

# **Department of PA Americanism Award**

## **Marine Corps League**

### **Criteria**

All books will be Bound Books, Scrap Books or Albums (Americanism Report), and all awards will be based on events and participation during the period of June 1 to May 31 of each year ie: (2007-2008).

**All Americanism Reports must be hand delivered to the Americanism Committee by 12:00 Noon on Friday of the Department Convention.** All Americanism Reports (Albums) will be returned and receipted to your representative following judging and presentation of awards, **Judging will take place following the close of Business on Friday**

Competition for awards will be based on Detachment Strength as of June of the previous convention. 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 over

First through third place winners will receive a plaque. Note: Newly formed Detachments will be competing in Category I, regardless of strength. A newly formed Detachment is defined as one that has not been charted for more than one (1) full year prior to June 1.

All Americanism Reports **must** have a completed Questionnaire and Criteria Report attached in the front of the Book. The judges will use this report in their evaluation of the Americanism Awards.

#### **Book Criteria**

1. Books shall *contain a chronological* history of events beginning June 1, to May 31 of each year. Each event shall have a page number assigned to correspond with the photo page of that event.
2. Pictures in the book shall be inserted in the same order as the history and shall be labeled and dated.
3. Only photographs and articles of Detachment activities shall be in the book. **Do not** include current or military events not involving the Detachment.
4. Include all photographs of Detachment activities such as: parades, honor guards, services, birthday balls, picnics, awards, toys for tots, veterans programs, etc. Include newspaper articles, special awards, thank you notes, letters, etc..

**Judging Criteria**

Points will be awarded on a numerical value as follows:

Cover	-----	5 Points
Questionnaire	-----	15 Points
Book Contents	-----	60 Points
Overall	-----	20 Points

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Total 100 Points

The Americanism Program is the lifeline of each detachment. It should provide for a history of the activities of the Detachment, preserved in a chronological order by dates, for the purpose of evaluating your past and planning your future. It will also provide the Department Officers with a tool to determine how active each detachment is and to aid assistance if needed. All members can contribute in putting together a diary by being active in their Detachment. Taking part in your community, church, schools, veterans programs, scouting and League affairs will begin to build a background of activities and history for your Detachment. These activities preserved in the form of pictures, newspaper clippings and letters bound together in an album will form your "Detachment Diary".

This diary should be put together by a Detachment historian with input from all members. The historian should be someone capable of neatly organizing all materials in an orderly fashion. This history book properly organized will be a testimony of your past accomplishments and will serve as a guide for your future.

Be proud of your Detachment, put together a book and enter the Americanism Award Program.

If I can be of any assistance to you please contact me.

Americanism Chairman

# Department of Pennsylvania Marine Corps League Americanism Questionnaire and Criteria

**Detachment Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Convention Strength:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Previous Convention)

