



# Ohio Unit Plan of Action



## AMERICANISM

### CITATION OF MERIT



### REQUIREMENT

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REPORT DUE TO DISTRICT  
 CHAIRMAN BY:

**APRIL 15, 2023**

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN SEND REPORT TO DEPARTMENT  
 CHAIRMAN BY MAY 1, 2023

Your District Americanism Chairman is listed below.

### District Americanism Chairmen

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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 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) _____					

**Narrative Deadline: April 15, 2023**

**Answer the following Questions in your narrative.**

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.

- How did your Unit promote Americanism in your community? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- Did your Unit support The American Legion with their Americanism program and how? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- How did your Unit promote patriotic holidays? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- How did your Unit promote the flag program? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Our Service Representing the ALA in Our Communities**

	For any service not included in Sections 1-3	Obtain Total From	Total
Line 19	Total number of hours	<i>Unit Form Line 19</i>	
Line 20	Total dollars spent	<i>Unit Form Line 20</i>	\$

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## American Legion Auxiliary National Americanism Report and Award Cover Sheet

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

Please see instructions on previous page about where to send this form.

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## AMERICANISM

### Key Program Statements

- 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.
- Increase participation in the Americanism Essay Contest.
- Participate in the promotion of The American Legion Americanism programs.

- 1. Objective Goal:** Promote the American Legion Auxiliary through community education about flag etiquette and respect in support of our country and military.
  - a. Action Step:** Be the go-to organization in your community for flag promotion and protection. Be active in observing patriotic holidays. Encourage flying the flag every day. Be knowledgeable on flag history, etiquette, and proper disposal.
  - b. Action Step:** Participate in the Pocket Flag project by providing flags to deployed troops. Publish flag etiquette tips in the local newspaper and on social media. Model respect for the flag at public events.
- 2. Objective Goal:** Increase awareness and participation in youth activities that support proper respect for our flag and loyalty to our country.
  - a. Action Step:** Encourage participation in the Americanism Essay Contest by increasing awareness through stronger networking in schools and those home-schooled. Create information packets explaining the contest, deadline dates and award opportunities.
  - b. Action Step:** Teach flag awareness in your local schools, giving flags to the schools. Teach youth about folding the flag. Have a veteran explain the folds. Involve students in flag retirement ceremonies, learning the proper way to dispose of the flag.
- 3. Objective Goal:** To promote all aspects of Americanism and patriotism with the American Legion Family.
  - a. Action Step:** Work with the Legionnaires to host an open house and explain who we are, what we do and why we do it. Wear your official American Legion Auxiliary blouse or shirt with your pins, smile and be professional.
  - b. Action Step:** Strive to have an Americanism chairman in every unit, explaining the importance of this chairmanship. Present Americanism facts at a unit meeting

### AMERICANISM RESOURCES

- Americanism National Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/818779828161560>
- ALA National website: <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/americanism>
- Pocket Flags: [www.pocketflagproject.com](http://www.pocketflagproject.com)
- Capital Building Flags: to order flags flown over the Capitol, contact your Senator or House of Representative.

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## 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, 2023, to the District Americanism Chairman.** (addresses on front of POA)

## NATIONAL AWARD INFORMATION & DEADLINE

**Dorothy Pearl Most Outstanding Unit Americanism Program Award** – one per division. The Patricia Logan Plaque winner will be sent on to National to compete for this National Award.

**Americanism Essay Contest** – one per class per division. Essay contest is for students in grades 3-12, including students with special needs. Follow the guidelines on attached 2023 Cover Sheet.

## DEPARTMENT AWARD INFORMATION & DEADLINE

- NOTE: The Annual Report Forms must be sent to your **District Americanism Chairmen**. Reports are due by **April 15, 2023**. 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. Please send along with your narratives, photos and clippings showing your Americanism.
- The **District Chairmen** Annual Reports are due to Department Americanism Chairman Michelle Zayakosky, 7400 Johnnycake Ridge, Mentor, Ohio 44060-7518 and is due by **May 1, 2023**.

## 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

**Patricia Logan Plaque** – “Best All-Around Americanism Program” presented to the Unit with the most outstanding Americanism Program based on the annual report/narrative. The winner will be selected from the First Place Winners in each membership categories submitted to the District Chairman. **Due to District Chairman by April 15, 2023.**

**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, 2023**, and earmarked “Americanism and Government Test Trip Fund”.

**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 Chairman Michelle Zayakosky, 7400 Johnnycake Ridge, Mentor, Ohio 44060-7518 and is due by **April 1, 2023**.

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! Your story may inspire another member into service. It also helps us tell the world who we are, what we do, and why we matter.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

PROGRAMS ACTION PLAN HOW TO GUIDES

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## HOW TO PROMOTE "STAR SPANGLED KIDS"

**Committee:** Americanism

**Contact Information for Questions:** [Americanism@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:Americanism@ALAforVeterans.org)

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

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## AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

### 2023 Cover Sheet

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12, including students with 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](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org) after convention.

### Essay Title: "What does patriotism mean to you?"

#### 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 to be sent to Department Americanism Vice Chairman, Barb Arndt, 1996 Co. Rd. 170, Marengo, OH 43334-9662.

Due by April 1, 2023.

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## The 2022-2023 ALL-AMERICAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

Unit Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Chairman \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of School \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Grades Covered \_\_\_\_\_

Y ( )      N ( )

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: Y ( )      N ( )  
History and meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance; History of the U.S. Flag; or Flag etiquette? Which ones?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
5. Describe how the teachers promoted Americanism in the school. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Describe at least one Community Patriotic Activity that the students participated in. \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. In 100 words or less, why does this school warrant receiving the All-American School Award? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please use the back or additional paper if needed. Pictures may be included. This report must be received by **April 15, 2023.**  
Mail to: Department Americanism Chairman Michelle Zayakosky, 7400 Johnnycake Ridge, Mentor, Ohio 44060-7518, by **April 15, 2023.**



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## THE 2022-2023 ALL-AMERICAN MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Unit Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Chairman \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of School \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Grades Covered \_\_\_\_\_

Y ( )      N ( )

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: Y ( )      N ( )  
History and meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance; History of the U.S. Flag; or Flag etiquette? Which ones?  
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5. Describe how the teachers promoted Americanism in the school. \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Describe at least one Community Patriotic Activity that the students participated in. \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. In 100 words or less, why does this school warrant receiving the All-American School Award? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## THE 2022-2023 ALL-AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Unit Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Grades Covered \_\_\_\_\_

Y ( ) N ( )

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 ( )  
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5. Describe how the teachers promoted Americanism in the school. \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Describe at least one Community Patriotic Activity that the students participated in. \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. In 100 words or less, why does this school warrant receiving the All-American School Award? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please use the back or additional paper if needed. Pictures may be included. This report must be received by **April 15, 2023**.  
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