

Department of Pennsylvania Americanism Award

Marine Corps League

**Criteria and Format**

The Americanism Report will be submitted as a bound book (scrap book, album, etc.). The report will be based on events from **Convention to Convention**.

Arrange the report into **sections** as outlined on page two with appropriate documentation. Each section will have a cover sheet detailing the contents of that section. Use only the section(s) with Detachment participation. Not all reports will have every section completed. This uniformity will assist the committee with giving credit for all activities reported.

All Americanism Reports must be hand-delivered to the Americanism Committee by 1300 on Friday of the Convention (subject to change – announcement will be made on the floor). All Americanism Reports will be returned to the Convention floor following the presentation of the Americanism Awards for members to review. The Detachment representative will retrieve the Detachment's report before leaving the Convention.

Competition for awards will be based on TOTAL Detachment strength as follows:

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|--------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Category I   | (Platoon Size)   | Strength of 15 to 50      |
| Category II  | (Company Size)   | Strength of 51 to 100     |
| Category III | (Battalion Size) | Strength of 101 and above |

First, second, and third place winners in each category will receive a plaque. All others will receive an Americanism Certificate.

Note: Newly formed Detachments will compete in Category I, regardless of strength.  
Note on Cover Page if this is a new Detachment.

**All Americanism Reports MUST be organized in sections.**

Activities and photos in the report will be limited to the events during **the judged year only**. Use appropriate captions (names, occasion, etc.) to relate the photo with the section activities.

## SECTIONS

**The Americanism Report will be divided into six (6) sections as follows:**

The Detachment is not limited to what is shown in this list, nor is any one section a requirement. The section headings are suggestions. **There must be at least six (6) sections in the Americanism Report and the sections must be numbered.**

Detachments do not need to have something in all six (6) sections.

**Section 1 Detachment**

Examples: Members, events held, installations, ceremonies, Voluntary Service activities, Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Memorial Day, holiday parties, visits to veterans at nursing homes, Marine of the Year, Associate of the Year, support to an auxiliary unit, other Detachment activities the public is invited to attend, etc.

**Section 2 Promotions**

Examples: Marine for Life Program, Marine Helping Marines Program, Detachment Foundations, Honor Guard, Firing Squad Bugler, Color Guard, etc.

**Section 3 Attendance**

Examples: MCL functions attended or hosted such as the Department Convention, National Convention, Division Conference, etc. Also, any of the Detachment members who are on the staff of Department, Division, or National as an officer, on a committee, etc.

**Section 4 Programs**

Examples: Recruiting programs the Detachment held, membership events, BBQ's, picnics, Rose Program, assisted in Change of Command for a Reserve unit or any branch of the service or any support given, a Welcome Home event, activities with other veteran groups, support of a Devil Dog Pound, support of an Auxiliary Unit, volunteer at state fairs or military expos, support veteran children, had candidates for Chapel of Four Chaplains, etc.

**Section 5 Community Events or support**

Examples: Toys for Tots, town BBQ, parades, ceremonies, or any other civic event the Detachment attended.

**Section 6 Youth**

Examples: Youth programs, Eagle Scout Honor Courts, scholarship programs, student awards, Young Marines, JROTC, respect for the Flag classes, school visits to meet with students about being in the service of your veterans' group, etc.