

Hello Auxiliary Members, Volunteers, and Friends,

Just a short message to let you know that information for the Americanism Essay Contest is now available. It has been sent out to units and schools in a November mailing from the Department Office. It is also available online at [www.ndala.org/americanism/](http://www.ndala.org/americanism/)

The essay title this year is: “What does Freedom mean to me?”

Students in grades 3-12 are invited to participate in the contest. Home-school and special-needs students are also welcome to enter. Grade levels are divided into six classes. One award in each of the six classes will be presented by the Northwestern Division. Division winners will receive \$50 and a \$50 donation in their name to the Children of Warriors National Presidents Scholarship fund. Winners at the Department level will be announced at Department Convention, will receive a certificate, and will be submitted for consideration at the Division level.

I am also promoting the ‘Star Spangled Kids’ program this year. Look for more information online and in upcoming unit mailings.

Have a safe and wonderful Christmas season.

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Americanism Chairman