

AMERICANISM POWERPOINT SCRIPT

SLIDE 1:

When we think about Patriotism, we often think about the Americanism program....red, white and blue, flags, parades and community observances of patriotic holidays and events. I'm very proud to serve as your Department Americanism Chairman this year, along with committee members Tina Hanson and Jerry Shermon.

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Department President Erna Schwabe has chosen "Lighting the Way for Veterans" as her theme. Lighthouses throughout the great State of Florida will be casting out a bright and mighty beam of light that will help us locate each and every veteran, active duty service member and their families.

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The mission of the Americanism program is to Promote Patriotism and Responsible Citizenship. (CLICK 1 for mission statement)

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To accomplish this mission, Auxiliary members can provide learning opportunities about

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The United States Constitution

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Folding pocket flags for troops

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And presenting flags to local schools.

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Encourage members and businesses to show their red, white and blue colors by flying their flag on holidays and patriotic days. According to a recent survey, 62% of the United States population own an American flag. 45% of the people that own a flag display it daily, while only 32% fly the flag on designated holidays.

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Units can really “SHINE” by hosting flag awareness programs and participating in patriotic holiday events. A list of patriotic holidays and special dates is listed in your Plan of Action.

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We should always encourage Auxiliary members to support the flag amendment to protect the United States flag from desecration. Members should contact their federal and state representatives, asking them to support the flag amendment.

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The theme for this year’s Americanism Essay Contest is a question that young people will be eager to answer..... CLICK 1 “What Does Freedom Mean to My Family?” CLICK 1 This contest is open to students from grades 3-12. CLICK 1 Grade levels are divided into 5 classes. CLICK 1 There will be one award for each class per division. When contacting students about the contest, don’t limit your search to schools. Remember local youth groups such as the Boy and Girl Scouts and always encourage Junior Auxiliary members to participate. Rules and cover sheets can be found in your Plan of Action.

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As Auxiliary members, we should always “SHINE” and promote our pride in belonging to the world’s largest women’s patriotic organization. Become very familiar with these words and use them often. CLICK 1 Always wear your name badge to identify your Unit and your Department. When possible, always wear clothing with the Legion Family logo to show pride in our organization.

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Auxiliary members should always support and promote the American Legion Americanism programs such as CLICK 1 Legion Baseball, CLICK 1 Oratorical Contest and CLICK 1 Junior Shooting Sports. Supporting a team, working in a concession booth or recruiting Oratorical candidates will result in a successful team effort. Did you know there are currently 22 Legion Baseball teams in Florida? Read your Plan of Action to locate these teams and their Legion contacts.

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Please remember that Every Day is an Opportunity to Shine. As Auxiliary members, we can be light house beacons, burning bright and guiding the way for our veterans.

Your Plan of Action contains information that will help make your Americanism program successful. Listed in the Plan are references that will help you locate more information about the Americanism program. Information about all Awards and reporting can be found. Please make sure that all rules and guidelines are followed when submitting reports, narratives and award entries. Please note that there is both a mid-year and end of year report for this program.

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Throughout the 2014-2015 Auxiliary year, always remember to PROMOTE THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE IN ALL THAT WE DO. CLICK 1