

**Department Americanism Committee**  
**The Spirit of Americanism Award - 2019/2020**

September 2019

**The following applies to the March 1, 2019 to February 28, 2020 time period only.**

At a meeting held on December 16, 2017 in Trenton, the Department Executive Committee approved the recommendation of the Department Americanism Committee in creating The Spirit of Americanism Award.

This award applies to students, youth organizations and patriotic organizations that embody the Spirit of our Great Nation and for outstanding service to Veterans at the local, state or national levels. They contribute to the community with commendable patriotic service and volunteerism to help make an event or place special above and beyond for the Veteran(s). This award can also be applied to those named above who provide a special service or securing a much needed item for a Veteran through their own ingenuity and dedication.

**The Spirit of Americanism Award (Individual or Team):**

- a. Nominee can be an individual or a joint effort by a youth organization and their leaders.
- b. Only one award will be given for this category. The school/organization will receive a plaque with the group name and event.

The award submission requires a recommendation letter from a community member, School, Youth Organization or a Veteran(s) who benefitted from the service or event. A letter from the sponsoring Post explaining why they should be considered for this award is also required. Documented evidence can include citations, newspaper articles, web-based articles, Facebook excerpts, recognition event programs, thank you letters and photos, etc. A portion of evidence must show proof that the submission occurred during the specified period.

The Post winner will be turned over to the respective County Americanism Chairman. The County will judge their own contest and only the County's First Place Winner will be turned over to the Department Americanism Committee.

**\*\* ONLY ONE COUNTY WINNER IN EACH CATEGORY IS TO BE ENTERED IN THE DEPARTMENT JUDGING AND ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE 2019/2020 AMERICANISM COVER SHEET AND SIGNED BY THE COUNTY AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN OR THE COUNTY COMMANDER PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT!!!!**

**All entries submitted by the County Americanism Chairman via mail must be received at Department no later than March 20, 2020. Hand delivered entries will be received ½ hour before the official start time of Dept. Judging to be held at Dept. Headquarters conference room (171 Jersey Street, Bldg. 5, Trenton) on April 4, 2020 at 10am.**

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Theodore J. Howarth Jr., Chairman  
Department Americanism Committee