



AMERICANISM

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Congratulations to all District and Unit Americanism Chairmen.

This Year we will be known as The Department of Defense. Madame President Glenda theme will be “UNITED AS ONE” her motto is “California the Golden State” and her colors are Blue and Gold.

There is so much we can do with this theme, first start forming your committee team, for example: two or more Auxiliary, have one or more Legionares, one or more Sons of Legion, One or more Legion Rider if available, and maybe a junior member in some cases. The American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Program will be focusing on educating our youths, and of course other Patriotics as well.

Reach out to your local schools, (whats a better time than now as the new school year begins). Some schools will set-up an assembly date ahead of time with you to educate on Flag etiquette. Do some research and honor those who are recruiting into the military, let them know what an honor it is.

Be the one to recognize area residents through out the year for flying American flags in the community (leave a thank you card). Replace those flags that are in need. As a team “United as One” educate on how to help veterans / troops and their families, and your community.

2023-2024 Americanism Essay Contest Titles

Group 1 – Grades 4 & 5: Why do we honor the flag?

Group II – Grades 6 & 7: Why is voting important?

Group III – Grades 8 & 9: Who is responsible to keep our country safe?

Group IV – Grades 10, 11, & 12: Is service to the country important?

Group V – Exceptional needs: How should the flag be disposed of?

The Department of Defense always plans a head for the year. Start by always checking the Department and National websites for updates. Promote the “Star Spangled Kids”, Observe patriotic holidays with special events, and familiarize yourself with the Department Code.

If you have any suggestions for next year’s “Essay Titles” Please submit to me by November and they will be announced at the DEC in January. Don’t forget to pick-up your packet before you leave. Have fun with this chairmanship. I will keep you updated throughout the year.

As being The Department of Defense lets “ **Be the One** “

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