

# AMERICANISM

**This is the first of prayerfully a continuing series of actions thoughts, and reminders of Americanism to all readers, participants and members frequenting the American Legion Post 58 website. We invite your thoughts, actions, suggestions and ideas as we become more actively involved in the programs of Americanism.**

Gallagher Hansen of V.F. Post 295, in writing about Americanism, includes what I consider an ideal definition of what Americanism is: "Americanism is an unfailing love of country; loyalty to its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity." While there is much more that can be said about the background of Americanism, suffice to say that the American Legion too, is much involved in Americanism with a major focus on how it relates to young Americans . Accordingly, following the American Legion's Post Americanism Guide, It will be our goal to assist the "Americanism Commission" in its "endeavor to realize in the United States the basic ideal of this Legion of 100 percent Americanism through the planning, establishment and conduct of a continuous, constructive educational system designed to:"

- "Combat all anti-American tendencies, activities and propaganda;
- Work for the education of immigrants, prospective American citizens and alien residents in the principles of Americanism;
- Inculcate the ideals of Americanism in the citizen population, particularly the basic American principle that the interests of all the people are above those of any special interest or any so-called class or section of people;
- Spread throughout the people of the Nation information as to the real nature and principles of American government;
- Foster the teaching of Americanism in all schools."

As Chairman of the Post 58 Americanism efforts we feel our goals will be on the way to completion when we execute applicable PROGRAMS of AMERICANISM as listed below:

1. Service to God and Country
2. American Legion Baseball
3. Boy Scouts of America

4. The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year
5. American Legion Boys State
6. American Legion Boys Nation
7. Community Service Activities
8. Veteran of the Month
9. Education Assistance Program

PROGRAMS of AMERICANISM continued:

10. American Education Week
11. High School Oratorical Contest
12. School Awards Program
13. Flag Education
14. Flag Protection
15. Junior Shooting Sports
16. Annual Post Awards.

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