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Greetings to Our Lady Liberties,

To those of you repeating the year as the Americanism Chairman, welcome back. To those of you who are the Americanism Chairman for the 1st year, welcome aboard! Thank you for your commitment and dedication to our program as we move into an unusual start of our new year. We will continue to be known as Lady Liberty “Enlightening the World. With our torches held high and flames brightly lighting the way we will be a beacon to our communities exploring new avenues in which to promote Americanism. During this time of pandemic, I realize our goals will be a little more difficult to achieve; however, we need to put on our creative thinking caps to work through the obstacles before us. Please refer to the National Program Action Plan and the Department Code for ideas of what can be done in this program.

This year we will focus on:

- ✓ Being knowledgeable on flag history, etiquette and proper disposal methods and promoting the observation of patriotic holidays so our communities will look to us for information.
- ✓ Promote the National and Department Essay Contest (as soon as schools resume in classroom teaching.
 - Titles will be provided in a future bulletin or you may refer to the National and Department Websites.
 - If you have teacher or counselor contact information from last year, use it this year in preparation for the opening of schools.
 - Have packets prepared to deliver to schools.
- ✓ Support the Flag Alliance
 - This continues to be an especially important issue in the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary.
- ✓ Promote “Star Spangled Kids”
 - This program is dedicated to educating children and youth in the history of the United States from the aspect of patriotism, Americanism, and the U.S. Constitution.
- ✓ **GET OUT THE VOTE!** – One of our main objectives is to encourage our citizens to vote.
 - Offer to help the elderly with the initiatives on the ballot
 - Below is an option for those with concerns of voting at the polls or the uncertainty of the USPS delivering the ballots timely.
 - § Request a mail in ballot, but do not mail it.
 - § Google the supervisor of elections for your county/neighborhood to inquire where you may drop of your mail-in ballot. Do not assume it is your polling place.

“The price of freedom is eternal vigilance.”—Thomas Jefferson

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