

**2023 ORATORICAL CONTEST BULLETIN**

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

The purpose of the Eighty Second 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.

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**NOTE: The 2023 Official Rules and the 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 2022-2023 School Year!**

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**DEPARTMENT CONTEST TIME SCHEDULE**

POST LEVEL to be completed by January 21, 2023 (Results to the County Chairman by January 28, 2023)  
COUNTY LEVEL to be completed by February 4, 2023 (Results to the District Chairman by February 11, 2023)  
DISTRICT LEVEL to be completed by February 18, 2023 (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 4, 2023 (WAR MEMORIAL BUILDING, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY)

NATIONAL QUARTER FINALS ROUND . . . Saturday morning, April 22, 2023 (All National competitions will be held in Indianapolis Indiana)  
NATIONAL SEMI-FINALS ROUND . . . . .Saturday afternoon, April 22, 2023  
NATIONAL FINAL ROUND . . . . .Sunday morning, April 23, 2023

**AWARDS FOR 2022 NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT FINALS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place.....	\$4,000
<i>(The Department winner will receive an additional \$1,500 awarded by the National Organization for participating in the National Quarter Finals)</i>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place.....	\$2,500
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place.....	\$2,000
4 <sup>th</sup> Place.....	\$1,000
5 <sup>th</sup> 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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