

Department Americanism Coloring Contest - 2016/2017

August 2016: The High Point Monument Coloring Contest Picture has DEC Consensus.

The drawing of High Point Monument, the coloring contest cover information sheet and the High Point Monument write-up shall be distributed to students in the 4th and 5th grades by the various Posts throughout the state. The coloring of the picture must be done from the students own hands and the coloring of the picture will be attested to by the student's teacher. **This is a Patriotic Coloring Contest and will be judged at all levels of accuracy and neatness. Students can not alter or add additional artwork to the coloring picture.**

Students may use any method of coloring they desire to complete the picture. Accepted methods of coloring include: Crayons, Coloring Pencils, Felt tip or Color Pens or Water Color Paint. Whatever method the student chooses they need to make sure to stay within the line of the area being colored. No three dimension coloring material is to be applied.

On the back side of the drawing is the coloring contest cover information sheet. This must be completed in full: (1) The Student's Name, (2) Age, (3) Grade, (4) Teacher's Name, (5) School Name, (6) School Address (7) School Phone#, (8 -9) Sponsoring Post and address, (10-13) Reserved for the County's first place winner only: Date, County, County's Americanism Chair or Commander. Optional with permission, your County's first place winner's mailing contact info, otherwise Department will contact the first place winner's school.

Posts should advise schools of their judging deadline and arrange for a pick-up date from the school or name and addressed if mailed to the Post. The Post will judge their own contest and choose their winners. The First Place winner will be turned over to the respective County Americanism Chairman. The County will judge their own contest and choose their winners. Only the County's First Place winner will be turned over to the Department Americanism Committee.

County Americanism Chairmen can set their own deadlines for the Posts to submit their entries for judging but should not be any later than February 10, 2017. **All entries submitted by the County Americanism Chairman via mail must be received at Department no later than March 10, 2017. Hand delivered entries will be received ½ hour before the official start time of Dept Judging to be held at the War Memorial building in Trenton on March 18, 2017 at 9am.**

The Department First Place winner will receive an invite to the Department Convention in Wildwood, June 8, 2017 and receive the Gold Americanism Medal and a check for \$300. The second place winner (Silver Medal and a check for \$200) and third place winner (Bronze Medal and a check for \$100) will receive their awards at the sponsoring Post/County meeting.

County Americanism Chairmen: If possible, please have permission to submit the home address of your first place winner on the coloring contest information sheet; otherwise the school will be contacted to send the first place County winner an invitation to the convention to accept their award.

**** Only one County Coloring Contest winner can be entered in the Department judging. If more than one entry from the County and that County's Americanism Chair is not at Dept Judging, then that County will be disqualified from the contest. All first place county coloring contest submissions must have the County Americanism Chairman or Commander's signature on the coloring contest information sheet.**

We further urge an all-out effort to have the contest in all the schools in the state, both public and private, as well having it available for home schooled students.

Sherrylee Govoni, Chairman
Department Americanism Committee

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High Point Monument - High Point State Park, New Jersey

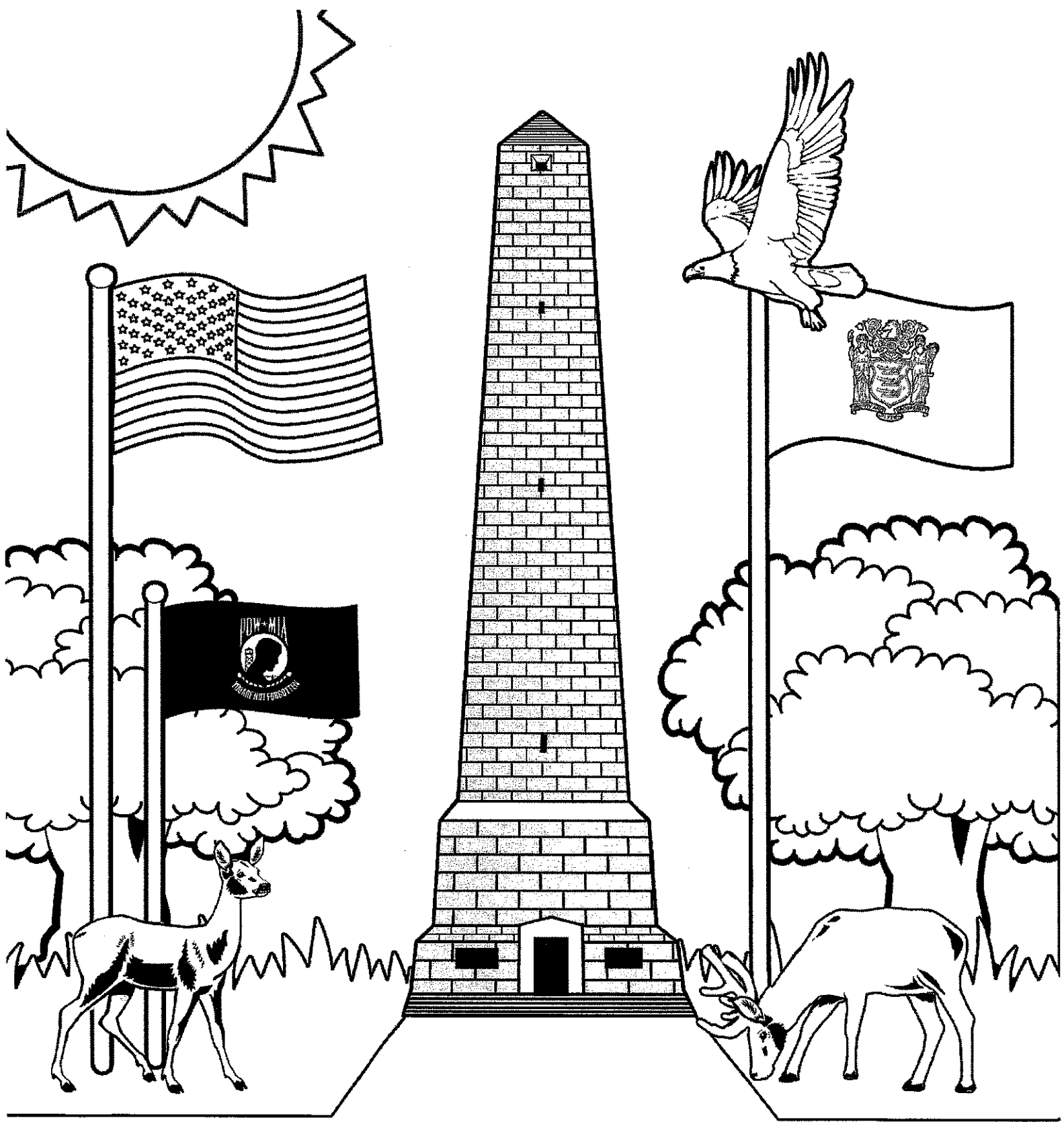
In 1910 Colonel Anthony R. Kuser and his wife, Susie Fairfield Dryden purchased the High Point Inn from the National Bank of Port Jervis and transformed it into a magnificent country estate and private wildlife sanctuary. It was in the most passionate aspect of the Kuser's life that the citizens of New Jersey benefit the most: their dedication to conservation and preservation of animals and parkland. In 1922 they began exploring the idea of donating the entire 11,000 acres to the state. In 1923 the park was dedicated to provide a nature reserve for public enjoyment, the conservation of wildlife and the protection of water resources.

