



Department Americanism Chairman 2021-2022

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Welcome to 2022; it's a new year, and it will have new goals! We are one of the oldest patriotic membership organizations in the U.S.A., and we are proud of it!

Weather is often hard on our flags; please check if any flags need replacements. There is a Flag Replacement Postcard in the Flag and Emblem catalog that units can purchase; they can make a flyer to share with people with flags who may need assistance. Does your Legion already have a drop box to dispose of old flags?

Watch out and participate in the upcoming Oratorical contest. It's a fantastic event when we assist each other with this excellent chance for our youth to compete, win scholarships and gain additional confidence. We can inspire and become mentors to the upcoming youth who will continue working with the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Just a reminder to you again that we are promoting the "Star-Spangled Kids" this year. Two units in every division will be awarded a box of Americanism items to promote Americanism in their community. The drawings will be random from unit entries. For a chance at the award, units will refer to the How to Promote "Star-Spangled Kids" sheet and complete/or share how they will complete four items on the list. The deadline for this is January 15. Remember, you don't have to have your plan completed. Just share what you plan on doing. You can find an application on the [Americanism Facebook page](#), but I have attached it also for your convenience. The deadline is January 15, 2022, and all the entries need to be sent to our National Americanism Chair: Norma Tramm, by 5:00 PM Eastern Standard time.

The Americanism Essay is coming up quickly in 2022. Please encourage units to send essays to the District Americanism Chairman by the deadline. I have only heard from a handful of Districts that they are participating.

We are still promoting the Flying Flags For Heroes. Please take the time to help honor our veterans that have done so much for us. If you only have a few people in your area- organize an event with your Post and/or SAL. We will be having a drawing for a patriotic wreath at DEC for those that have participated but will also be doing one at Convention in June. Please help California reach our 100,000 goal.

If you have any activities happening please let me know so we can celebrate and share with the Department.

Respectfully- Maureen