

# **Department of Texas Americanism Award**



## **Instructions**

# Department of Texas Americanism Award

## Criteria and Format Rules

All the books will be Bound books, Scrap Books or Albums (Americanism Reports) and are to include events which occurred from June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023. The Reports are to be arranged according to sections with appropriate documentation. Each section will have a cover sheet detailing the contents of that section. Use only the sections your Detachment participated in. Not all books will have all sections completed. This uniformity will assist the committee with giving credit for all activities included.

All Americanism Reports must be hand delivered to the Registration Desk or the Americanism Chairman by noon on Friday at the Department of Texas Annual Convention. Judging will take place on Friday afternoon. (All books will be available for pick up after announcement of the awards during the business meeting on Saturday.)

### **WHAT AWARDS ARE PRESENTED?**

**For Texas State Competition** - Nine awards are presented, based on Detachment membership strength (which includes the total of Marine *and* Associate members) as of *March 31st* from the report sent to the Department Commandant from National Headquarters):

#### **Category I - 15 to 49 members**

1st Place Plaque, 2nd Place Plaque, 3rd Place Certificate

#### **Category II - 50 to 79 members**

1st Place Plaque, 2nd Place Plaque, 3rd Place Certificate

#### **Category III - 80 members and Over**

1st Place Plaque, 2nd Place Plaque, 3rd Place Certificate

**Note:** All detachments with at least 15 paid members are eligible to participate in this program; however, newly formed Detachments, competing for their first time, will compete in Category I regardless of strength, at both the Department and National competition.

**For National Competition** – Refer to the National Marine Corps League Website for updated instructions.

# **Addendum to Criteria (Rules)**

*The entry book shall be divided into Six (6) Sections and the detachment activities described as follows:*

## **Section 1:**

### Your Detachment

Your events held and planned, installations and ceremonies, VAVs activities, Marine Corps Ball, Memorial Day, Holiday Parties, or other detachment activities that the public is invited to attend, Visits to Veterans at Nursing homes, Marine of the year, Support of an Auxiliary unit.

## **Section 2:**

### Promotions

Marine for Life Program, Marine Helping Marines Program, Detachment Foundations, Honor Guard, Firing Squad, Bugler, Color Guard, Fallen Marine, Americanism.

## **Section 3:**

### Attendance

League Functions, Department Conventions, National Conventions and Division conferences that your detachment attended and /or hosted. Also, you may include any of your members who were on the staff of these events.

## **Section 4:**

### Programs

Recruiting Programs your detachment held, Membership events, picnics, Rose Programs, Assistance in change of command for a reserve unit of any branch of the service, Support of a welcome home or similar event, activities with other veteran groups. Also, Support of a Devil Dog Pound, Assistance in volunteering at State Fairs or Military Expos, Support of Veteran Children or support of candidates for the Chapel of Four Chaplains.

## **Section 5:**

### Community events or support

Toys for Tots, Town BBQ, Parades, Ceremonies or any other civic events your detachment attended.

## **Section 6:**

### Youth

Youth programs, Eagle Scout honor courts, scholarship programs, student awards, Young Marines, JROTC, respect for flag classes, school visits to meet with students about being in the service or your veteran's group.

In all cases you are not limited to what is shown on this list, nor is any one a requirement. These are only suggestions. You must have at least one section in your book, and you must number your section(s). You do not need to have all six sections.

Hints: Do not be too wordy about one event and all photos should be in focus, with the subject centered. You need only include one or two photos per event because filling your sections with numerous repeat photos will not better your chance of winning. Every item should be dated and include the location, the persons in the photo and what is happening in the photo. If possible, include copies of any documentation of the event.

The twelve-month period to be covered is from June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023. You do not need to show events in every month.

### **WHY WOULD MY DETACHMENT PARTICIPATE IN THE AMERICANISM AWARD PROGRAM?**

When completed, the Americanism Book, Album or Scrapbook will show the activities that your Detachment participated in during the year, thereby illustrating the dedication and hard work of your members. It will serve as a history of your Detachment, will aid in recruitment of new members, and can be displayed at meetings, fundraisers, service projects, military expos, charity drives and other detachment activities.

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# **Americanism Award**

## **Department of Texas Marine Corps League**

**Department of Texas State Convention \_\_\_\_\_ (year)**

**Detachment Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Membership Strength (Including All Paid Members and Associate Members) as of March 31, 2023. \_\_\_\_\_**

The Americanism books will be organized in sections with appropriate documentation. Each section will have a cover sheet explaining the contents of that section. Not all detachments will cover every section.

The Detachment Commandant and Detachment Americanism Chairman must sign this page.

