

# National Americanism Award

## Marine Corps League

### Criteria and Format

All the books will be Bound books, Scrap Books or Albums, (Americanism Report). The reports will be based on events from Convention to Convention.

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. (announcement will be made on the floor). 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 (or announced date).

Competition for awards will be based on TOTAL 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 others will receive an Americanism Certificate.

The overall top award, the GIL GRAY AWARD, will receive a special plaque.

The GIL GRAY award is the most distinguished award to the winning Detachment 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 dedication to all the members of the winning Detachment. Receiving this award is an achievement to be treasured.

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.

## **SECTIONS**

The entry book shall be divided into Six (6) Sections as follows:

### **SECTION 1 YOUR DETACHMENT**

Your 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 detachment 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 had candidates for the Chapel of Four Chaplains.

### **SECTION 5 COMMUNITY EVENTS OR SUPPORT**

Toys 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 of 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 sections. 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 your sections with tons of repeat photos will not better your chance of winning. Everything should be **Dated** and include **Location** and **Names** of the people in the photo and **Description** of what is going on the photo. Include copies of any documentation of the event if possible. Someone in the photo should be identified with a **Marine Cover/Uniform**, Unless the event is formal or no cover required.

The 12 month period to be covered is from one Convention to the following Convention. You do not need to cover every month.

Note – These rules apply to Departments as well as Detachments.

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## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

### COVER PAGE

DETACHMENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_# \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT OF: \_\_\_\_\_

DETACHMENT STRENGTH: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Judging will commence at the end of business on Tuesday.

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

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

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**Detachment Commandant**

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**Detachment Americanism Chairperson**

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

**AMERICANISM AWARD SCORESHEET**

**USE TALLY MARKS FOR EACH CATEGORY**

**USE A + SIGN FOR EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS**

DETACHMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT OF: \_\_\_\_\_

PLATOON	COMPANY	BATTALION
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