

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families

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FROM THE 2026-2027 NATIONAL CHAIR OF THE AMERICANISM PROGRAM



Program Information

Purpose: The purpose of the Americanism program is to promote patriotism and responsible citizenship.

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

Important News

Americanism Essay Contest

The 2026-2027 Americanism Essay Contest Title this year is “How can you be a Beacon of Light for Our Veterans?” The Rules and Cover Sheet are on the Americanism page of the National website: www.alaforveterans.org/americanism. The deadline for Department Chairs to submit to the Division Chairs is **April 15, 2027**. Unit Chairs, please refer to your department for unit deadlines.

Americanism Facebook Group

As with all of the American Legion Auxiliary Facebook pages, this is a private group. We would love to have every member participate in this group. If you are not already a member, please request to join. You must answer ALL of the questions in order to be admitted to the group. Join at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/alaamericanism>

Quarterly Zoom Meetings

Quarterly Zoom meetings will be held on Thursdays at 7:00pm Eastern time on October 8th, January 7th, and April 8th. The final meeting will be the pre-con meeting in August and date TBD.

All Department Chairmen are expected to attend these meetings. If you are unable to do so, please inform your Department President so that someone else can represent you at the meeting. The registration link for the first meeting is:

https://legion-aux.formstack.com/forms/americanism_quarterly_meeting

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Mission Training/ National Junior Meetings

Omaha, NE – November 14 *
Albany, NY – January 30 *
Springfield, IL – January 30
Atlanta, GA – February 6
Las Vegas, NV – February 6 *

*The American Legion and Sons Events
also happening same date/location

Registration Now Open on the National
Website: www.ALAforVeterans.org
Under Events/Mission Training



Dates to Remember

September

11th – Patriot's Day
17th – Constitution Day
18th – Air Force Birthday
3rd Friday of the month – POW/
MIA Recognition Day
Last Sunday of the Month –
Gold Star Mother's Day

October

8th – **Quarter 1 Zoom meeting**
13th – Navy Birthday
2nd Monday of the month –
Columbus Day (observed)

November

10th – Marine Corp Birthday
10th – American Legion
Auxiliary Birthday
11th – Veterans Day
4th Thursday of the month –
Thanksgiving Day

December

7th – Pearl Harbor Day
20th – Space Force Birthday