Greetings to our Department’s Lady Liberties! I hope this bulleting finds you well and that your torches are fueled with your passion and desire to blaze through your communities and schools sharing information on our wonderful Americanism programs.

With this bulletin I would like to focus on awards available to districts and units. As it is still early in the year, choose the award/s your unit/district would like to receive and let the torch of liberty glow as you achieve your goals.

**NATIONAL AWARDS**

**Dorothy Pearl Most Outstanding Unit Americanism Program (per division); This is a unit award**
- Begin now with recording your unit’s events that support the Americanism Program.
- Refer to the National Program Action Plan to review and familiarize yourselves with what they are promoting and looking for in the Americanism Program

**Americanism Essay Contest (This is different from our Department Essay Contest)**
- The 2019-2020 Theme: “How can we address the health and well-being of our veterans, military, and their families?”
- Refer to the National Americanism Essay Contest Coversheet for Grade Levels and work count requirements. (Remember to include this coversheet with your essay submissions) *All entries are due to me by March 30, 2020.*

**DEPARTMENT AWARDS**

**Americanism Essay Contest**
- All information for the essay contest is on the Department Website.
- New this year is a coversheet to be submitted with each essay.

**Elizabeth London Shepard Award:**
- The unit and district with the best Youth Betterment Program.

**Veronica Spence Award** (This is for Junior members only).
- This award is for Junior members who write an essay under the direction of the Unit. Refer to the Department code for guidelines and awards.

**100% Reporting**
- Districts and units with 100% reporting at end of year

**Most Outstanding Americanism Program targeted to children and youth**
**Most outstanding Americanism Program by a Junior group**
**Most outstanding Unit/District Supplemental (1st, 2nd and 3rd place citations)**
**Most Pocket Flags purchased**
**Best Overall Unit “Get Out the Vote” program**
**Largest Unit donation made to Department Americanism program (per capita)**

*All awards will be given out at the Department Convention in June*

**Mid-Year Reports** – *Unit reports due to District chairman by December 1, 2019*
*District Reports are due to me by December 15, 2019*

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