



Ohio Unit Plan of Action



AMERICANISM

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REPORT DUE TO DISTRICT

April 15, 2021 to

CHAIRMAN BY:

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

ESSAY CONTEST

****April 1, 2021****

**DISTRICT CHAIRMAN SEND REPORT TO DEPARTMENT
CHAIRMAN BY MAY 1, 2021**

Your District Americanism Chairman is listed below.

District Americanism Chairmen

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Narrative must be typed written in narrative form.

Narrative must not exceed 1,000 words. (Can be fewer words if program dictates)

Narrative may include photographs and news articles.

Essay Contest: April 1, 2021 Narrative Deadline: April 15, 2021

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Department Report Form

This Form should be attached to each narrative that is submitted for information, Citation of Merit requirements and possible Department award. Please fill out the information as completely and accurately as possible. A Unit must submit a this report form with boxes completed and answer the questions below in order to earn the Citation of Merit. Narrative - word count must follow directions given in award guidelines. Simple or elaborate stories will be accepted as a report.

Please complete the following. Be sure to give the complete name of your Unit: _____

District _____	Unit # _____	Unit Membership Goal _____	Unit Membership Total As of Report _____		
Name of Person Completing Report:			Unit Chair.		Unit Pres.
Phone # _____	Email _____	Membership ID (if available)			
Specific Award Name(if applicable)					

Answer the following Questions in your narrative

- How did your unit promote Star Spangled Kids in your community? _____

- How did your Unit promote the Americanism essay contest? _____

- How did your Unit promote the flag program? _____

- How did your Unit promote patriotic holidays? _____

- How did your Unit encourage support of the flag amendment? _____

- Did your Unit support American Legion Americanism programs? How? _____

- How did your Unit promote Americanism in your community? _____

Program Summation:

Total Number of Legion Family Volunteers	Total Number of Jr. Volunteers	Total Number of Community Volunteers	Total Number of Volunteer Hours	Total Dollars Spent or Raised	Total Number of Patriotic/Veteran Programs/Events
				\$	

The National Cover Sheet is included on the backside of this form.
Please fill out the Unit or Member Portion and send with your Narrative.
Send your narrative, this report form and National Cover Sheet to your District or Department Chairman.

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American Legion Auxiliary National Report and Award Cover Sheet

See the Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan to determine where to send this form.
Please note, your report will also be viewed as an award entry if this cover sheet is attached.

Complete the following if you are applying for a member award.

Unit #: _____ Full official unit name: _____

Name of state where you are a member: _____

Member's Full Name: _____ ALA member ID#: _____

Nominating Member (if different from above): _____

Nominator's Phone number: (____) _____

Nominator's Email address: _____

National committee sponsoring award: _____

Name of the award you are applying for: _____

For a unit award or to submit a year-end unit narrative report, please complete this section. Be sure to give the complete name of your unit. The award certificate will be prepared using the information you include below.

Unit #: _____ Full official unit name: _____

Name of department: _____

Unit president/chairman (**circle one**) name: _____

Above listed person's ALA member ID#: _____ Phone number: (____) _____

Email address: _____

For a department award or to submit a year-end department narrative report, please complete this section:

Name of department: _____

Name of department chairman: _____

Chairman's phone number: (____) _____ ALA member ID#: _____

Chairman's email address: _____

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AMERICANISM

What is this program, and why do we have it?

The Americanism Program promotes patriotism and responsible citizenship and Star Spangled Kids.

What can you do?

1. Be knowledgeable on flag history, etiquette and proper disposal methods; and promote the observation of patriotic holidays so your community will look to the ALA for information.

Ideas:

Member

- Publish flag etiquette tips in your newspaper and on social media.
- Model respect for our flag at public events, such as sporting events.
- Volunteer for a local patriotic event.
- Sign up to receive notifications on when to display your flag at half-staff at www.legion.org.
- If you have an idea about how to promote Americanism, let your unit know.
- Assemble pocket flags to be distributed by units.
- Visit schools at the beginning of the school year to give some basic facts about our flag, our national anthem, and when we stand and put our hand over our heart at parades and ball games.

Unit

- Conduct a flag disposal ceremony.
- Host flag awareness events and communicate information:
 - In schools
 - At your post home
 - At public functions
- Participate in local patriotic holiday events.
- Organize a patriotic holiday event.
- Encourage local businesses to fly a flag, especially on patriotic holidays.
- Encourage members to fly a flag.
- Order pocket flag kits and distribute to members for assembly.
- Identify and distribute assembled pocket flags to active-duty military overseas.

2. Encourage members to vote and to support the amendment to protect the United States flag from desecration. The amendment currently reads, “The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.”

