance of voting in the upcoming elections

These are just a few ideas of what units can do to promote Americanism. There are no limits to what you can do to promote patriotism and responsible citizenship. We are looking forward to you sharing your activities thru your reports.

For God and Country
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