



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY • DEPARTMENT OF NORTH DAKOTA

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2021-2022 National Americanism Program

Key Program Statements

- Be knowledgeable on flag history, etiquette, and proper disposal methods, and promote the observation of patriotic holidays so your community will look to the ALA for information.
- Increase participation in the Americanism Essay Contest.
- Participate in the promotion of The American Legion Americanism programs.

I encourage all units to sponsor the Americanism Essay Contest at your local schools. **Deadline** to submit a winning Americanism Essay is **April 1, 2022**. Send your Unit's winning essay/s to the address shown above.

How to Promote Star Spangled Kids

For more information on Americanism visit the National website at: Americanism@ALAforVeterans.org

Star Spangled Kids: Educate youth on the history of the United States from the aspect of patriotism, Americanism and the U.S. Constitution.

- In conjunction with local schools, create a Unit Citizenship Award for children and youth who have demonstrated the ideals of the U.S. Constitution.
- Team with the Education chairman to bring veterans or service members into the classroom to talk about what their service means to defending the ideals of the Constitution.
- Share "Fascinating Facts about the U.S. Constitution" each month in the department or unit bulletin, in tweets, or in a newspaper editorial.
- List important constitutional dates by chronological order or by month. Encourage students to test their knowledge of the Constitution.
- Distribute patriotic coloring book pages for children in primary grades.
- Celebrate Constitution Day (also known as Citizenship Day) on September 17, the day set aside each year to commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution.
- Celebrate at September's Junior meeting with a cake or cupcakes.
- Let Juniors report on different sections of the Bill of Rights
- Print and distribute pocket copies of the U.S. Constitution for school children and/or Juniors.
- Put on a skit or musical about the Constitution and the signers.
- Hold a scavenger hunt in the post where children find information relating to the Constitution.
- Have members dress up as signers of the Constitution and describe the role of their character in the writing and signing of the Constitution.
- Encourage high school-aged students to use their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution by participating in The American Legion Oratorical Contest.
- **Other Resources:**
 - www.constitutionfacts.com



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- Constitution Day Resources: <http://ca3rsproject.org/pages/ConstitutionDayResources.html>

Share a favorite story about the positive impact you or someone you know has had on our mission! Your story may inspire another member into service. It also helps us tell the world who we are, what we do, and why we matter.

If you have questions, please visit the National website at: Americanism@ALAforVeterans.org

For God and Country.

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PS: For more information on how you can sponsor an Americanism Program or event in your community visit **alaforveterans.org**.