

2018 ORATORICAL CONTEST BULLETIN

TO: POST ADJUTANTS (**For Oratorical Contest Chairman**)
COUNTY ADJUTANTS
DEPT. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMEN
DEPT. ORATORICAL CONTEST COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Seventy-sixth edition of The American Legion, High School Oratorical Scholarship Program "A Constitutional Speech Contest" sponsored by The American Legion as a National Americanism activity, is to develop a deeper knowledge and understanding of the Constitution of the United States. Other objectives to be gained are those of leadership, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparations for the acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, the rights and privileges of American Citizenship.

The main purpose of this bulletin is to be sure that the High School Oratorical Contest Brochure gets into the hands of the Post Oratorical Contest Chairman so that the Post can start working with the schools **NOW** in order to have a successful program.

NOTE: The 2018 Oratorical Scholarship Program pamphlets and Chairman's Guide are included in this mailing. For additional information, including Rules & Regulations, go to <http://www.legion.org/oratorical/rules>.

*** CONTACT should be made now with the appropriate school officials to assure that the Oratorical Contest will be included during the 2017-2018 School Year!**

DEPARTMENT CONTEST TIME SCHEDULE

POST LEVEL to be completed by January 21, 2018 (Results to the County Chairman by February 3, 2018)
COUNTY LEVEL to be completed by February 24, 2018 (Results to the District Chairman by March 3, 2018)
DISTRICT LEVEL to be completed by March 17 2018 (Results to the Department & Department Chairman immediately after contest completion)
*** District Chairman to report Date & Location of Contest to Department Headquarters ASAP**

DEPARTMENT FINALS will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at the (WAR MEMORIAL BUILDING, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY)

NATIONAL QUARTER FINALS ROUND Saturday morning, April 14, 2018 (All National competitions will be held in Indianapolis Indiana)

NATIONAL SEMI-FINALS ROUND Saturday afternoon, April 14, 2018

NATIONAL FINAL ROUND Sunday morning, April 15, 2018

AWARDS FOR 2018 NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT FINALS

1st Place..... \$4,000

(The Department winner will receive an additional \$1,500 awarded by the National Organization for participating in the National Quarter Finals)

2nd Place.....\$2,500

3rd Place.....\$2,000

4th Place.....\$1,000

5th Place.....\$1,000

The success of the Oratorical Contest Program can be measured in the effort that each Post, County and District Chairman puts into planning **NOW!** This is an American Legion Program and we should not expect teachers and school personnel to do the job that is ours. It is your job, and mine, this year to be sure that we have a successful program and that our primary purpose "to increase knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States" is fulfilled. If I can be of any help to you, in any way, please feel free to contact me.

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