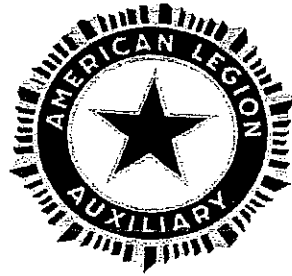


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To Whom It May Concern,

Nov. 20, 2019

This letter is to invite you to participate in the annual Americanism essay contest being sponsored by the Park Ridge American Legion Auxiliary Unit 153. The enclosed coversheet outlines the guidelines for students in grades three - twelve. Please pass this along to your teachers and encourage them to make copies and motivate their students to submit an essay. All entries must be delivered to Dorothy Bozzone ( 86 Brook Road, Park Ridge, NJ 07656 ) by January 24, 2020. Please call 201-573-8732 or 201-573-9392 if you would like the essays picked up.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation. We are very proud of the many winners from past years and look forward to receiving this year's essays each attached to a completed coversheet signed by the teacher.

Sincerely, Dorothy Bozzone & Marcia Eisen, co-chrs.



**AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST  
2020 Cover Sheet**

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12, including students with special needs. Grade levels are divided into six classes. One award in each of the six classes will be presented in each division. Winners will receive \$50 and a \$50 donation in the student's name will be made to the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship fund. National winners will be posted at [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org) after convention.

**Essay Title:** *"How can we address the health and well-being of our veterans, military, and their families"*

**Essay Classes:**

Class	Grade Level	Word Requirement
I	3 and 4	150-250
II	5 and 6	250-300
III	7 and 8	350-400
IV	9 and 10	450-500
V	11 and 12	450-500
VI	Students with special needs	Word count should correspond with student's grade level.

**Essay Checklist:**

- Class competing in \_\_\_\_\_
- Sponsoring ALA unit \_\_\_\_\_
- Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word requirement for class
- Completed essay coversheet as first page of essay
- Word count of essay \_\_\_\_\_
- Due date for student to return to ALA unit \_\_\_\_\_

**To Be Completed by the Student/Parent:**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name and Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Auxiliary Use Only (Must be completed for entry to be considered.):**

Sponsoring Unit Name/Number: Park Ridge - Unit 153

Signature of Unit Americanism Chairman: Dorothy Bozzone

Unit winner due to Department on: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Department Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

*Department winner due to National Americanism Division Chairman by April 15, 2020*