

September 2018 Bulletin

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Here we are in September and it's back to school time. Hopefully, you've been able to determine who your best contacts at public, private and parochial schools will be, as well as how to reach out to children being home-schooled. Don't forget that you can also reach out to scouting troops, youth groups and church Sunday schools.

The forms for the 2019 Americanism Program for the Flag Coloring, Poster and Essay contests will be posted on the Department web-site soon, if they aren't already as I work on this Bulletin for you. I've had these forms saved for your use in two different ways. One form has all materials for all contests in one document. The other three forms are for each contest individually. I found this helpful last year when I worked on our Local Americanism Committee. It facilitated distributing forms to the teachers of each contest because they could have only what pertained to them, as in:

- Students in kindergarten–1st grade can enter the Flag Drawing contest.
- Students in 2nd–5th grades can enter the Poster contest.
- Students in 6th–12th grades can enter the Essay Writing contest

Fund Raising Time:

The Department will be holding its annual raffle to fund their contest prizes. Tickets will be ready soon and will be distributed through your District officers and/or representatives. We will hopefully have these in time for Fall Conference. I'm sure you all have your fund raisers locally that you have traditionally done so it's time to think about getting those balls rolling. If you have things that have worked exceptionally well for your local and you'd like to share them please respond to me by email and I'll let everyone know in a future bulletin.

Tools to help you:

You might find this postcard on the National AMVETS web-site helpful as a handout as you talk to teachers and students about the Americanism Program.

<http://amvets.org/wp-content/themes/amvetshq/docs/program-form-06-18.pdf>

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