**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY 2017-2022 PROGRAMS ACTION PLAN HOW TO GUIDES**

###### HOW TO PROMOTE "STAR SPANGLED KIDS"

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###### Star Spangled Kids: Educate children and youth on the history of the United States from the aspect of patriotism, Americanism and the U.S. Constitution.

* In conjunction with local schools, create a Unit Citizenship Award for children and youth who have demonstrated the ideals of the U.S. Constitution.
* Team with the Education chairman to bring veterans or servicemembers into the classroom to talk about what their service means to defending the ideals of the Constitution.
* Share "Fascinating Facts about the U.S. Constitution" each month in the department or unit bulletin, in tweets, or in a newspaper editorial.
* List important constitutional dates by chronological order or by month.
* Encourage students to test their knowledge of the Constitution.
* Distribute patriotic coloring book pages for children in primary grades.
* Celebrate Constitution Day (also known as Citizenship Day) on September 17, the day set aside each year to commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution.
	+ Celebrate at September's Junior meeting with a cake or cupcakes.
	+ Let Juniors report on different sections of the Bill of Rights
* Print and distribute pocket copies of the U.S. Constitution for school children and/or Juniors.
* Put on a skit or musical about the Constitution and the signers.
* Hold a scavenger hunt in the post where children find information relating to the Constitution.
* Have members dress up as signers of the Constitution and describe the role of their character in the writing and signing of the Constitution.
* Encourage high school-aged students to use their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution by participating in The American Legion Oratorical Contest.

Resources:

* [www.constitutionfacts.com](http://www.constitutionfacts.com/)
* Constitution Day Resources: [http://ca3rsproject.org/pages/ConstitutionDayResorces.html](%20http%3A//ca3rsproject.org/pages/ConstitutionDayResorces.html)