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**DETACHMENT COMMANDANT**

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**DETACHMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN**

<p><b>IMPORTANT: THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND APPEAR AS THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR AMERICANISM BOOK.</b></p>
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# Judging Sheet

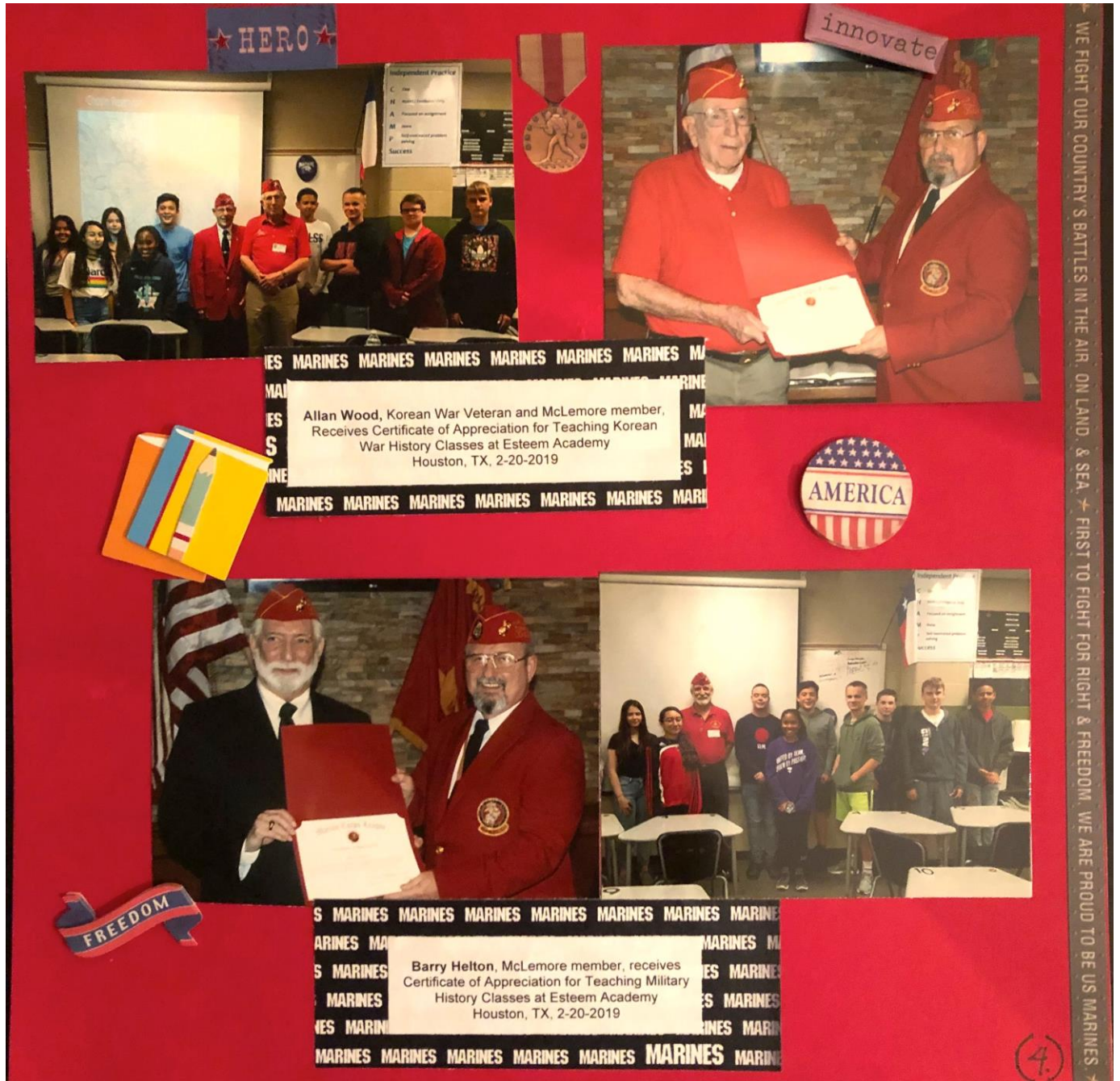
Department of Texas State Convention \_\_\_\_\_ (year)

Detachment Name & \_\_\_\_\_

Category # \_\_\_\_\_

<p>All Documented Activity</p> <p>(5 Points per Activity, except Limit of 25 funerals)</p>	<p>Section 1 _____</p> <p>Section 2 _____</p> <p>Section 3 _____</p> <p>Section 4 _____</p> <p>Section 5 _____</p> <p>Section 6 _____</p>
<p>Additional Points for Overall Appearance of Bound Book, Scrapbook or Album</p>	<p>5 Points – Good</p> <p>10 Points – Excellent</p> <p>15 Points - Outstanding</p>
<p>Total Points Awarded</p>	<p>_____</p>

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