Ideas:

Member

- Contact state and federal representatives, asking them to support the flag amendment.
- Vote.
- Encourage others to vote.
- Take your children/grandchildren with you when you vote – many places have kid-related voting.
- Recruit others to support the flag amendment by explaining what it is and why it is important.
- Attend the annual ALA Washington DC Conference (see www.ALAforVeterans.org for details).

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Unit

- Encourage members to contact state and federal representatives, asking them to support the flag amendment.
- Encourage members to participate in Get Out the Vote and Kids Voting USA campaigns.
 - Guidelines: www.legion.org/vote and www.kidsvotingusa.org
- Encourage member participation at the annual ALA Washington DC Conference.

3. Increase participation in the Americanism Essay Contest. This year's theme is "How can we address the health and wellbeing of our Veterans, Military, and their families?"

Student Award: Americanism Essay Contest

Type of award: Citation, \$50 prize and additional \$50 donation added to the Children of Warriors National Presidents Scholarship Fund.

Presented to: 30 students total, six from each division, one student for every class in each division

Materials and Guidelines:

- The contest shall include six classes.

Class	Grade Level	Word Requirement
I	3 and 4	150-250
II	5 and 6	250-300
III	7 and 8	350-400
IV	9 and 10	450-500
V	11 and 12	450-500
VI	Students with special needs	Word count should correspond with student's grade level.

- Students with special needs are defined as:
 - Those in special education classes
 - A student recommended for special education classes, but who has not been admitted due to a waiting list or various other factors
 - A child identified as having a disability, but not in a special education class due to lack of facilities; identification contingent upon discretion of school officials
- Entries must include the Americanism Essay Contest cover sheet found at the end of this program plan.
- Unit winners are sent to the department Americanism chairman, following department guidelines.
- The department winning entry must be postmarked by April 1, 2021 and sent to the Department Vice Chairman, Mary Ann Dull (see front page of this program Plan for address information).
- National winners will be informed of their award via communication from National Headquarters directly following National Convention
 - At this time, a copy of the letter sent to the student along with a citation will be sent to the department to forward on to the unit. The department and unit should arrange a public recognition of the student's achievement.

Ideas:

Member

- Encourage your children/grandchildren to participate in the essay contests.
- Offer to contact schools or other organizations.
- Help judge the essays.

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Unit

- Contact schools and other organizations such as the Young Marines, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, and 4-H about the essay contest.
- Offer incentives for essay winners.
- Encourage Junior members to participate in the essay contest.
- Create information packets explaining contest rules, deadline dates, theme and award opportunities.
- Contact the essay winner and their parents. Invite the parents to bring their child to your next Auxiliary meeting to read his/her winning essay. Provide refreshments.
- Work with school administration to identify guidance counselors, history teachers, etc., whose students would be interested in participating.
 - Arrange for a day with the schools (preferably during a student assembly) to present the essay winners with their prizes. Provide cash award and/or savings bond.
 - Invite media to attend the event
- Be sure to include this information on your unit report to your district, department and national chairman.

4. Participate in the promotion of American Legion Americanism programs.

Ideas:

Member

- Support American Legion Baseball.
 - Help with statistics.
 - Work the concession booth.
 - Donate to a team.
 - Contact local sports shops and ask if they would be willing to make donations toward a fundraiser or offer a discounted price to purchase needed items.
- Support the Oratorical Contest.
 - Help prepare post home to sponsor local or district contest.
 - Offer to be a judge or timekeeper.
 - Offer to help out with refreshments.
 - Provide transportation for candidates.
 - Help recruit candidates at local schools and other organizations.
 - Contact history teachers or debate coaches.
- Support the Junior Shooting Sports, which promotes gun safety and marksmanship training for youth.
 - Volunteer to help out with scoring, supervising or transportation.
 - Help recruit candidates at local schools and other organizations.
 - Contact JROTC at local schools.

Unit

- Work with the post and/or district Americanism chairman.
- Support American Legion Baseball.
 - Sponsor a team.
 - Help with statistics.
 - Man the concession booth.
 - Hold a fundraiser.
 - Drive the team to games.

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- Support the Oratorical Contest either at your post level or district level.
 - Offer to provide volunteers as timekeepers or judges.
 - Offer to help out with refreshments.
 - Offer to host a contest.
 - Help recruit candidates at local schools and other organizations.
- Support Junior Shooting Sports, which promotes gun safety and marksmanship training for youth.
 - Offer to provide refreshments on event day.
 - Arrange transportation and/or supervision on event day.
 - Host an event at your post/unit home, if you have the space.

HOW TO PROMOTE "STAR SPANGLED KIDS"

What's the first thing that comes to mind when you hear "Star Spangled Kids?"

Star Spangled Kids: Educate youth on the history of the United States from the aspect of patriotism, Americanism and the U.S. Constitution.

