

MARCH

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Hello Department of Defense.

This is the month we have all been waiting for. I hope everyone has chosen their three essay judges by now.

Department Essay Contest dates are as follows:

March 1, 2024, Unit Chairmen pick-up essays from schools. March 22, 2024, Unit Chairmen forward winners only to District Chairman for judging. April 19, 2024, District Chairman forwards winners only to Department Chairman for judging. I am excited to see how many I will receive and look forward to reading them all.

The National Essay Contest dates are as follows:

March 1, 2024, Units pick-up essays from schools. March 15' 2024, Units forward winners only to District (Note: if you have no District send directly to Department). March 29' 2024, District forwards winners only to Department Chairman. April 15' 2024, Department sends to National Western Division Chairman.

When sending in the essays please ensure the following information is on the back of each essay. Student's name, age, grade, name of school, and teacher's name, or parent's name if home schooled. The outside of each envelope submitted to the Department Chairman should include Unit Name, Unit Number, and District Number. If you are submitting by email, please include a sheet with the above information listed.

End of Year reports will be here before you know it. Remind your Units to keep track or write down what they have accomplished this year, as far back as May of 2023.

If you would like your supplemental report to be considered for a National Western Division; Most Outstanding Unit Americanism Award, please complete and attach a National Report and Award cover sheet.

Dates to remember:

March 15th - The American Legion Birthday Dav

March 30th - Vietnam Veterans'

March 17th - Saint Patrick's Day

March 31st - Easter Sunday

March 29th – Good Friday Day

Happy Easter, and have a Blessed Day

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