

National Americanism Award

Marine Corps League

2021

Criteria and Format

All the books will be Bound books, Scrap Books or Albums, (Americanism Report). The reports for 2021 will be based on events during June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021. The books are to be arranged according to sections with appropriate documentation. Each section will have a cover sheet detailing the contents of that section. Use only the sections your Detachment participated in. Not all books will have all sections 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 1500 on Tuesday of the National Convention. All Americanism Reports (Albums) will be returned and receipted to your Representative following the judging and presentation of awards.

Judging will begin following the close of Business on Tuesday.

Competition for awards will be based on TOTAL Detachment strength as of 06/30/20 (for 2019-2020) Americanism Report. Awards will be based on Detachment strength as follows:

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 other entries will receive an Americanism Certificate.

The overall top award, the Gil Gray Award, will receive a special plaque.

Note: Newly formed Detachments will be competing in Category 1, regardless of strength. All Americanism Reports MUST be organized in sections.

Activities and Photos in the album shall be limited to the events during the judged year only. Use appropriate captions (names, occasions, etc.) to relate photos with Section activities.

The Gil Gray Award is the most distinguished award the winning Detachment can obtain that shows their hard work and Esprit de Corps. As the "Marine of The Year" is the most prestigious award for an individual member, so is an Americanism Award for the Detachment. It exemplifies the dedication and contribution to the strength and integrity of our beloved Marine Corps League and is dedicated to all the members of the winning Detachment. Receiving this award is an achievement to be treasured.

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Addendum to the Americanism Rules.

Sections

The entry book shall be divided into Six {6} Sections as follows:

Section 1

Your Detachment

You members Your events held and planned. Installations and ceremonies. VAVS activities, MC Ball, Memorial Day, Holiday parties, or other detachment activities that the public is invited to attend. Visits to Veterans at Nursing homes. Marine of the year. Supports an Auxiliary unit.

Section 2

Promotions,

Marine for life Program, Marine Helping Marines Program, Detachment Foundations. Honor guard, Firing Squad, Bugler, Color Guard.

Section 3

Attendance

League Functions Department conventions your detachment attended, National Convention your detachment attended and Division conferences your detachment attended. Or hosted any of these And if any of your members are on the staff of such.

Section 4

Programs

Recruiting programs your detachment held, Membership events, BBQ's, picnics, Rose Programs. Assisted in change of command for a reserve unit or any other branch of the service. Supported them in any way, a welcome home event, or other. Activities with other veteran groups. Support of a Devil Dog Pound. Volunteered at State Fairs or Military Expos. Supports Veteran Children or has candidates for the Chapel of Four Chaplains.

Section 5

Community events or support

Toy for Tots, Town BBQ, Parades, Ceremonies or any other civic events your detachment attended

Section 6

Youth

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 or your veterans' group.

In all cases you are not limited to what is shown on this list nor is any one a requirement. These are only suggestions. You must have at least one section in your book and number your section(s) No detachment needs to have all five sections.

Hints: Don't be too wordy talking about the event and all photographs should be in focus and the subject centered. Only include one or two photos per event. Filling you section with tons of repeat photos will not better your chance of winning. Everything should be dated and include location, the people in the photo and what is going on in the photo. Include copies of any documentation of the event if possible.

The 12-month period to be covered is from one National Convention (August) to the following National Convention (August). You do NOT need to cover every month.

Note - These rules apply to Departments as well as detachments.

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Cover Page

Detachment Name: _____, # _____

Department of _____ Total Detachment Strength June 30, 2021

The Americanism books will be organized in sections with appropriate documentation. Each section will have a cover sheet explaining the contents of that section. Not all Detachments will cover every section.

The Detachment Commandant and Detachment Americanism Chairman **MUST** sign this page.

This will be the first page of your book.

Your Americanism book **MUST BE HANDED INTO THE Americanism Committee** No later than 1500 on Tuesday of the Convention. (Location to be announced at Convention)

Judging will commence at the end of business on Tuesday.

Books will be available to pick up after the Americanism Awards are presented, usually Thursday of the Convention.

For information/clarification please see the Criteria and Format sheet.

_____ Detachment Commandant

_____ Detachment Americanism Chairperson

THIS FORM MUST BE IN THE FRONT OF YOUR AMERICANISM BOOK AND SIGNED