

## 2023 2024 Americanism Convention Floor Report

The Americanism Committee met on June 27, 2024, in the Sequoia room. The statistical report is on page 24 in the book of ~~Reports~~

Reports. 15 District Delegates answered roll call. There were 3 visitors present. The Code was read. The committee agreed upon one propose change.

One housekeeping change. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place certificates were given to districts with their committee packets.

Proposal #1 Program: Americanism Department Code #9b (see attachment). Currently reads,

I move to Remove Code 9b, page 12

Madame President Glenda, can I continue with my 1<sup>st</sup> place Supplemental Awards.

1<sup>st</sup> Place Unit Supplemental goes to District 24 Unit 283: Ruth Kahn Wells.

1<sup>st</sup> Place District Supplemental goes to District 29: Kristin Landis.

Madame President, can I continue with my 1<sup>st</sup> place Americanism Essay winners?

GROUP I – 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades 1<sup>st</sup> Place goes to

Ian Arias: District 4 Unit-98 Awarded- \$100

Group II – 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grades, 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Aniyah Rose Jones: District Unit 4 Unit 98 Awarded \$100

Group III – 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Grades, 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Larrissa Gomez: District 20 Unit 348 Awarded \$200

Group IV – 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grades, 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Hunter Gomez: District 20 Unit 348 \$2500 Grant Awarded \$500

Group V (Students with Special Needs) – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Elijah Lopez District 27 Unit 457 Awarded \$200

The Americanism Essay will be posted in the Convention Office.

Madame President, can I continue with my report?

Thank you, Madame President for giving me the Americanism appointment,

13 districts participated in "Get the vote out" campaign. 13 districts promoted the Department Essay contest, and 26 essays were received. 6 Districts promoted the National essays, and 6 were received. 5,527 flags and 44 certificates were presented to residents and or businesses. 19 districts promoted daily flying of the American Flag. 18 districts promoted Patriotism in our schools. 22 districts Participated in Holiday Events, 15,627 flag were handed out and 7,482 flags placed on grave sites. 12 districts supported the Legion Baseball and Oratorical Contest. 16 districts educated students in proper display/retirement of the American flag. 22 Gold Star and 27 blue Star Banners were given to military families. 14 districts delivered flag Etiquette brochures to schools. 10 districts promoted the Star- Spangled kids' program with 350 Star Spangled Kid kits were distributed. 20 Districts participated in Wreaths Across American, a total of \$24, 208 was spent or donated to purchased 6,767 wreaths and 10,284 Wreaths were laid to rest.

District 28 Unit 589 have been supporting the Veterans Day Parades for 13 years, and this year Unit 81 stepped up to help. However, this year was Special, it was the first year with a float. One of the members father had made a picnic table for the back of float for the members that were not able to walk this year, but unfortunately he passed suddenly and was not able to be here. The family came together to fulfill his dream. They had a poster size photo of one of their Veteran members who recently passed away on the side of the float, and Unit 589 Ebe the clown dressed in Red, White, and Blue walked with Auxiliary members handing out flags. They also made a point to shake the hands of every veteran wearing a military hat or in uniform thanking them for their service. They also was interviewed and recognized on the 6:00 news that evening.

I wish I could go on and on to recognize everything the districts have done, but I don't have the time. Thank you, Units and District Chairman of the Department of Defense, you all did an amazing job with showing your Patriotism for our country. That concludes my report.

Cindy Rogers, Department of California, Americanism Chairman