



# Americanism October 2024



Are you excited, I mean Halloween is almost here and fall weather is in the air...if you live in Northern Arizona that is! National Convention was a blast and I did learn some new ideas for the Americanism program from other Units around the country. I just wrapped up my 1st session with the new National Americanism Chair and the other department chairman from all over the USA and a challenge has been made, so lets be #1 in the Western Division!!

To kick off this new year, I have created a new email address (see below) and will pass this one to the next Americanism Chair. I look forward to seeing ya all post how you are promoting Americanism in your Units. Please send me pics and a message to let me know what unit you belong too, I don't always check ALA ring your bell so please share with me!

We all know that at this time we need to pray for our country and those that serve at home and overseas. There has been a lot happening in these past few weeks that can be overwhelming. Hang tight, and persevere, there is always a light near, or you can be the light or BE THE ONE for someone!

**STAR-SPANGLED KIDS KITS  
1ST - AMERICANISM CHALLENGE**

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 "So Who Will It Be?"



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

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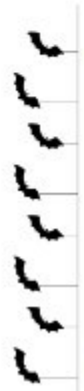
2024 - 2025 Americanism Team  
 Christine, Julia, Mary, Bonnie, Yicki, Bonita, Dorothy

"LEADING THE WAY"

Essays  
Due  
March 1st



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**FALL CONFERENCE**

Fall Conference, Flag practice and set up will be held at 7pm Friday evening.

We will process JUST the District and Unit flags only (no American Flag)

Be ready to go for the morning procession at 7:30am. Please bring your flag!!!

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**AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST  
2025 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.

**Essay Title:** *"What does America the Beautiful mean to me (regarding veterans and our military)?"*

**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.

**THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL.**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 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 Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

*Department winner due to National Americanism Division Chairman by April 15, 2025*



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*Do not forget to include your numbers in your year-end report to your Division Americanism Chairman.*