

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – DEPT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Americanism Program 2025-2026

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MID YEAR AND YEAR END REPORTS-Completed reports to be sent to Chairman Dec 1 & May 1

Unit# _____ Unit Name/City _____ District# _____

Your Name _____ Title _____ email _____

1. Did your unit provide support for Veterans or your American Legion Post Americanism Programs?(Y or N) _____ Hours spent _____ Amount spent _____
Number of Vets _____ Number of ALA participating _____
Description of Support (please include additional pages with activity name, info, photos, articles if needed)
2. Did your unit participate in Flag related activities?(Y or N) _____ Hours spent _____
Amount spent _____ Numbers of ALA members participating _____
Description of Activities (please include additional pages with activity name ,info, photos, articles if needed)
3. Did your unit promote Voting and/or the Constitution?(Y or N) _____ Hours spent _____
Amount spent _____ Numbers of ALA members participating _____
Description (please include additional pages with activity name, info, photos, articles if needed)
4. Did your unit promote Star Spangled Kids?(Y or N) _____ Hours spent _____
Amount spent _____ Numbers of ALA members participating _____ Number of students/kids participating _____
Description of events (please include additional pages with activity name, info, photos, articles if needed)
5. Did your unit promote the Poem and Essay Contests? (Y or N) _____ Hours spent _____
Amount spent _____ Numbers of ALA members participating _____
Please send all essays and poems to Unit President by March 1, 2026
6. Did your unit promote patriotic Holidays? Please list holiday, hours spent, money spent, ALA participants. Include photos and newspaper clippings on additional pages

Americanism Activities

Please use this list to help jog your memory as you fill out your Americanism Reports. Also to give you some new ideas to try! Remember to include a brief description of the activity (include the what, where, and how of what your unit did), how many ALA members participated, how many veterans were present, the time spend, and the cost to your unit. Additional information such as photos and newspaper articles are encouraged and appreciated!

Anything Flag related: Did you..... hand out flags or flag stickers? Participate in the pocket flag program? Discuss flag etiquette with students or civic groups? Recognize community members for flying the flag? Assist your post in putting out flags for patriotic holidays? Help present Colors at a sporting event, parade, or other function? Help with the upkeep of a community flagpole? Assist with a flag disposal ceremony and invite the public? Discuss the National Anthem or Pledge of Allegiance with students/groups? Publish anything in the local paper or social media regarding the flag such as etiquette, history, and when to fly the flag?

Anything related to the Constitution and Voting: Did you...help Get the Vote Out? Give rides to a polling place? Post voting information on social media, a local paper or a community bulletin board? Bring your children/grandchildren with you to vote? Hand out copies of the Constitution? Discuss the Constitution with students/groups?

Star-Spangled Kids: Did you...distribute patriotic coloring book pages to students and children in school/church/4-H/scouts? Have you created a Youth Citizenship Award? Have you teamed with the Education Chairman to get a Veteran or Legionnaire in the classroom to share their service story, show students how to fold a flag and/or share flag etiquette?

Patriotic Holidays and Events: Did you.....hold an Independence Day event or participate in a parade? Hold an Emergency Responder recognition event? Hold a Veterans Day event? Thank a veteran for their service by shaking their hand or sending a card? Send Valentines to Veterans at a Veteran hospital, a veteran-designated housing unit in your community, or to veterans in your own family and Legion Post? Participate in Wreaths Across America? Help with Memorial Day activities and placing flags on Veteran's graves? Set up the POW/MIA White Table at functions?

American Legion Americanism Programs include Baseball, Shooting Sports, Scouting, and Youth Trooper Academy. Did you...volunteer at an event/game to take tickets, work concessions, help with stats, or provide snacks/water to your team? For the Oratory Program, did you...take info to your school or talk to area youth? Volunteer at a competition as a timer, judge, or usher? Provide refreshments? Did you help with fundraising or transportation for these activities?

Poem and Essay Contests: Did you...contact public schools and homeschool groups, 4-H, scouts, & church to distribute contest information? Put a notice in the paper? Help judge entries? Have a reception for winners? Make certificates and hand out awards?

Thank you for all you do for your unit and our country. You make a difference!