In the winter of 1927, Kuser hired an architect to erect a monument on top of High Point as a lasting tribute to all of New Jersey's war heroes: "Glory and Honor and Eternal Memory of New Jersey's Heroes by land, sea and air in all wars of our country." On June 8, 1929 the corner stone for High Point Monument was laid. Afterwards standing at height of 220 feet, sitting on a base platform of 34 feet square and 10 feet square where the apex begins, the High Point Monument was erected at the highest point in the State of New Jersey - 1,803 feet above sea level. From the four small windows observers have a view of the ridges of the Pocono Mountains toward the west, the Catskill Mountains to the north and the Wallkill River Valley in the southeast.

It was designed in the shape of an "Obelisk" which was prominent in the architecture of the ancient Egyptians. The Egyptian obelisk was originally a monument to their sun god Ra. Obelisks rose into popularity in the United States during the age of Egyptian revivalism, after Napoleon's invasion and exploration of Egypt during the late 1700's. The physical shape of the obelisk has come to represent foundations and fatherhood throughout the world, with a variety of institutions adopting an obelisk monolith. It is constructed with four rectangular sides that taper towards each other at a slight angle and capped by a pyramid. Traditionally it would face east towards the rising sun.

Other famous "Obelisks" built in the USA include the Bunker Hill Monument a 221 foot granite obelisk commemorating the Battle of Bunker Hill, (American Revolutionary War) which was completed in 1843. The most well-known obelisk was built in two phases between 1848-1854 and 1876-1884. Standing at 555 feet and 5-1/8 inches this marble monument honors and memorializes General George Washington, our first president at the center of our Nation's capital (Washington, D.C.) is the Washington Monument. At the time of completion in 1884 it was the tallest building in the world.

Since the completion of the High Point Monument in 1930, veterans groups hold annual memorial services at the monument's base honoring all New Jersey Veterans in all wars of our country. The American Legion holds their annual memorial service at High Point the last Sunday in June. Congress approved the American Legion Charter on Sept 16, 1919 and based on the appropriate eligibility dates, American Legion members represents all five branches of service and including the Merchant Marines veterans that served during 12/7/1941 to 12/31/1946.



HIGH POINT MONUMENT

HIGH POINT, NEW JERSEY

**“THIS MONUMENT IS ERECTED BY COLONEL & MRS. ANTHONY KUSER
TO THE GLORY AND HONOR AND ETERNAL MEMORY OF NEW JERSEY'S HEROES
BY LAND, SEA AND AIR IN ALL WARS OF OUR COUNTRY.”**



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PLEASE PRINT AND MAKE SURE THIS COLORING CONTEST INFORMATION SHEET IS COMPLETED.

Student's Name: _____ Age: _____

Grade in School: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

Name of School: _____

School Address: _____ School Phone#: _____

Post: _____ Post Address: _____

For the County Americanism Chairman or County Commander: Your signature is required below for your County's first place winner that will be submitted for the Department Judging Event. Only one entry can be submitted from your county. This form represents your Cover Sheet for this submission.

Date _____ County _____ County Americanism Chairman or County Commander

If you have permission to submit the home address of your first place winner, please include that below, otherwise the school will be contacted to send the first place Department coloring contest winner an invite to convention to accept their award.