

ALA SYNEPUEXENT UNIT 166  
OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND

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Subject: Americanism Essay Contest  
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Each year, the National American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest.

I would like to discuss this year's requirements. The theme this year is "How can we address the health and well being of our veterans, military, and their families?" The contest will run from November 1, 2020 to February 1, 2021. I have made copies of the Rules and the Maryland Cover Sheet.

ALL information on the cover sheet PLUS the teacher's name and SIGNATURE must be completed.

**STUDENTS MUST SIGN THE ESSAY!!!!**

Please review essays to be sure students and teachers have completed the cover sheet. We have judges that review all the essays, and the first, second and third place winners will be selected. The word requirement for each grade level is very important, 150-250 words for Grade Level 3 and 4 and 250- 300 words for Grade Level 5 and 6 and 350- 400 words for Grade Level 7 and 8. Students with Special Needs use the word requirement as it corresponds to their grade level. The students **MUST SIGN** the Essay.

We will send the winning Essays to the District for their review. In the past we had some Student's that won at the District and at the National level.

When the winners are determined, I will need the parent's full name and address and telephone numbers. I will send each family a letter of congratulations and an invitation to our ALA luncheon where their child will receive their awards. The teachers of the winners are invited to the luncheon. Due to schools testing, the luncheon date has not been determined yet.

Please give me a complete list of each student and their teachers who participated in the contest. Each student and teacher will receive a Certificate and a Flag.

We are looking forward to a greater participation this year.

Our Essays are always related to our Veterans, we thank you for your participation.