- In conjunction with local schools, create a Unit Citizenship Award for children and youth who have demonstrated the ideals of the U.S. Constitution.
- Team with the Education chairman to bring veterans or servicemembers into the classroom to talk about what their service means to defending the ideals of the Constitution.
- Share "Fascinating Facts about the U.S. Constitution" each month in the department or unit bulletin, in tweets, or in a newspaper editorial.
- List important constitutional dates by chronological order or by month.
- Encourage students to test their knowledge of the Constitution.
- Distribute patriotic coloring book pages for children in primary grades.
- Celebrate Constitution Day (also known as Citizenship Day) on September 17, the day set aside each year to commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution.
 - Celebrate at September's Junior meeting with a cake or cupcakes.
 - Let Juniors report on different sections of the Bill of Rights.
- Print and distribute pocket copies of the U.S. Constitution for school children and/or Juniors.
- Put on a skit or musical about the Constitution and the signers.
- Hold a scavenger hunt in the post where children find information relating to the Constitution.
- Have members dress up as signers of the Constitution and describe the role of their character in the writing and signing of the Constitution.
- Encourage high school-aged students to use their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution by participating in The American Legion Oratorical Contest.

Resources:

- www.constitutionfacts.com
- Constitution Day Resources: <http://ca3rsproject.org/pages/ConstitutionDayResources.html>

Contact Information for Questions:

Amerianism@ALAforVeterans.org

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Additional Resources You Can Use

1. Emblem Sales: www.emblem.legion.org - flag education DVD: explains the history, significance, meaning, proper display and treatment of the U.S. flag. *Let's Be Right on Flag Etiquette* - a "question and answer" booklet on proper flag etiquette.
2. The American Legion Flag Advocacy: www.legion.org/flag
3. The American Legion's *Action Program of Americanism* brochure: www.legion.org/publications
4. Capitol Building flags: To order flags flown over the Capitol, contact your congressional representative or senator or visit his/her website. Flags are available for a nominal fee; four to six weeks should be allowed for delivery.

Americanism Reporting:

Mid-Year Reports

Mid-Year reports reflect the program work of units in the department and are intended as an opportunity for mid-year correction. Each Unit Americanism chairman is required to submit a narrative report by **December 15, 2020** to the department Americanism chairman.

Year-End Report

Annual reports reflect the program work of units in the department and may result in a national award for participants if award requirements are met. **Each Unit Americanism chairman is required to submit a narrative report by April 15, 2021 to the District Americanism Chairman.** (addresses on front of POA)

DEPARTMENT AWARD INFORMATION & DEADLINE

- NOTE: The Annual Report Forms must be sent to your **District** Americanism Chairmen. Reports are due by **April 15, 2021**. You are highly encouraged to send photos of your Unit conducting Americanism events and promoting the program. We hope to highlight your Units and its members during the Department Convention in July. Please send along with your narratives photos and clippings showing your Americanism.
- The **District Chairmen** Annual Reports are due to Department Americanism Chairman Renee Kohl, 13 West Prospect St., Hudson, Ohio 44236 by **May 1, 2021**.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Group 1	10-50 members	Group 2	51-100 members
Group 3	101-200 members	Group 4	201-400 members
Group 5	401-600 members	Group 6	601 & up

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Americanism Awards Deadlines and Submission Requirements:

Taking the time to share a favorite story about the positive impact you or someone you know has had on our mission is worth doing! It helps us tell the world who we are, what we do, and why we matter. Just three simple steps to add your part to our national success story:

- 1) Please follow instructions as you fill out the National Report and Awards Cover Sheet found in the awards section of the Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan.
- 2) Provide details/examples about the activity as outlined in the 2017-2022 Programs Action Plan.
- 3) **Make sure to include your data from 2019-2021 in your report.**

Patricia Logan Plaque – This plaque is awarded to the Unit that has the most outstanding Americanism Program during the year. The winner will be selected from the First Place Winners in each membership category. **Due to District Chairman by April 15, 2021.**

Best All-Around Americanism Program Certificates – Awarded to the Units that have promoted and carried out the best year-round Americanism program based on the Annual Report form and narrative. There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner selected from each membership category. **Due to District Chairman by April 15, 2021.**

Mary Walker Plaque – This plaque is given to the Unit that contributes the most money per capita to the Americanism and Government Test Trip Fund. Contributions are to be sent to Department Headquarters by **June 1, 2021** and earmarked “Americanism and Government Test Trip Fund”.

