

NATIONAL AMERICANISM AWARD CRITERIA SHEET

Must include a minimum of two from each category.

YOUR DETACHMENT/DEPARTMENT

Suggested Titles: (Name) Detachment Diary or Department of (Name) Diary

EVENTS

- Installations and ceremonies
- Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service (VAVS)
- Marine Corps Ball or Birthday Party
- Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, holiday parties or detachment events
- Other detachment activities that the public are invited to attend
- Flag retirement ceremony
- Visits to Veterans in nursing homes
- Fundraising events
- Marine of the Year/Associate of the Year
- Member award recognition presentation
- Supporting a Marine Corps League Auxiliary unit social event(s)
- National Postal Match
- Toys For Tots

PROMOTIONS / COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Marine for Life Program, Marine Helping Marines Program, or Detachment Foundations
- Honor Guard
- Color Guard

ATTENDANCE

- League functions, Department Convention or Midwinter Conferences, National Convention or Midwinter Conferences and Division Conferences your detachment members attended
- Your detachment hosted any of these events or if any of your detachment members were on the staff

PROGRAMS

- Recruiting programs your detachment held, or promotional items published
- Membership events, BBQ's, picnics, Rose Programs
- Assisted in change of command for a Reserve unit or any other branch of the service or supported them in any way
- Welcome Home event, or other activities with other Veteran groups
- Support of a Devil Dog Pound
- Volunteered at State Fairs, Military Expos or community events
- Supports Veteran children and programs
- Had candidates for the Chapel of Four Chaplains

COMMUNITY EVENTS OR SUPPORT

- Toys for Tots
- Town BBQ
- Parades, Ceremonies or any other Civic events your detachment attended
- Wreaths Across America

YOUTH PROGRAMS

- Scouting events/Eagle Scout Court of Honor
- Scholarship Programs
- Student Awards
- Young Marines, JROTC, Civil Air Patrol, Sea Cadets
- Respect for the Flag presentation
- Veteran's Appreciation
- School or Sports activities

SUGGESTIONS: You are not limited to what is shown on this list. Be Creative! Don't be too lengthy talking about the event and all photographs should be in focus. Try for one event per page. Everything should be dated and include location and names of the people in the photo and description of what is going on in the photo. Include copies of news articles or any documentation of the events if possible. Anyone photographed in MCL uniform should meet National MCL uniform guidelines.

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BOOK COVER PAGE**

DETACHMENT NAME: _____ # _____

DETACHMENT STRENGTH: _____

or

DEPARTMENT OF: _____

The Detachment Commandant and Detachment Americanism Chairman **MUST** sign this page; or if submitting as a Department the Department Commandant and the Department Americanism Chairman must sign this page.

This will be the first page of your book.

You must submit electronically no later than 15 JUNE prior to the National Convention; or hand deliver at the National Convention no later than 1100 on Wednesday (announcement will be made on the floor), as a “bound book”, “scrapbook”, or an “album”.

Books will be available for pick up Friday after judging.

For information/clarification, please see the Criteria sheet.

Detachment or Department Commandant _____

Detachment or Department Americanism Chairperson _____

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

Total Score: _____

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Electronic Submission Guidelines

- All electronic submissions must be emailed to jzwirblia@mcldeptofmassachusetts.org
- All electronic submissions must be received no later than 15 June
- How to compress a file for electronic submissions:

Using Adobe Acrobat (Desktop Software):

Open File: Open your file (DOCX, JPG, etc.) in Adobe Acrobat.

Create PDF: Use the "Create PDF from File" option if it's not already a PDF.

Access Optimization: Go to Tools > Optimize PDF (or search for it).

Reduce Size: Click Reduce File Size, choose your compatibility, and click OK.

Save: Save the file, often with a new name to keep the original.

Using online tools:

Find a Converter: Go to a free online PDF compressor like Adobe's online tool or Smallpdf.

Upload: Drag and drop your file (Word, image, etc.) or click to select it.

Convert & Compress: The tool automatically converts it to PDF and offers compression levels (high, medium, low).

Download: Save the smaller, compressed PDF file to your device.