

Americanism Mid-Year Report 2021-2022

The kite and flag shop employees have been very busy this year.

Flag etiquette books and brochures were passed out to schools as they reassembled. Over 172 hours were spent teaching students about flag etiquette, patriotism, and citizenship in schools.

Essay contest titles were passed out by several Districts reporting 96 hours, and one District is helping the Legion with the oratorical contest reporting 62 hours to date.

Units and Districts reported 78 hours helping the "get out the vote" campaign.

\$815 dollars and 192 hours were spent on flags and pocket flags. 3 Districts reported 435 hours spent on Gold and Blue Star Banners.

2 Districts reported a total of \$5,150 dollars and 354 hours on these events.

Shout Outs

District 1 that had Units assist in 4th of July and Memorial Day events. Those events included ceremonies and grab and go meals.

District 6 & 7 combined and helped to dedicate a Gold Star Memorial

District 12 passed out 100 pocket flags with ALA applications included, and 150 patriotic coloring books.

District 18 held a Flying Flag For Heroes event where they spent 4 hours cleaning veterans graves, placing 500 flags on the graves, held a ceremony and Legion Post 180 donated a flag for the cemetery flagpole.

District 23 was represented by their award-winning honor guard presenting the colors at LA Rams games and being on television.

District 24 placed 300 flags on Village Green for public display. 13 flags were deployed for military personal recently killed in Afghanistan.

As you report on your Units within your District, please take the time to write a supplemental report. Several of the shout outs were not reported but seen on social media. If you report spending \$5,000 on events- tell us about them and share.

4 Flying Flags For Heroes events were held with a total of 3,800 flags placed to honor our veterans. This chairman challenged members to assist with this endeavor that California's very own Michael Fox's Sons of the American Legion National Commander has taken on as his program. We will also have a second wreath at Department Convention so please jump on board. I will be drawing a winner at the end of this report with Department Presidents permission. I would also like to thank Christine Evans from the 18th District for her beautiful work on this wreath.

Lastly- I would like to thank Glenda Shultz, Melanie Taylor, and Denise Conrad for their feedback on proposed essay titles for next year.

Class 1 Grades 4 & 5 Why we pledge allegiance to the flag.

Class 2 Grades 6 & 7 What does it mean to love your country?

Class 3 Grades 8 & 9 What does Veterans Day mean to me?

Class 4 Grades 10-12 Who can achieve the American Dream?

Class 5 Special Needs What does freedom of speech mean to me?

Madam President I move the acceptance of these titles for the 2022-23 school year

This concluded my report

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