Americanism Spirit Essay Plaque – Given to the Unit Americanism Chairman submitting the best narrative entitled: **“How can we address the health and wellbeing of our Veterans, Military, and their families?”** The entry is to be typed, double spaced, less than 1,000 words and may include clippings and pictures. A title page must include: Title of essay, District number, Unit Chairman's name and address, Membership goal, and Unit name and number. Send to Department Americanism Vice Chairman Mary Ann Dull, 407 Phillips Ave., Ashland, Ohio 44805, by **April 1, 2021**

Norma Frazier Plaque – Given to schools displaying the most outstanding Americanism program throughout the year. One plaque each is presented to a High School, Middle School and Elementary School. Send to Department Americanism Vice Chairman Mary Ann Dull, 407 Phillips Ave., Ashland, Ohio 44805, by **April 1, 2021.**

Don't Forget, please forward photos and clippings of your Unit and its programs to your District and Department Chairman.

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AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST 2021 Cover Sheet

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12 including students w/special needs. Grade levels are divided into six classes. One award in each of the six classes will be presented in each division. Winners will receive \$50, and a \$50 donation in the student's name will be made to the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship fund. National winners will be posted at www.ALAforVeterans.org after convention.

Essay Title: *"How can we address the health and well-being of our Veterans, Military, and their families?"*

Essay Classes:

Class	Grade Level	Word Requirement
I	3 and 4	150-250
II	5 and 6	250-300
III	7 and 8	350-400
IV	9 and 10	450-500
V	11 and 12	450-500
VI	Students with special needs	Word count should correspond with student's grade level.

Essay Checklist:

- Class competing in _____
- Sponsoring ALA Unit _____
- Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word requirement for class
- Completed essay coversheet as first page of essay
- Word count of essay _____
- Due date for student to return to ALA Unit _____

To Be Completed by the Student/Parent:

Student Name: _____

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____

School Name: _____

School City/State: _____

Teacher Name and Signature: _____

Auxiliary Use Only: (Must be completed for entry to be considered)

Sponsoring Unit Name/Number: _____

Signature of Unit Americanism Chairman: _____

Unit winner due to Department on _____ Department: _____

Signature of Department Americanism Chairman: _____

Unit winner due to Department Americanism Vice Chairman, Mary Ann Dull, 407 Phillips Ave., Ashland, OH 44805
by **April 1, 2021**

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The 2020-2021 ALL-AMERICAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

Unit Name _____ Unit # _____ District # _____

Unit Chairman _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Name of School _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Grades covered _____

1. Did the above school display the U.S. Flag in their classrooms and outside the school building? Y () N ()

2. Has the school certified that they recite the Pledge of Allegiance in each classroom daily? Y () N ()

3. Did the school participate in the National Americanism Essay Contest? Y () N ()

4. Did the school have a presentation on any of the following: History and meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance; History of the U.S. Flag; or Flag etiquette? Which ones? Y () N ()

5. Describe how the teachers promoted Americanism in the school. _____

6. Describe at least one Community Patriotic Activity that the students participated in. _____

7. In 100 words or less, why does this school warrant receiving the All-American School Award? _____

Please use the back or additional paper if needed. Pictures may be included. This report must be received by **April 15, 2021**. Mail to: Department Americanism Vice Chairman Mary Ann Dull, 407 Phillips Ave., Ashland, Ohio 44805, by **April 15, 2021**.

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THE 2020-2021 ALL-AMERICAN MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Unit Name _____ Unit # _____ District # _____

Unit Chairman _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Name of School _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Grades covered _____

1. Did the above school display the U.S. Flag in their classrooms and outside the school building? Y () N ()

2. Has the school certified that they recite the Pledge of Allegiance in each classroom daily? Y () N ()

3. Did the school participate in the National Americanism Essay Contest? Y () N ()

4. Did the school have a presentation on any of the following: History and meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance; History of the U.S. Flag; or Flag etiquette? Which ones? Y () N ()

5. Describe how the teachers promoted Americanism in the school. _____

6. Describe at least one Community Patriotic Activity that the students participated in. _____

7. In 100 words or less, why does this school warrant receiving the All-American School Award? _____

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THE 2020-2021 ALL-AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Unit Name _____ Unit # _____ District # _____

Unit Chairman _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Name of School _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Grades covered _____

1. Did the above school display the U.S. Flag in their classrooms and outside the school building? Y () N ()

2. Has the school certified that they recite the Pledge of Allegiance in each classroom daily? Y () N ()

3. Did the school participate in the National Americanism Essay Contest? Y () N ()

4. Did the school have a presentation on any of the following: History and meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance; History of the U.S. Flag; or Flag etiquette? Which ones? Y () N ()

5. Describe how the teachers promoted Americanism in the school. _____

6. Describe at least one Community Patriotic Activity that the students participated in. _____

7. In 100 words or less, why does this school warrant receiving the All-American School Award? _____

Please use the back or additional paper if needed. Pictures may be included. This report must be received by **April 15, 2021**. Mail to: Department Americanism Vice Chairman Mary Ann Dull, 407 Phillips Ave., Ashland, Ohio 44805, by **April 15, 2021**.