

AMERICANISM
Robert Bristo, Chairman

National Americanism Chairman Gerald Hammerschmidt will again be our Chairperson for the 2011-2012 calendar years.

Gerald will continue his focus on all of the Americanism projects. Those projects consisting of the "Adopt a Highway and The Five Star /10 Ideals program. Gerald would like our Detachments to get our squadrons involved. Progress is being made but there is still much more to be done.

1. We will be working on Flag Education:

- Promote For Which It Stands (DVD)
- Promote The American Legion (Flag Etiquette Pamphlet)
- Promote I Pledge Allegiance book for the youth
- Promote the I Pledge Allegiance bookmark

2. We will be promoting Volunteer Blood Drives that Squadrons can hold or help with.

3. We will promote all of The Americanism Programs:

- National High School Oratorical Contest, Boys State and Nation Programs, Scouting, Legion
- Shooting Sports; Legion Baseball
- Promote the Get Out The Vote program.
- Promote the 5 Star / 10 Ideals programs

I am asking all District Commanders for their help in getting our Detachment more involved in these programs. This would be as a result of Squadrons competing with each other, by coming up with ideas that separate them from other Squadrons, doing things that bring attention not only to the community abut as well as to the Posts. Recognition is the key to our success, and that is very important to the success of our American Legion Family. This is why I'm asking everyone to get involved in some way. You can make a difference and together we can make it happen.