

**Department Americanism Committee
Posts Awards - 2017/2018**

August 2017

The following applies to the March 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018 time period only.

At a meeting held December 10, 2016 in Trenton, the Department Executive Committee approved the recommendation of the Department Americanism Committee to consolidate the Department Americanism Post Awards from four awards (Dept Community Service, Americanism, Combined Activities and the All Around Americanism Post Awards) to two Post awards (Dept Community Service and Dept Americanism Awards) and re-define the requirements for submissions for better judging and the possible future submission to National.

Department Community Service Post Award:

For this award, the Post selects one of their most outstanding community service projects that had members of their Post actively working in their community during the period mentioned above. This qualification could also relate to any disaster affecting the community at large. The community service project can be a joint endeavor project with the Sons of the American Legion and/or American Legion Auxiliary.

Each competing Post shall submit a written report covering the project/event during the period mentioned with the following: Project Name, Brief Description; Time Period of Project/Event; Number of Post Members Involved and their Names; If applicable, Legion Family Members Involved and their Names; Number of Service Hours Given; Amount of Money Spent (if any); Description of Donations (if any) given out and the Number of People who Benefitted from the Project. This report must be dated and signed by the Post Commander or the Post Adjutant, along with their letter explaining why the Post should be considered for this award. Documented evidence can include newspaper and/or web-based articles, recommendation and thank you letters, facebook excerpts and photos. A monetary donation can be part of the project but can not be the entire project.

Department Americanism Post Award:

To qualify for this award, the submission would be the Post's most outstanding all-around Americanism activities in the community during the period mentioned.

Each competing Post shall submit documented evidence such as newspaper articles, web-based articles, facebook excerpts, event programs and photos. Recommendation letters from the community and/or thank you letters will also be accepted for documented evidence. A narrative statement of the Post's Consolidated Report for the time period mentioned above will be considered. This narrative statement must be signed by the Post Commander or the Post Adjutant along with a letter explaining why they should be considered for this award.

**** ONLY ONE COUNTY WINNER IN EACH CATEGORY IS TO BE ENTERED IN THE DEPARTMENT JUDGING AND ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE 2017/2018 AMERICANISM COVER SHEET AND SIGNED BY THE COUNTY AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN OR THE COUNTY COMMANDER PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT!!!**

All entries submitted by the County Americanism Chairman via mail must be received at Department no later than March 19, 2018. Hand delivered entries will be received ½ hour before the official start time of Dept Judging to be held at Dept Headquarters conference room (171 Jersey Street, Bldg 5, Trenton) on March 24, 2018 at 10am.

Sherrylee Govoni, Chairman
Department Americanism Committee