

Greetings Comrades,

Your Americanism Commission is at work for your benefit! This month's article is concerns the Oratorical Contest, and I'm happy about the timing; now is the time to start calling on schools to promote this program. Every school is different and requires a different approach to be effective. In some cases, the Principle is the prime person to contact, many others are better addressed through the Guidance Counselors, and if there is a head of the Speech Department, that should be your target. The time is at hand to find out how your area schools are structured and begin the process of promoting this valuable program. Most school districts have a web page, Google them and see how they are structured and get your contact info. Please also consider attending your District and Department's contests; go once and you may find yourself hooked on seeing our young men and women hone their oratorical skills, that's what got me involved and I enjoy helping out year after year. You may also consider volunteering to serve at these contests, your District or Department may very well have a need for a time keeper, judge, or any other type of organizational need. To borrow a slogan from Nike, Just Do It!

In service,

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