

Here is the most recent update from your Americanism Team. Please pass this on to all of your members.

*As spring pushes winter behind us we all start working on wrapping up the last part of our Legion year and working on getting ready for convention. With this in mind the Americanism Commission would like to remind you of a couple items that are very important. It is never too early to start preparing to fill out your consolidated report form. As an organization we have all heard over and over how important these reports are and we need to do a better job and getting more reports filled out and turned in. Please reach out to your Detachment Vice Commanders and District Commanders and get them to spread the word now. In the beginning of each year we all send out information and talk about consolidated reports, however now is the time for a friendly reminder. Maybe a squadron needs help understand the report and they don't want to ask, let's all reach out and make contact with all squadrons that we can to get these reports filled out and sent in.*

*Last year at national convention we were amazed at how few history and scrap books were turned in for judging. We know that more books are done on the Squadron level and the Detachment level and we need your help getting the word out to get these books turned in. Not only is there an award that is given out each year, but it is a great opportunity to share what is happening on the Squadron and Detachment level. If we find that they are not getting done, now is the time to promote and get them interested in doing one for next year.*

*As you work toward your conventions we hope you will take time to plan some teaching about the American Legion programs. Many of us take for granted that everyone knows about all the programs and don't teach enough about them. Take time in your newsletter, websites and meetings to talk about the many different programs to spark interest and make our members want more information.*

Thank you  
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