

## Welcome to Americanism

*The Americanism Commission works to promote the American values and ideals with service to our Community, State and Nation.*

*With our flag falling under attack by so many it is very important that we teach more about flag education and etiquette, as members of the Legion family we should all be advocates for the flag. Make sure your Squadron, Unit and Post promotes flag day each year.*

*The American Legion has so many great programs such as Legion Baseball, junior Shooting Sports, Boys State/Nation, and the Oratorical contest that are made to help our youth, and yet not enough are involved. What can we do to help you might ask? Why not ask your Squadron, Unit or Post to help chair a committee to get the word out to your local schools and get more of the youth in the schools involved. You can share with them the benefits and help support the youth at the same time. There are many scholarships that are available to students including the Samsung American Legion Scholarship and yet so many don't know about it. You can make the difference by being the member at you Post that ask the questions and get more involved in making sure that all of the great programs are going strong.*

*The Scouts of America has been a program of the The American Legion for years and many Legions are homes to them. Did you know that many scouts have used work at American Legions as their project to become Eagle Scouts? Each year many scout troops assist local Post to place flags of the graves of our fallen heroes. Why not get your Post involved with your local troop and give support to them, in many ways the payback can be well worth it.*

*Did you know the The American Legion has a hotline for Troop and Family Support? The hotline number is 1-800- 504-4098 and it is there for military personnel and their families who are affected by deployment or activation. There is also a online application located at [www.legion.org/familysupport](http://www.legion.org/familysupport). Help get the word out to help support our troops and their families by hanging this information at your post home.*

*There are so many ways we all need to do what we can to support our flag, troops, their families, the youth and our country and we have the programs to do it. What we need is for all of us to share the information with everyone on how to get involved and use these programs. Join the Americanism Commission and helping spread the word! If anything we can do contact us to help.*

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