

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
NEWPORT HARBOR UNIT 291**

JOB DESCRIPTION: AMERICANISM
(Updated 1/8/24)

Position: Chairman

Purpose: The purpose of the Americanism program is to promote patriotism and responsible citizenship. The Americanism work of the Auxiliary includes all activities that strengthen American ideals and uphold the principles of democracy. The security of America lies in citizens who have a true understanding, love for those ideals and principles upon which the nation was founded, and a willingness to perform these duties even at great personal sacrifice. The work of the Americanism program is educationally based and divided into three phases: work with youth, work with adults, and work within the community. All matters about the flag or patriotic education are rightly classified as Americanism activities.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Attend General Membership meetings.
2. The Legion's pillar of Americanism embodies its **devotion to law and order**, the raising of wholesome youth, educated and law-abiding citizenship, and respectful observance of patriotic holidays and remembrances.
3. Each General Meeting report on what has happened in your department since the last meeting and what is coming up in the current month.
4. Coordinate the Annual Americanism Essay. Get the information out to all members and eligible students. Make sure the information gets on website so it can be accessed by all. Do what you can to get it out to the nearest school districts.
5. Distribute to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners their certificates and monetary awards (from the Treasurer) for the Annual Americanism Essay Contest.
6. Award vendors who fly the American Flag and show patriotism by so doing.
7. Teach proper flag etiquette and disposal of torn and tattered flags for flag ceremony to ALA juniors.
8. Do anything else that the District recommends that would fall under Americanism.

Reference the Auxiliary Bylaws and Standing Rules. Note, these sections as they refer to the **Position**:

Standing Rules:
Nothing found

Bylaws:
Nothing found