

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF OREGON

DEPARTMENT POLICY – AMERICANISM

Read the “Department Policy – All Chairman”

ESSAY CONTEST

1. The Department shall sponsor an Americanism Essay Contest. You as the Department Americanism Chairman are responsible for this contest.
2. Urge Units to participate in the essay contest.
3. Schools must be contacted by Unit Chairman as early in the year as possible, enabling the schools to include the essay contest in their curriculum. Teachers must be supplied with a copy of the rules and the title.
4. Rules will be provided by the Americanism Chairman in their annual bulletin.
5. Urge Units to give monetary awards to winners.
6. Department Essay Awards are as listed in the Department Awards and per the budget.
7. The Department Chairman or a Committee selected by the chairman, shall judge all essay entries.
8. Notification shall be given at the convention of the prize winners and sponsoring Unit.
9. After convention the Americanism Chairman should send winning Essays to the Oregon Legionnaire Editor, include sponsoring Unit name, and have printed as space is available.
10. Essay contest to end in schools on or before April 15th.
11. To stimulate participation in this contest, a personal award could be given to the Unit chairman who has the most essay entries.
12. Units should be encouraged to present a Certificate of Appreciation to teachers and/or entrants.

Urge Units to do the following –

1. To present flags and flag etiquette to schools and other youth groups.
2. Participate in Americanism month by having a special Americanism program joint with their Post.
3. Have a tea or reception for new citizens.
4. Participate in parades - carry Unit colors. Promote "Fly Your Flag" on all Holidays.
5. Bring Unit colors to the Department Convention and participate in the opening.
6. Sponsor a respective Flag Disposal ceremony.
7. Promote America and Promote respect and courtesy to the flag.
8. Stress Americanism Essay Contest; presenting flags and flag etiquette to youth and adult groups; how to dispose of flags that no longer can be used' Americanism Month; sending contributions to projects and programs National and/or the Department President have placed special emphasis on.