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**The American Legion  
Dept. of Connecticut**



# Memo

**To:** POST ADJUTANTS

**From:** Paul Niche, Americanism Commission Chairman

**Date:** January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Re:** DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM AWARD NOMINATION FORM

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To give your post an adequate amount of time to look at your community and Post members, who have promoted and contributed to the true meaning of Americanism, we are sending you this Americanism Award nomination packet.

If you have any questions, please contact the Americanism Commission Chairmen Paul Niche at [pmniche@optonline.net](mailto:pmniche@optonline.net) or (203) 650-6394

**Please give to your Post Americanism Chairman for immediate action.**

**See Rule # 3 on attached sheet.**

All instructions should be read and be mindful of the **DEADLINE** - **May 15<sup>th</sup> - 4:00 PM** in Department Headquarters.

THE AMERICAN LEGION

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

ATTACHED IS THE NOMINATION FORM FOR THE 72<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM AWARD.

Your Post should start NOW and look over those whom you deem worthy of this distinguished Award.

**RULES FOR THE AWARD:**

1. Nominee must be a resident of CONNECTICUT.
2. Nominee must have contributed to the promotion of true Americanism.
3. Nominee's contribution must have been performed on a STATEWIDE OR REGIONAL BASIS AND BE OF A CURRENT NATURE.  
**OR**, may be of a cumulative nature (over a period of years or one's lifetime).
4. Multiple nominations for one individual will count as one entry.
5. **ONLY OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
6. Multiple Nominations (of different individuals) **will now** be allowed for every Post.

Since Americanism\* is one of our four basic programs, The American Legion has devoted great effort in this regard.

Posts are requested to give serious thought to the nomination of an individual who meets the requirements for this award. The nominee is not required to be a veteran or a member of The American Legion. One thing that all Posts should keep in mind when selecting the nominee is that this is a **DEPARTMENT AWARD** and the service of the individual should be on a larger basis than service to the local community and must be of a current nature, or of a cumulative nature (over a period of years or one's lifetime).

The Department Americanism Commission earnestly solicits the active cooperation of every Post in the Department in the submission of nominees for this Award.

The Award will be presented at the 108<sup>th</sup> Department Convention in Trumbull, CT.

**NOMINATIONS MUST BE IN THE DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT'S OFFICE BEFORE  
4:00 P.M., May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**A MINIMUM OF THREE (3) NOMINATIONS ARE PREFERRED BEFORE JUDGING.**

Paul Niche, Chairman  
Department Americanism Commission

# AMERICANISM

## DEFINITIONS

**AMERICANISM** is love of America; loyalty to her institutions as the best yet devised by man to secure life, liberty, individual dignity and happiness; and the willingness to defend our Country and Flag against all enemies foreign and domestic.

**AMERICANISM** is a vital, active, living force. Americanism means peace, strength, the will and the courage to live as free men in a free land. It means a friendly hand to people everywhere who respect our institutions and our thinking. It is not a word; it is a cause, a way of life, a challenge and a hope in this world of turmoil.

**AMERICANISM** is a way of life, the best way of life ever known.

**AMERICANISM** is an ideal of loyal patriotism, religious tolerance, righteous freedom, fearless courage, honest integrity, abiding faith in the commanding destiny of the United States and a fathomless love for the principles, which led our forefathers to found this country.

**AMERICANISM** is a complete and unqualified loyalty to the ideals of government set forth in the Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States. It is respect for, and ready obedience to, duly constituted authority and the laws of the land. It is freedom without license, religion without bigotry, charity without bias or race hatred, love of flag, and readiness to defend that for which it stands against every alien subversive influence without or within.

**AMERICANISM** is an unflinching love of country, loyalty to its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; individual allegiance to the Flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and posterity.

# 69<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM AWARD



## NOMINATION FORM

**NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT'S OFFICE BEFORE**

**4:00 PM, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

\_\_\_\_\_ Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

Nominates: \_\_\_\_\_

for the sixty-ninth Annual Americanism Award.

\_\_\_\_\_  
COMMANDER

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADJUTANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Single: \_\_\_\_\_ Married: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of wife/husband \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran: \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Veteran: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates & branch of service: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of discharge: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of The American Legion: \_\_\_\_\_ if yes, what Post & where: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for nominating above for Americanism Award (if more space is needed please use reverse side of this sheet). You are requested to be brief - BUT PLEASE PROVIDE FULL INFORMATION AND SPECIFIC EXAMPLES. **YOU MAY SUBMIT ADDITIONAL ITEMS/INFORMATION WITH APPLICATION**

**Bear in mind the necessity for a STATEWIDE OR REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO AMERICANISM of a CURRENT NATURE.** Nominees with local participation only do not qualify.

**REMEMBER**

**THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT'S OFFICE BY  
May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**- ONLY THIS FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

**INFORMATION CONTINUATION SHEET**