

AMERICANISM

Awards presented at Mid Winter Conference

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Educating our youth about patriotism and Americanism is worth every effort we undertake. The program incorporates age-appropriate coloring, drawing, or an essay, beginning at kindergarten and encompassing students through the fifth grade. State awards will be presented at the Mid-Winter Conference in January. Each participating post reports the number of schools and students participating to the district chairman using the online reporting system at www.vfwdeptla.org

CATEGORY 1: Open to all students enrolled in Kindergarten:

A coloring of the American Flag (provided) printed on paper no larger than 9" x 12"

CATEGORY 2: Open to all students in 1st and 2nd grades:

A drawing of the American Flag on paper no larger than 9" x 12"

CATEGORY 3: Open to all students in 3rd and 4th grades:

A drawing of a historical event on paper no larger than 9" x 12"

CATEGORY 4: Open to all students in 5th grade:

An essay contest based on the title "HOW I HONOR VETERANS" (300 words or less). This essay can be handwritten, typed, or computer generated.

School Deadline for all Categories is: OCTOBER 31 of the current year.

1. STUDENT AWARDS - 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place - Trophy is awarded for each category.
2. POST AWARDS - Posts with highest amount of entries in each category will be awarded \$25.00 for their General Fund along with an Award Citation. Posts with Department winners will be awarded an additional \$25.00 for their General Fund.

If the schools will not participate in the State Americanism Program - ask individual students you know who meet the requirements to participate. You may also try local parent-teacher meetings. Private and Home school students are eligible to participate also. Reach out and teach the children; they are our future.

One entry for every 50 received in each category from the Post shall be forwarded to the District Chairman for judging. The District's 1st place winners from each category will be forwarded to the State Chairman for final judging. PLEASE CONTACT DISTRICT CHAIRMAN FOR JUDGING DATES!

Deadline Dates to Remember:

SCHOOL: October 31st
DISTRICT: December 5th
STATE: December 30th

Special Awards Citation Promotion will be for:

1. Post with the most participation of students in any and all categories.
2. Post sponsoring the most schools in the State Americanism Program Cat. I to Cat. IV

NOTE: District Chairmen only must submit a copy of the State Americanism Program's District Summary Form to State Chairman with the following:

1. List of Post/Auxiliary that participated.
2. List of the categories the Post/Auxiliary participated in.
3. Department will provide awards for all STATE WINNERS.

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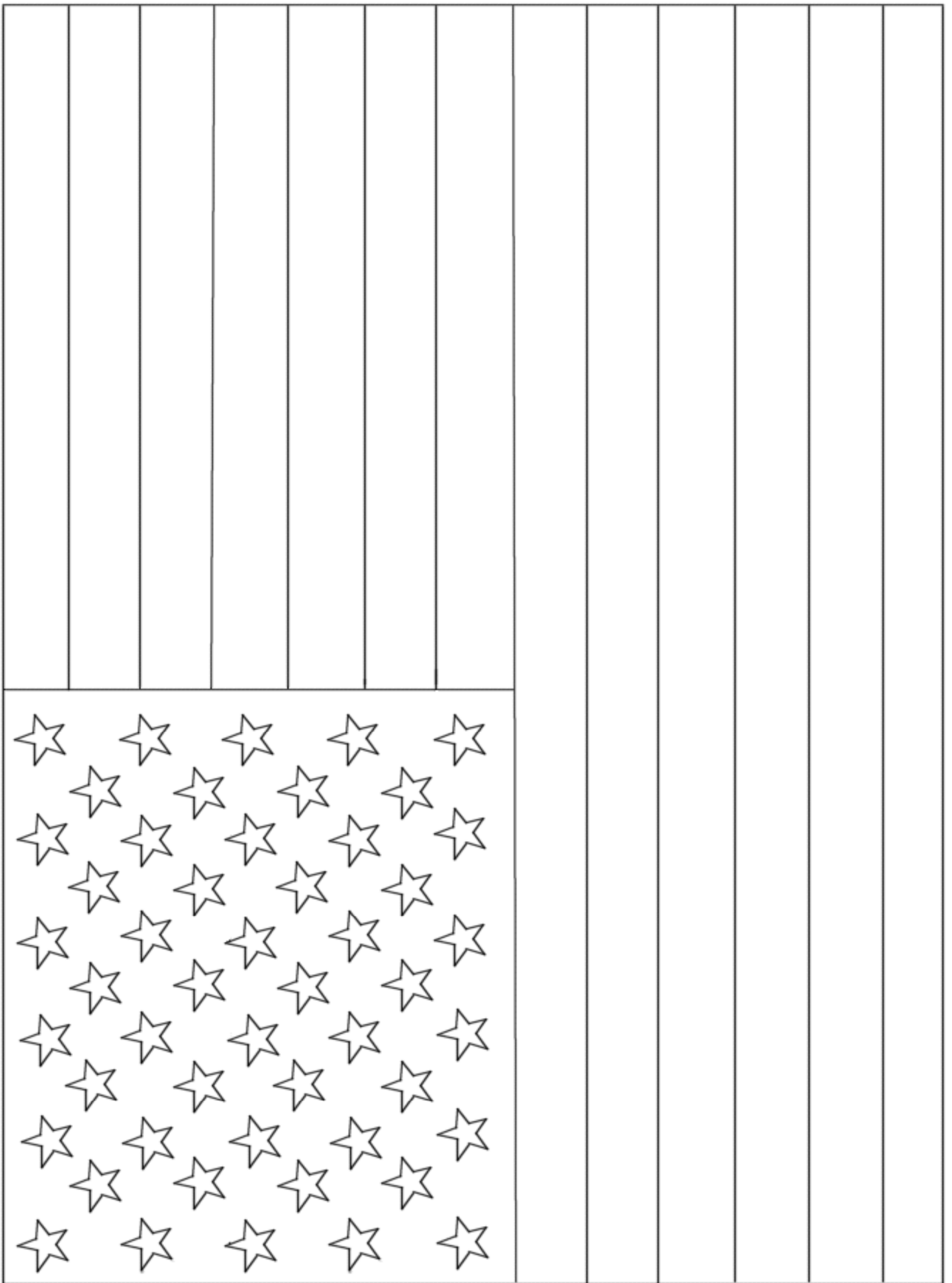
Chairmen, please have the Student's and Post information printed on each **CATEGORY ENTRY**. On the form following this section, an information block has been provided for the, Post and District Number, Student (Child's) Name, School's Name, and the Teacher's Name to be placed on each entry so the proper inscription may be put on the trophies and plaques.

Failure to provide this information will result in an entry being disqualified

SPECIAL NOTES TO POST COMMANDERS

1. Use the VFW Department reporting form GIVEN TO POST COMMANDER'S IN THE POST PACKET GIVEN AT THE COFA-to submit you Post/Auxiliary participation to the Americanism District Chairman.
2. Post & Auxiliary - may want to get the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest done at the same time as the Americanism Program.

SPECIAL NOTE: All **VFW & VFW Auxiliary State Program Chairman** must send a copy of their report twice a year to each other, **VFW & VFW Auxiliary State Chairman**, by December 1 and May 1 of Current Year.



Americanism Entry Form

Sponsored by Post: _____ in District _____

Students Name: _____

School: _____

Teachers Name: _____

Please fill out all sections!