



**November 2017**

## **ALA Southern Division Americanism Patriots**

Each of the Southern Division Department Chairmen are so important in promoting Americanism. I call you the ALA Southern Division Americanism Patriots because each of you are promoting patriotism and responsible citizenship by giving our citizens a chance to participate in our mission which engages them and as a result they feel patriotic and can show their patriotism. Thank each of you for all you are doing.

Now, I would like each of the Department Americanism Chairman to submit their senior essay on "What I Can Personally Do to Promote Americanism in My School or Community" Just follow the guidelines for the 11-12<sup>th</sup> grade 450-500-word essay. I am working on mine too! Make sure to mail or email (preferred) to National Chairman, Martha Corriher at [ncus1993@hotmail.com](mailto:ncus1993@hotmail.com) or by mail send to 950 Daugherty Rd., China Grove, NC 28023. Essays due by January 05, 2018

I am offering some special awards to the Department sending in the most senior essays in the Southern Division by the due date. Also, I am offering a special award for each of the Department Chairmen that sends in an essay. Each senior member in each of your departments will also receive an award for their senior essay turned in by the due date. Let's show how patriotic our Southern Division is!

I hope by now you are actively getting information out to the schools for our youth essay contest. Don't forget you can also target other youth groups such as after school programs, the youth at church, the American Legion Family youth, Girl and Boy Scouts, etc.

I am asking each department or unit to let me know what they are doing in Americanism. Please send pictures if you have them! You may see them again! Remember when reporting, include type of activity, description, total number of members participating, total hours, total dollars spent and value of in-kind donations. This will give us information for our impact report which National uses in their lobbying efforts for our military and veterans.

Let's not forget to work other parts of the Americanism program such as flag education, oratorical contest, Legion baseball, junior shooting sports, pocket flags, etc. Can't wait to hear everything each of you are doing! Happy Thanksgiving!

Please contact me if you have any questions at 252-482-7706 or 252-333-9724. Thank you again for all you do.

For God and Country,

Brenda Toppin, Southern Division Americanism Chairman

# DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMEN

## Dates to Remember

- January 05,2018** Senior members' Americanism Essay deadline. Theme: "What can I personally do to promote Americanism in my school or community?" Send to your National Chairman, Martha Corriher at [ncusa1993@hotmail.com](mailto:ncusa1993@hotmail.com) or mail and postmarked by January 01,2018.
- Mid-Year Narrative report & pictures postmarked or emailed by Jan. 05<sup>th</sup>,2018 to Brenda Toppin, Southern Division Chairman plus a copy to National Chairman, Martha Corriher.
- April 15,2018** Americanism Essay Contest deadline for students. Theme: "What can I personally do to promote Americanism in my school or community?" Send to your National Chairman, Martha Corriher at [ncusa1993@hotmail.com](mailto:ncusa1993@hotmail.com) or mail and postmarked by April 15,2018.
- May 15,2018** Year-End Reports Due. Consult your Supplement to the Americanism Program Action Plan for details.
- June 01, 2018** Dorothy Pearl Most Outstanding Unit Americanism Program  
Best Department Americanism Program Award
- Postmarked or emailed by 5 p.m. EST. Send to Brenda Toppin ([brendatoppin@hotmail.com](mailto:brendatoppin@hotmail.com)) Consult your Supplement to the Americanism Program Action Plan for further information