- |           |   | <b>(Circle one)</b> |    |
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| <b>1.</b> |   |                     |    |
| A.        | Did Detachment participate in Memorial day Parades?   | Yes                 | No |
| B.        | Did Detachment participate in Memorial Day Services?  | Yes                 | No |
| C.        | Did Detachment participate in Veterans Day Parades?   | Yes                 | No |
| D.        | Did Detachment participate in Veterans Day Services?  | Yes                 | No |
| E.        | Does the Detachment have its own firing squad?  | Yes                 | No |
| F.        | Does the Detachment have its own bugler or the use of one?  | Yes                 | No |
| G.        | Does the Detachment have its own color guard?   | Yes                 | No |
| H.        | Is the color guard active in other events?  | Yes                 | No |
| I.        | Does the Detachment provide Honor Guard details for deceased members?   | Yes                 | No |
| J.        | Does the Detachment provide Honor Guard details for deceased Marines other than members?                                | Yes                 | No |
| K.        | Does the Detachment provide Honor Guard details for deceased Veterans for other branches?                               | Yes                 | No |
| L.        | Did the Detachment place flags, grave markers, etc. during the year?  | Yes                 | No |
| <b>2.</b> |   |                     |    |
| A.        | Did the Detachment organize or support a Scouting Unit this year?   | Yes                 | No |
| B.        | Did the Detachment participate in the Eagle Scout Awards Program?   | Yes                 | No |
| C.        | Did the Detachment or members provide Scouting Leadership assistance?   | Yes                 | No |
| D.        | Did the Detachment organize or support a Young Marine Program?  | Yes                 | No |
| E.        | Did the Detachment sponsor or support a Youth Physical Fitness Program?   | Yes                 | No |
| F.        | Did the Detachment sponsor or support any other Youth Program this past year? If so, explain.                           | Yes                 | No |
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| <b>3.</b> |   |                     |    |
| A.        | Does the Detachment conduct "Americanism Programs" in the schools? (Such as flying of the Flags, Essays contests, etc.) | Yes                 | No |
| B.        | Does the Detachment recognize citizens who fly the flag at their homes on Holidays and other times?                     | Yes                 | No |
| C.        | Does the Detachment participate in a school flag program?   | Yes                 | No |
| D.        | Did the Detachment sponsor or participate in a School Military program?   | Yes                 | No |
| E.        | Did the detachment sponsor or participate in a Toys for Tots Program?   | Yes                 | No |
| F.        | Did the Detachment sponsor or participate in any local charity drive?   | Yes                 | No |
| G.        | Did the Detachment sponsor or participate in War Commemorative activities?  | Yes                 | No |
| H.        | Did the Detachment sponsor or participate in any other patriotic or community events? If so explain.                    | Yes                 | No |
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**4.**

- A. Did the Detachment sponsor or participate in VAVS activities? If so attach VAVS Report. Yes No
- B. Did the Detachment sponsor or participate in State Veteran Nursing Home activities? Yes No
- C. Did the Detachment sponsor or participate in other Nursing Home activities for veterans? Yes No

**5.**

- A. Did the Detachment support the National Scholarship Program this year? Yes No
- B. Does the Detachment have its own Scholarship Program? Yes No
- C. Did the Detachment support the Department Scholarship Program this year? Yes No
- D. Does the Detachment nominate candidates for Chapel of Four Chaplains? Yes No
- E. Does the Detachment support any other programs for Veterans children? If so explain. Yes No

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- F. Does the Detachment support the Scotland School for Veterans children? Yes No

**6.**

- A. Did the Detachment participate in Department Staff Meetings? If yes how many?\_\_\_\_\_ Yes No
- B. Did the Detachment participate in Division Meetings? Yes No
- C. Was the Detachment represented at the Department Convention ? Yes No
- D. Was the Detachment represented at the National Convention? Yes No
- E. Was the Detachment represented by the Commandant? Yes No
- F. Did the Detachment conduct monthly meetings each month of the last year? Yes No
- G. Does the Detachment have an active New Member Recruitment Program? Yes No
- H. Does the Detachment publish a newsletter for members? If yes how many per year?\_\_\_\_\_ Yes No
- I. Do Detachment members participate in Department Rifle or Pistol Matches? Yes No

**7.**

- A. Does the Detachment recognize members on their membership anniversary date? Yes No
- B. Does the Detachment recognize member workers at an annual Awards Ceremony? Yes No
- C. Did the Detachment sponsor or participate in a Marine Corps Birthday Ball? Yes No
- D. Does the Detachment support a Devil Dog Pound? Yes No
- E. Does the Detachment support a Marine Corps League Auxiliary Unit? Yes No

**8.**

List and explain any other Detachment activities not mentioned above.

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The Detachment Commandant and Americanism Chairman **Must** sign this document. The questionnaire **Must** be inserted in the front of the Album and hand carried to the judging committee at the Department convention no later than 12:00 Noon on Friday.

For information or clarification please contact:  
Americanism Chairman

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**Detachment Commandant**

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**Detachment Americanism Chairman**

**Date Received** \_\_\_\_\_ **By** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Returned** \_\_\_\_\_ **To** \_\_\_\_\_