

Americanism Bulletin - December 2018



December may seem like it's a down time for Americanism and it's a busy holiday time but it's actually a great opportunity to get information out to people. Consider some of these ideas to promote the Americanism program in your schools and to celebrate the holidays.

- Visit the Freedoms Foundation website and discover some resources that can be distributed to 9th grade students. All 9th Grade Department 1st place winners receive an all-expense paid trip to the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania for a long weekend of youth oriented activities. Dynamic speakers and sightseeing are highlights of a trip that is sure to be long remembered. Distributing some information might create more interest in this age group.
- Kindergarten and 1st grade students really enjoy the flag coloring competition. To promote this contest consider making a little investment in small flags to deliver to some students in the classroom. As an example www.usflagstore.com has 144-4"x6" flags for \$27.36. Consider putting a sticker on the little flag pole that has a short description of flag protocol for their parents to read to them. Americans are never too young to learn to stand for the flag and salute with their hands over your hearts.

December is also a month when many AMVETS Ladies Auxiliaries make their annual donations to support Department and National projects. Consider supporting the Michigan Carillon Fund with your donation before the holidays.

The SOS project for the Michigan Department this year is to support 22 2 NONE efforts with suicide prevention. They will be concentrating our AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary donations to serve current Michigan National Guard and Reserves. If you'd like more information on this organization you can visit their website www.222none.org or email them at info@222none.org They are available for presentations if you would like a visit from them. They partner with other organizations such as Buddy To Buddy and Reining Liberty Ranch to help accomplish their goals.

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