

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NORTH DAKOTA

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Americanism Program – 2024-2025 Work Outline

The Northwest Division Chairman loves to share quotes. This one is from Theodore Roosevelt, on the definition of Americanism. “Americanism means the virtues of courage, honor, justice, truth, sincerity, and hardihood that made America.” The theme for the 2024-2025 Americanism Essay contest is:

“What does America the Beautiful mean to me: when it comes to veterans our military?”

Your unit members and volunteers can participate in many ways through this exciting auxiliary program.

Promote the Americanism essay contest.

Exercise the right to vote. Election Day is November 5. Be sure to get out and vote.

Participate in flag etiquette programs in your schools and communities.

Visit classrooms in your community and present flag etiquette rules and guidelines.

Participate in patriotic events and observances: Veterans Day and Memorial Day, Flag Day.

Develop a ‘Star Spangled Kids’ program. The National organization is sponsoring a Star Spangled Kids contest this year to see which Division will promote the most kits in schools by May 15, 2025. Be sure to report your Americanism activity. Let us see if Northwest Division can be that winner.

Collaborate with local schools to identify age appropriate kit materials. Kits may include items such as:

- The Pledge of Allegiance and our Country’s Flag comic books
- Lets be Right on Flag Etiquette
- Copies of the Declaration of Independence and/or the US Constitution
- Patriotic items such as key chains, small flags, flag pics and patriotic stickers

These items are available through American Legion Emblem Sales and warehouse companies such as Oriental Trading.

Follow the Americanism program on the National website at: www.alaforveterasn.org.

If you have questions, feel free to reach out to me at gigi@drtel.net or americanism@ndala.org.

Gigi Moore, Department Americanism Chairman.

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2024-2025 Americanism Essay Contest Flow Chart – For Auxiliary Units

1. Units distribute Americanism essay instructions and cover sheets to area schools. Contest participants must submit essays to their local units no later than **March 1, 2025**.
 - a. *Please note: the Department Office will include the Americanism essay contest information when mailing Department Education scholarship information to North Dakota schools in early November.*
2. Units select winners from each submission class and send one essay entry per class to the Department Americanism Chairman by **March 15, 2025**.
3. Department Americanism Chairman will select class winners from all entries and will submit them to Northwest Division Chairman.
4. All Entries must include an Americanism essay cover sheet. Additional copies may be printed from the Department's website at: www.ndala.org/americanism.

Please include the following:

- Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word requirement for class.
- Completed essay cover sheet as the first page of the essay.
- Completed information on cover sheet for Sponsoring Unit Name/Number/Signature.
- Essay must be postmarked or in my email inbox no later than March 15, 2025.

Please mail (scan or email) completed essays and cover sheets to:

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