



AMERICANISM COMMUNICATION #1

“KNOWLEDGE IS POWER”

Gentlemen,

I appreciate the opportunity to serve with you this year. The information that we will be sharing is vital to the success of OUR Americanism program. I want to express to all of you that I value all feedback good bad or indifferent. If there is something that interests you let's talk about it if I write something that is too mundane then let's talk about it, I think you get the idea.

Americanism means many different things to many different people. Obviously it definitely pertains to America and all that is helpful to our culture or country, state and communities. I think that we can say that anything that is for the betterment of our community, state or nation. This includes a vast array of different programs, policies or deeds. Given this, our task as The National Americanism Commission is daunting to say the least. The American Legion has literally hundreds of programs that we can get involved in. As I have said in the past there is an interest or a program for everyone in this organization. We just need to look into what is being done or has been done and it will be there. Most of the time it is an established program sanctioned by The American Legion and has been developed for immediate use.

This Commission has been tasked with a small but important list of objectives but I know that we can accomplish these tasks and possibly even more. Our areas that we are concentrating on include American Legion Baseball, Scouting, The 5 star/ 10 Ideals Program, Flag Education and Flag Etiquette, also we want to emphasize the importance of the Consolidated Report Form its use by the squadrons and Detachments.

In particular I have been tasked with the Flag Education portion of our list of Americanism initiatives. This list was handed down from our Commander he also has built into his administration the slogan “Knowledge is Power”. I honestly cannot think of another saying that is more fitting than that. It defines success, it defines hard work, it defines going beyond the normal to achieve an impossible task, and in the end we are left with the knowledge that we were able create another success and that is power.

I would like information on all Americanism Programs in your Detachment, pictures and ideas that we can share; in turn I would like to be able to disseminate that information to other Detachments. I would like to hear from those of you who are running or know of a Squadron running a Flag Education Program. This would be fantastic because I will write a couple of articles on that subject.

Again we are all interested in the same goals the same ideals and we are all on the same team. I thank you in advance for your support and look forward to any communications.

Yours in Service,

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