

AMERICANISM

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IMPORTANT PLEASE READ!!!!!!

This is not so much a Plan of Action as it is a reminder of the things we do as members of the ALA that are included in the Americanism program. As members we participate in this program without even giving it a second thought because it includes actions that are second nature to us such as saying the Pledge of Allegiance or saluting the flag. These may sound almost too simple but remember that each one is reportable. So, **goal one this year** is no reports that say, "NO ACTIVITY OR DID NOT PARTICIPATE". Here are a few ideas for participation that you may want to try. Remember, that you are the model to others when you are taking part in public activities.

1. Distribute information and be knowledgeable on flag etiquette and the proper disposal of unserviceable flags.
2. Volunteer to care for an area around a flag pole in your community.
3. Volunteer to serve on a committee for a local patriotic event.
4. Contact your state and federal representatives and ask them to support the flag amendment. What is the flag amendment ???
5. Work with your American Legion Post to provide a receptacle for worn flags and offer a replacement flag to businesses and others.
6. Encourage members to participate in Get Out the Vote and Kids Voting USA. To learn more about this, go to, www.kidsvotingusa.org

The second goal is to increase participation in the Americanism Essay Contest. This focus is an easy one to work. Through experience I can tell you that a visit to your local schools **WILL** produce results. It is open to all students, grades 3 thru 12 and includes special needs students. The theme [title] this year is" **What Can I Personally Do To Promote Americanism In My School or Community?"** You will receive additional information on this contest in the coming months. **NEW THIS YEAR** – National Americanism Chairman, Martha Corriher, is having her own essay contest for senior Auxiliary members. Using the same title senior members may send their entry via email [preferred] to ncusa1993@hotmail.com. In the subject line put, senior member essay contest. If sending your entry by mail, send to: Martha Corriher, 950 Daugherty Road, China Grove, NC 28023. Deadline for entry is January 5, 2018.

The third goal is to participate in the promotion of The American Legion Americanism programs in which we are a collaborative partner. This has been part of our program for at least 10 years and many of our members work alongside of the Legionnaires yet these activities go unreported. They include: American Legion Baseball, Oratorical Contest and the Junior Shooting Program.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

District 1 Americanism Plaque – to the Unit in District 1 submitting the best Americanism report

Mary Perham Americanism Award – to the Unit in District 2 submitting the best Americanism report

Frederick J. Manley Trophy – to the Unit in District 3 submitting the best Americanism report

Jannelle Trophy – to the Unit in District 4 submitting the best Americanism report

District 5 Americanism Award – to the Unit in District 5 submitting the best Americanism report

Maella Gleason Trophy – to the Unit in District 6 submitting the best Americanism report

Andrews Trophy - to the Unit in District 7 submitting the best Americanism report

Larty Trophy – to the Unit in District 8 submitting the best Americanism report

Anna Joy Trophy - to the Unit in the Department submitting the best Americanism report

NATIONAL AWARDS

Dorothy Pearl Most Outstanding Unit Americanism Program

Award –citation plaque

Presented to – one Unit in each division [5]

The entry must be typewritten in narrative form, not to exceed 1,000 words. The entry may include no more than 5 pictures and 5 news articles. Send to the division chairman no later than 5PM on June 1, 2018. **A National Report and Awards Cover Sheet must accompany your entry.** This form may be found in the Awards section of the Programs Action Plan at www.ALAforVeterans.org